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22. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	554,829	430,661
Increase in interest receivable and other accounts	(328,234)	(104,830)
Increase in other accounts and provisions	153,327	15,602
Gains from disposal of property and equipment	(40)	(169)
Net gains from disposal of other securities	(13,641)	(12,798)
(Decrease) increase in provisions against advances and		
other accounts	(10,813)	185,314
Increase in interest in suspense	42,588	70,967
Dividend income on equity securities	(5,875)	(5,081)
Depreciation and amortisation	43,730	39,742
Interest expenses on certificates of deposit issued	1,702	34,722
Interest income on investment in securities	(65,880)	(52,098)
Surplus on revaluation of land buildings		(85)
Net cash inflow from trading activities	371,693	601,947
Decrease (increase) in placements with banks and other		
financial institutions (repayable beyond three months)	416,090	(748,000)
Decrease in bills receivable	98,621	17,666
(Increase) decrease in trade bills	(13,107)	37,987
Decrease (increase) in other advances to customers	598,157	(1,510,663)
Increase in advances to banks and other financial institutions	(299)	(419)
Decrease (increase) in trading securities	2,394	(12,869)
Decrease in deposits and balances of banks and other financial institutions (repayable beyond three months)	(500,000)	_
Increase in current, fixed, savings and other deposits of customers	2,780,814	3,815,631
Increase (decrease) in certificates of deposit issued	83	(596,525)
Exchange adjustments	2,066	1,626
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	3,756,512	1,606,381

23. ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2000	1999
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions	338,616	398,544
Money at call and short notice	13,443,296	8,987,473
Exchange fund bills	776,408	677,201
Placements with banks and other financial institutions		
(repayable within three months)	2,370,007	3,007,285
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial		
institutions (repayable within three months)	(1,158,721)	(834,485)
	15,769,606	12,236,018

24. LOANS TO OFFICERS

The aggregate relevant loans to officers disclosed pursuant to Section 161B(4B) of the Companies Ordinance are as follows:

	THE GROUP AND THE BANK		
	2000	1999	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Aggregate balance of all relevant loans outstanding			
at the balance sheet date	110,294	112,236	
Maximum aggregate balance of relevant loans			
during the year	117,858	113,291	

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25. OFF-BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURES

THE	GROUP	THE BANK		
2000	1999	2000	1999	
HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
379,255	478,902	379,255	478,902	
238,304	266,948	238,304	266,948	
3,805,930	3,275,529	3,805,930	3,272,855	
1,119,509	576,612	1,140,254	599,412	
177,807	176,341	174,375	175,341	
5,720,805	4,774,332	5,738,118	4,793,458	
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Included under "Other commitments" are non-cancellable operating leases commitments in respect of rented premises. The portion of these commitments which is payable in the next year is as follows:

	THE GROUP		THE BANK		
	2000	1999	2000	1999	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Operating leases which expire:					
Within one year	1,309	6,262	1,309	5,577	
In the second to fifth year inclusive	18,237	7,873	38,982	30,673	
	19,546	14,135	40,291	36,250	

25. OFF-BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURES - continued

Included under "Forward assets purchases" are capital commitments as follows:

	THE GROUP		THE BANK	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Capital expenditure contracted for				
but not provided in the financial				
statements in respect of:				
- property and equipment	21,565	4,025	18,133	3,025
– investment in fund	156,242	172,316	156,242	172,316
	177,807	176,341	174,375	175,341
Derivatives				
Forward exchange rate contracts				
– hedging	25,506	5,356	25,506	5,356

The replacement costs and credit risk weighted amounts of the above off-balance sheet exposures are as follows:

	THE GROUP				THE BANK			
	2000		1999		2000		1999	
		Credit risk		Credit risk		Credit risk		Credit risk
	Replacement	weighted	Replacement	weighed	Replacement	weighted	Replacement	weighed
	cost	amount	cost	amount	cost	amount	cost	amount
	HK\$'000							
Contingent liabilities								
and commitments	N/A	220,965	N/A	615,395	N/A	220,965	N/A	615,395
Exchange rate contracts	155	153	186	120	155	153	186	71
	155	221,118	186	615,515	155	221,118	186	615,466

The above amounts do not take into account the effects of bilateral netting arrangements.
