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SCOTIABANK REPORTS STRONG EARNINGS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER 2006 HIGHLIGHTS (Year to Date)

- **Net Profit of \$3,299 million**
- **Earnings per share of \$1.13**
- **ROE 27.07%**
- **Productivity ratio of 52.63%**
- **Second interim dividend of 25 cents per share**

Scotiabank today reports results for the second quarter of 2006, with net profit of \$1,767 million. This was \$235 million above the net profit for the quarter ended January 31, 2006 and \$333 million above the net profit for the second quarter of 2005. For the six months ended April 30, 2006 net profit was \$3,299 million compared to net profit \$2,856 million for the same period last year.

Earnings per share for the quarter was 60 cents, compared to 49 cents for last year and 52 cents at the end of the previous quarter. Year to date EPS was \$1.13, while Return on Average Equity (ROE) annualized for the six months was 27.07%.

William E. Clarke, President and CEO, said "We are pleased with our solid performance through the first half of the fiscal year. While our operating environment continues to be challenging, we expect to meet our 2006 targets as we have the right strategies in place to maintain our long record of success, and the right people to execute them. We look forward to continued strong results that will benefit all our stakeholders in 2006. "

The Board of Directors at its meeting held today, approved a second interim dividend of 25 cents per stock unit, payable on July 7, 2006 to stockholders on record at June 15, 2006. This brings the year to date dividend per share to 50 cents, the same as in prior year.

REVENUES

Total Revenue comprising net interest revenue and other income was \$13,058 million, an increase of \$647 million or 5.2% from prior year.

NET INTEREST INCOME

Net interest income was \$7,548 million, up \$799 million when compared to last year. This is primarily as a result of strong volume growth in our retail portfolio, as net interest margin continue to trend downwards.

OTHER REVENUE

Other revenue, excluding Insurance Premium Income, was \$1,989 million, up \$309 million when compared with last year. Insurance Premium is attributable to ScotiaMINT, the interest sensitive life insurance policy, marketed by Scotia Jamaica Life Insurance Company Limited. SJLIC reported gross premium income of \$2 billion for the six months.

NON-INTEREST EXPENSES

With strong revenue growth and our continued unwavering focus on managing costs across the group, our productivity ratio (non-interest expense as a percentage of total revenue) - a key measure of cost efficiency - was 52.63%. If insurance premium and related actuarial expenses were excluded, to recognize the significant dissimilarities between the revenue/expense pattern of the insurance business and the other financial services offered by the Scotiabank group, the productivity ratio for the period was 42.53%, which is significantly better than the international benchmark of 60%.

Non-interest Expenses excluding Change in Policyholders' Reserve and Loan Loss Provisions, were \$3,878 million, an increase of \$539million over last year, which is primarily due to increases in staff related costs. Policyholders Reserves for ScotiaMINT's life insurance fund is directly attributed to the business in force.

CREDIT QUALITY

Scotiabank's credit quality continues to be outstanding both by international standards and when compared with our peers locally. Non-performing Loans at April 30, 2006, was \$929 million, an improvement of \$97 million when compared to \$1,026 million a year ago, and \$11 million over the previous quarter ended January 31, 2006. The Group's non-performing loans now represent 1.55% of total loans and 0.48% of total assets compared to 1.86% and 0.59% respectively at the end of the second quarter of 2005.

The IFRS Loan Loss Provisioning requirements are computed using a different methodology from the Regulatory requirement. The difference in the amount computed under the two methodologies is reported as Loan Loss Reserve in the equity component of the Balance Sheet. The loan loss provision as determined by IFRS is \$484 million, of which \$336 million is specific and \$148 million is general.

The loan loss provision as determined by Regulatory Requirement is \$1,291 million of which \$700 million is specific and \$591 million is general. The total provision of \$1,291 million exceeds total non-performing loans by \$362 million, and provides coverage of 139% of non performing loans.

BALANCE SHEET

Total assets increased year over year by \$20 Billion or 12% to \$194 Billion as at April 30, 2006. Performing Loans as at April 30, 2006 were \$58.9 billion, up \$4.7 billion over the previous year. Cash Resources increased by \$3.4 billion due mainly to continued growth in deposits, while Investments and Repurchase Agreements increased by \$10.5 billion. Retirement Benefit Asset represents the net of the present value of pension obligation and the fair value of the pension plan assets as determined by independent actuaries.

Deposits grew to \$117.4 billion, up 11% from the previous year, reflecting continued confidence in Scotiabank.

CAPITAL

Scotiabank's capital base continues to be very strong. Total shareholders equity rose to \$25.3 billion, \$1 billion more than the previous quarter and \$3.4 billion higher than last year.

SCOTIABANK'S COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

Scotiabank continues to play a leading role in its demonstration of corporate social responsibility in Jamaica. On May 9, 2006, Scotiabank launched a \$600 million fund aimed at providing loans at concessionary rates ranging from 7.875% to 8% to small farmers and small hoteliers to assist the government's thrust in encouraging growth in the tourism and agricultural sectors.

Mr. W.E. Clarke, President and CEO said, "Since its 117 years in Jamaica, Scotiabank has always shown an unconditional commitment to the development of this country. Over the years we have implemented special loan facilities at concessionary rates to the productive sector with the objective of assisting with Jamaica's economic development."

This fund is the fourth such program implemented by Scotiabank since 1998, previous initiatives were:-

1. Scotiabank Jamaica Economic Growth Fund 1998, with a fund of \$1.3 billion
2. Scotiabank Jamaica Economic Growth Fund II 1999, with a fund of \$500 million
3. Scotia Jamaica Production Fund 2004, with a fund of \$1 billion.

In addition to the above initiatives, in March 2000 The Scotia Jamaica Building Society introduced a special mortgage fund of \$100 million at an interest rate of 11.75% for first time homebuyers, being the first building society in Jamaica to offer such a product. In December 2001, the ScotiaGraduate program was launched with a fund of \$650 million to assist in retaining skills in Jamaica by providing mortgage loans to young university graduates at an interest rate of 10.875% per annum, with graduates in the public sector being offered a rate of 9.75% fixed for the life of the loan.

Mr. W.E. Clarke also commented on Scotiabank's dedicated commitment to the community, " We are confident that our Bank has made a positive impact in the lives of many Jamaicans. This extends beyond helping our customers become financially better off and creating value for our shareholders, to providing hope and inspiration for many, through our support of the health and education sectors and our contribution to community projects. We are particularly pleased about the Scotiabank Centennial Accident and Emergency Unit at The University Hospital of the West Indies, which was established to mark Scotiabank's 100th anniversary in Jamaica. This Unit has been providing critical life saving care for thousands of Jamaicans and we commend the work of the health care professionals who provide service 24 hours a day. As a result, we are pleased to have spent \$32 million to expand this Unit which we will officially hand over to the hospital at the end of May."

The Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation contributed a total of \$10.9 million to projects during the quarter. An amount of \$5.3 million was contributed to the health sector through the maintenance and upkeep of the Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation Haemodialysis Unit at the Cornwall Regional Hospital, the Renal Unit at the Kingston Public Hospital and for the repainting of the Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation Centennial Accident & Emergency Unit at The University Hospital of the West Indies.

Donations to education of \$2.4 million were made to The University of the West Indies, where two new scholarships were awarded to Primary School Teachers to pursue degree studies; scholarships and bursaries at the University of Technology for continuing scholars; and a scholarship for a deaf student attending the Harvest Deaf Bible College overseas. We also continued with our annual contribution to provide breakfast for the students at the Holy Family Primary and Infant School in Kingston.

Other contributions totaling \$3.2 million were made to community projects: Hands Across Jamaica for Righteousness, the construction of a Cultural Centre at the Holy Trinity Parish Church in Montego Bay, and the provision of meals for the 45 elderly residents of Cluster F at the Golden Age Home.

Scotiabank Jamaica Foundation has donated \$362 million to Education, Health and Community Projects in Jamaica, since its inception in 1996.

Scotiabank Jamaica takes this opportunity to thank all of our stakeholders. To our customers, thank you for your loyalty and your business. To our shareholders, thank you for the commitment, trust and confidence you continue to show in Scotiabank. Our continued success is as a result of great execution by our team of over 1,800 skilled and dedicated Scotiabankers and their consistent focus on customer satisfaction. We thank them for their professionalism, commitment and for being a great team.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited Consolidated Statement of Income

<i>Unaudited</i> (\$ millions)	For the three months ended			For the six months ended	
	April 2006	January 2006	April 2005	April 2006	April 2005
GROSS OPERATING INCOME	6,536	6,522	6,133	13,058	12,411
INTEREST INCOME					
Loans and deposits with banks	3,292	3,322	2,877	6,614	6,162
Securities	2,240	2,215	2,450	4,455	4,569
	5,532	5,537	5,327	11,069	10,731
INTEREST EXPENSE					
Deposits and repurchase agreements	1,771	1,750	1,911	3,521	3,982
	3,761	3,787	3,416	7,548	6,749
Net interest income	3,761	3,787	3,416	7,548	6,749
Provision for credit losses	(85)	(7)	(73)	(92)	(159)
Net interest income after provision for credit losses	3,676	3,780	3,343	7,456	6,590
Net fee and commission income	690	630	550	1,320	1,136
Insurance premium income	103	99	82	202	159
Gains less losses from foreign currencies	211	255	173	466	380
Other operating income	0	1	1	1	5
	1,004	985	806	1,989	1,680
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	4,680	4,765	4,149	9,445	8,270
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Staff costs	1,080	1,286	958	2,366	2,049
Premises and equipment, including depreciation	280	294	228	574	479
Changes in policyholders' reserves	498	551	576	1,049	955
Other operating expenses	456	482	378	938	811
	2,314	2,613	2,140	4,927	4,294
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	2,366	2,152	2,009	4,518	3,976
Taxation	(599)	(620)	(575)	(1,219)	(1,120)
NET PROFIT	1,767	1,532	1,434	3,299	2,856
Earnings per share based on 2,927,232,000 shares (cents)	60	52	49	113	98
Dividend per share (cents)	25.0	25.0	25.0	50.0	50.0
Dividend payout ratio	41.43%	47.76%	51.04%	44.37%	51.25%
Return on average equity (annualized)	28.50%	25.64%	26.55%	27.07%	26.86%
Return on assets (annualized)	3.65%	3.16%	3.31%	3.41%	3.29%
Book value per common shares	8.47	8.16	7.38	8.33	7.27
P/E Multiple	8.32	10.03	14.67	8.84	14.67
Productivity ratio	50.35%	54.90%	52.42%	52.63%	52.83%
Productivity ratio (excluding Life Insurance Business)	40.78%	44.28%	39.53%	42.53%	42.30%

Note:
Where necessary, certain comparative amounts have been restated to conform to current year's presentation.

The Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited
Consolidated Balance Sheet

	Six months ended April 30	Year ended October 31	Six months ended April 30
<i>Unaudited</i> (\$ millions)	2006	2005	2005
ASSETS			
CASH RESOURCES	47,735	44,408	44,338
INVESTMENTS			
Held To Maturity	29,399	30,007	26,202
Held For Trading	164	22	0
Securities available for sale	11,472	9,703	7,746
	41,035	39,732	33,948
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES UNDER REPURCHASE AGREEMENT	29,193	27,227	25,769
LOANS, AFTER MAKING PROVISIONS FOR LOSSES	59,360	57,649	54,645
OTHER ASSETS			
Customers' Liability under acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit	3,826	3,487	2,861
Real estate & equipment at cost, less depreciation	2,162	2,017	1,992
Deferred Taxation	110	110	86
Retirement Benefit Asset	4,006	3,764	3,495
Other assets	6,110	5,067	6,322
	16,214	14,445	14,756
TOTAL ASSETS	193,537	183,461	173,456
LIABILITIES			
DEPOSITS			
Deposits by public	110,256	107,280	101,285
Other deposits	7,108	6,268	4,706
	117,364	113,548	105,991
OTHER LIABILITIES			
Acceptances, guarantees & Letters of Credit	3,826	3,487	2,861
Liabilities under repurchase agreements	17,924	16,706	17,168
Deferred Taxation	1,500	1,497	1,388
Retirement Benefit Obligation	407	326	298
Other liabilities	5,364	4,417	5,755
	29,021	26,433	27,470
POLICY HOLDER'S FUND	21,825	19,955	18,044
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Capital- Authorized, 3,000,000,000 ordinary shares			
Issued and fully paid, 2,927,232,000			
Ordinary stock units of \$1 each	2,927	2,927	2,927
Reserve Fund	3,158	3,158	3,158
Retained Earnings Reserve	4,793	4,493	4,043
Loan Loss Reserve	807	807	807
Other Reserves	27	27	27
Investment Cumulative Remeasurement result from Available for Sale Financial Assets	162	194	186
Unappropriated Profits	13,453	11,919	10,803
	25,327	23,525	21,951
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	193,537	183,461	173,456

Note:

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Director

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The Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited
Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

<i>Unaudited</i>						Cumulative Remeasure-		
<i>(\$ millions)</i>	Share Capital	Reserve Fund	Retained Earnings Reserve	Other Reserves	Loan Loss Reserve	ment from AFS assets	Unappropriated Profits	Total
Balance at 31 October 2004	1,464	1,694	6,670	27	807	227	9,710	20,599
Net profit	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,886	5,886
Retained earnings transfer	-	-	750	-	-	-	(750)	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,927)	(2,927)
Bonus Share Issue	1,463	1,464	(2,927)	-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) from changes in fair value, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	(33)	-	(33)
Balance at 31 October 2005	2,927	3,158	4,493	27	807	194	11,919	23,525
Net profit	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,299	3,299
Retained earnings transfer	-	-	300	-	-	-	(300)	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,464)	(1,464)
Bonus Share Issue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) from changes in fair value, net of tax	-	-	-	-	-	(33)	-	(33)
Balance as at 30 April 2006	2,927	3,158	4,793	27	807	161	13,454	25,327

The Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Limited
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

<i>Unaudited (\$ millions)</i>	Six Months ended April 30 2006	Six Months ended April 30 2005
Cash flows provided by operating activities		
Net Income	3,299	2,856
Adjustments to net income to determine Net Cash Flows:		
Depreciation	148	144
Policyholders reserve	1,871	1,943
Other, net	214	397
	<u>5,532</u>	<u>5,340</u>
Cash flows provided by/ (used in) investing activities		
Investment securities (net purchases and proceeds)	(1,336)	1,090
Loans	(1,731)	(1,296)
Government Securities Purchased Under Repurchase Agreement	(1,966)	(723)
Other, net	(2,113)	(916)
	<u>(7,146)</u>	<u>(1,845)</u>
Cash flows provided by/ (used in) financing activities		
Deposits	2,975	2,474
Dividends paid	(1,464)	(1,464)
Other, net	2,016	(1,490)
	<u>3,527</u>	<u>(480)</u>
Net change in cash	1,913	3,015
Cash at beginning of period	42,502	37,565
Cash at end of period	<u>44,415</u>	<u>40,580</u>
Represented by :		
Cash Resources	47,735	44,338
Cheques and other instruments in transit, net	(3,320)	(3,758)
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	<u>44,415</u>	<u>40,580</u>



Segment Reporting Information

Consolidated Statement of Income

Unaudited		For the period ended April 30, 2006						
(\$'000s)	Treasury	Retail Banking	Corporate Banking	Investment Management Services	Insurance Services	Other	Consol. adj.	Group Total
Gross External Revenues	3,098,630	3,592,979	3,103,260	1,282,603	1,979,751	992	-	13,058,215
Revenues from other segments	(2,477,540)	2,082,852	531,690	35,590	3,482	8,298	(184,372)	(0)
Total Revenues	621,090	5,675,831	3,634,950	1,318,193	1,983,233	9,290	(184,372)	13,058,215
Expenses	(42,262)	(3,632,541)	(2,619,366)	(1,180,817)	(1,256,045)	5,887	184,372	(8,540,772)
Unallocated expenses								
Profit before taxation	578,828	2,043,290	1,015,584	137,376	727,188	15,177	-	4,517,443
Income tax expense								(1,218,758)
Net profit								3,298,685

Consolidated Balance Sheet

		As at April 30, 2006						
(\$'000s)	Treasury	Retail Banking	Corporate Banking	Investment Management Services	Insurance Services	Other	Consol. adj.	Group Total
Segment assets	72,806,446	30,155,197	40,077,639	20,101,161	26,542,596	172,234	(1,968,280)	187,886,993
Unallocated assets								5,649,638
Total Assets								193,536,631
Segment liabilities	2,863,099	67,893,263	55,661,829	18,707,603	21,971,610	58,456	(1,767,990)	165,387,870
Unallocated liabilities								2,821,561
Total liabilities								168,209,431
Other Segment items:								
Capital Expenditure	19,901	255,466	62,526	118	568	-		338,579
Impairment losses on loans	-	95,537	(4,280)	545	-	-		91,802
Depreciation	4,156	123,796	16,358	1,313	1,961	339		147,923



Segment Reporting Information

Consolidated Statement of Income

Unaudited	For the period ended April 30, 2005							
(\$'000s)	Treasury	Retail Banking	Corporate Banking	Investment Management Services	Insurance Services	Other	Consol. adj.	Group Total
Gross External Revenues	2,833,067	3,017,593	3,168,351	1,521,966	1,859,561	10,613	-	12,411,151
Revenues from other segments	(2,361,796)	2,173,257	270,049	22,973	9,284	8,122	(121,889)	-
Total Revenues	471,271	5,190,850	3,438,400	1,544,939	1,868,845	18,735	(121,889)	12,411,151
Expenses	(113,442)	(3,603,675)	(2,249,736)	(1,410,825)	(1,151,923)	(27,265)	121,889	(8,434,977)
Unallocated expenses								
Profit before taxation	357,829	1,587,175	1,188,664	134,114	716,922	(8,530)	-	3,976,174
Income tax expense								(1,120,320)
Net profit								2,855,854

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Unaudited	As at April 30, 2005							
(\$'000s)	Treasury	Retail Banking	Corporate Banking	Investment Management Services	Insurance Services	Other	Consol. adj.	Group Total
Segment assets	64,867,390	25,163,800	38,401,230	18,294,636	21,635,560	170,494	(1,114,970)	167,418,141
Unallocated assets								6,037,746
Total Assets								173,455,887
Segment liabilities	2,706,995	62,733,537	49,103,560	17,104,120	18,124,625	75,421	(914,680)	148,933,577
Unallocated liabilities								2,572,104
Total liabilities								151,505,681
Other Segment items:								
Capital Expenditure	6,601	106,747	24,234	932	3,156	-		141,670
Impairment losses on loans	-	133,890	27,325	(1,734)	-	-		159,481
Depreciation	5,896	112,335	22,106	1,417	1,671	741		144,166

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements April 30, 2006

1. Basis of presentation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. In 2005, the Group early adopted the following IFRS, which are relevant to its operations.

- IAS 1- Presentation of Financial Statements
- IAS 8 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors.
- IAS 10 - Events after the Balance Sheet Date.
- IAS 16 - Property, Plant and Equipment
- IAS 17 - Leases
- IAS 24 - Related Party Disclosures
- IAS 32 - Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation.
- IAS 36 - Impairment of Assets
- IAS 38 - Intangible Assets
- IAS 39 - Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

2. Financial Assets

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets held for trading; loans and receivables; held-to-maturity; and available-for-sale financial assets. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition.

Held For Trading

This category includes a financial asset acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Group provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable.

Held-to-Maturity

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that the Group's management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity.

Available-for-sale

Available-for-sale investments are those intended to be held for an indefinite period of time, which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates or equity prices.

Available-for-sale held for trading financial assets are carried at fair value. Loans and receivables investment is carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the held for trading category are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of available-for-sale financial assets are recognized directly in equity. Interest calculated using the effective method is recognized in the statement of revenue and expenses.

3. Loan loss provision

A provision is established on the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount of loans. The recoverable amount being the present value of expected future cash flows, discounted based on the interest rate at inception or last repriced date of the loan.

Regulatory loan loss provisioning requirements that exceed these amounts are maintained within a loan loss reserve in the equity component of the Balance Sheet.

4. Employee benefits

Pension asset – The group participates in a defined benefit pension plan. The pension costs are assessed using the projected unit credit method. Under this method, the cost of providing pensions is charged to the income statement, and the net of the present value of the pension obligation and the fair value of the plan assets, is reflected as an asset on the balance sheet.

Other post-retirement obligations – The Group provides post retirement healthcare and group life insurance benefits to retirees. The method of accounting used to recognize the liability is similar to that for the defined benefit pension plan.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements April 30, 2006

5. Deferred taxation

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts.

6. Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

7. Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash resources and cheques in transit.

8. Segment reporting

The Group is organized into five main business segments:

- Retail Banking – incorporating personal banking services, personal customer current accounts, saving deposits, custody, credit and debit cards, customer loans and mortgages;

- Corporate and Commercial Banking – incorporating non-personal direct debit facilities, current accounts, deposits, overdrafts, loans and other credit facilities and foreign currency transactions;
- Treasury – incorporating the Bank's liquidity and investment management function, management of correspondent bank relationships, as well as foreign currency trading;
- Investment Management Services – incorporating investments and pension fund management and the administration of trust accounts;
- Insurance Services – incorporating the provision of life insurance and
- Other operations of the Group comprise General Insurance Brokerage and property rental.

Transactions between the business segments are on normal commercial terms and conditions.