

# National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited

## Auditors' Report

18 December 2003

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To the Members of  
National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited

We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 65, and have received all the information and explanations which we considered necessary. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of certain subsidiaries, which statements reflect assets of \$4,999,162,000 and \$3,766,816,000 and revenue of \$1,076,986,000 and \$703,729,000 as at and for the years ended 30 September 2003 and 2002, respectively. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for these subsidiaries, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain all the information and explanations which we consider necessary to provide us with reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of the auditors of subsidiaries not audited by us, proper accounting records have been kept and the financial statements, which are in agreement therewith, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and Bank as at 30

September 2003 and the results of operations, changes in equity and cash flows of the Group and the Bank for the year then ended, so far as concerns the members of the Bank, and have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and comply with the provisions of the Jamaican Companies Act applicable to banking companies.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers**

Chartered Accountants  
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