## Chairman's Review

For the six months ended April 30, 2001

Consolidated net income of the Group for the six months ended April 30, 2001 totalled \$61.3 million, an 11.5% increase over the \$55.0 million result posted over the similar period in 2000. Over the same period assets increased by 16.9% with the loan component increasing 10.7%.

The Group achieved a return on equity of 21.3% versus the 22.0% result achieved over the comparable period in 2000. Earnings per share have increased to 10 cents for the six months ending April 30, 2001 compared to 9 cents in the prior year.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 5.0 cents (2000 - 4.0 cents) per share, payable on July 13, 2001 to shareholders whose names are registered in the books of the Company at the close of business on June 18, 2001.

The Group's performance for the first half of the fiscal year has been in line with our expectations. We remain optimistic that despite signs of a slowdown in regional business activity 2001 will be another successful year for the Group.

### CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET BDS(\$'000)

As at January 31, 2001

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
Assets	April 30, 2001	April 30,2000	October 31, 2000
Cash resources	2,350,962	2,059,800	1,849,630
Securities	2,698,996	2,021,356	2,199,992
Loans	3,680,952	3,330,456	3,465,405
Fixed assets	139,808	118,924	123,427
Other assets	101,305	143,868	163,340
	8,972,023	7,674,404	7,801,794
Liabilities			
Total deposits	7,790,140	6,675,086	6,716,869
Other liabilities	396,393	298,278	343,257
	8,186,533	6,973,364	7,060,126
Equity			
Share capital & reserv	ves 316,380	316,380	316,380
Retained earnings	260,020	201,058	230,296
	576,400	517,438	546,676
Minority interest	209,090	183,602	194,992
	8,972,023	7,674,404	7,801,794

#### CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Number of Shares '000	Share Capital BDS \$'000	Retained Earnings BDS \$'000
Balance at October 31, 1999) Net income for the period Dividends Foreign currency translation	611,809	316,380	172,574 55,023 (24,472) (2,067)
Balance at April 30,2000	611,809	316,380	201,058
Balance at October 31,2000) Net income for the period Dividends Foreign currency translation	611,809	316,380	230,296 61,339 (30,590) (1,025)
Balance at April 30, 2001	611,809	316,380	260,020

#### Note

The cumulative balance in the foreign currency tmnslation account is (\$11.8 million); 2000 (\$8.0 million)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME BDS(\$'000)

	Unaudited Six Months	Unaudited Six Months	Audited Year
	April 30, 2001	April 30,2000	October 31,2000
Total interest income	317,439	288,896	594,914
Total interest expenses	(178,239)	(149,564)	(313,945)
Net interest income	139,200	139,332	280,969
Non-interest income	64,677	63,182	126,846
	203,877	202,514	407,815
Non-interest expenses	110,231	113,985	225,334
Pruvision for credit losses	14,010	15,598	28,602
	124,241	129,583	253,936

Income before taxation and Minority interest Taxation	79,636 1,772	72,931 4,147	153,879 6,472
	77,864	68,784	147,407
Minority interest	16,525	13,761	29,709
Net Income	61,339	55,023	117,698
Average number of common share outstanding (000's)	611,809	611,809	611,809
Net income per common share in cents	10.0	9.0	19.2

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Bds\$'000)

	Unaudited Six Months April 30, 2001	Unaudited Six Months April 30,2000	Audited Year October 31, 2000
Net cash from (used in) operating activities	572,455	146,539	(16,240)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(30,590)	(24,472)	48,944
Net cash used in investing activities	33,310	8,169	(15,404)
Effects of exchange rate charges on cash and cash equivalent	.s (7,223)	(12,998)	(28,682)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the	year 501,332	100,900	(109,270)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,849,630	1,958,900	1,958,900
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	2,350,962	2,059,800	1,849,630