

Capital & Credit Merchant Bank Limited and Its Subsidiaries

THE FIRST QUARTER

Ended MARCH 31, 2008



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The Directors of Capital & Credit Merchant Bank Limited (CCMB) are pleased to present the unaudited consolidated results of the Bank and its subsidiaries, Capital & Credit Securities Limited and Capital & Credit Fund Managers Limited for the quarter ended March 31, 2008. The Group recorded improved Net Profit, attributable to stockholders, of \$166.36 million for the first quarter compared to \$154.00 million for the corresponding period in 2007.

The Group's improved quarter performance is attributable to the continuous emphasis on growing its core banking activities – Net Interest Margin (NIM), thus resulting in a 91.23% increase in NIM. Other factors contributing to the improved performance include Commission and Fee income; Dividend Income as well as increased Foreign Exchange Trading. Foreign exchange trading move up \$3.24 million in 2007, to \$23.90 million, Commission and Fee Income total \$25.78 million in 2007, \$26.53 million in 2008 and Dividend Income amounted to \$4.08 million in 2007, \$19.40 million for the first quarter of 2008.

REVENUE

The Group benefited from improved margins to report Net Interest Income of \$326.31 million or 69.74% of Total Income, when compared to \$170.64 million or 42.42% earned in 2007. Overall, Net Interest Income and Other Revenue totaled \$467.87 million, an increase of 16.31% over the \$402.28 million of the comparative quarter of 2007. Loan income for the quarter grew by 52.99%, up from \$162.27 million in the corresponding quarter of 2007 to \$247.63 million for this quarter. Improvement was also realized on Investment Income with the disposal of low yielding assets early in the quarter. Other Income reported a 38.89% decline to report \$141.56 million compared to \$231.63 million for the corresponding period in 2007. Securities trading showed a decline contributing \$68.53 million compared to \$195.76 million for 2007.

NON INTEREST EXPENSES

Non-Interest expenses totaled \$260.40 million up from \$204.60 million of 2007. This is a 14.22% increase over the corresponding period last year. The major component of Non Interest expense is Staff costs which totaled \$137.70 million up from \$120.56 million in 2007, and is primarily due to salary increases for 2008. The efficiency ratio now stands at 55.66% up from 50.86% for the comparative period of 2007. We continue to focus on cost management by streamlining and consolidating work flows and processes across the group in order to improve operational efficiency.

EARNINGS PER STOCK UNIT

Earnings per Stock (EPS) Unit for the quarter amounted to 26 cents, an increase of 8.33% compared to 24 cents for the comparable quarter of 2007. EPS Unit is based on the Net Profit after Tax and the weighted average number of the 641,159,682 stock units in issue for both the current and comparative quarter ended.

BALANCE SHEET

Total assets at March 31, 2008 amounted to \$51.76 billion compared to \$56.85 billion for 2007 billion. The Group continues to focus on expanding its retail and corporate line, while selectively acquiring higher-yielding assets and selling low-yielding ones in order to maintain an optimal risk profile. This strategy has led to a 24.25% increase in the credit portfolio to \$6.74 billion up from \$5.42 billion for 2007. Expansions in the credit portfolio have been facilitated mainly by increases in the Bank's Deposit portfolio as well as reinvested earnings. The treasury portfolio investment in securities now stands at \$39.85 billion versus \$46.15 billion in the comparative period of 2007, as the Merchant Bank move to de-emphasize its securities trading activities.

The Group also manages on a fiduciary basis, approximately \$2.91 billion in Assets under Management primarily in respect of funds managed by the subsidiary, Capital & Credit Fund Managers Limited and pension funds managed by Capital & Credit Securities Limited.

LOAN PORTFOLIO

As part of the strategy to invest in higher yielding assets, the Bank has focused on growing both its retail and corporate loan portfolios. Loans at year end, after provision for Loan Losses, amounted to \$6.74 billion, a significant increase over the prior year \$5.42 billion. This also resulted in a 66.04% increase in loan income to \$247.63 million up from \$162.27 million in 2007. As required under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the Loan Loss Provision at March 31, 2008 is \$46.71 million, representing 0.73% of gross loans, compared to Loan Loss Provision of \$34.72 million, or 0.66% of Gross Loans for the comparable period. Non accrual loans as at March 31, 2008 amounted to \$473.90 million. The Bank continues to review and monitor its credit quality, this along with renewed focus of the Loan Recovery Unit; it is expected to make significant strides in 2008.

IFRS Loan Loss Provision is determined on a different basis from Regulatory requirements. The difference between the methodologies is applied to a non-distributable Loan Loss Reserve in the equity component of the Balance Sheet. At March 31, 2008, In keeping with the mandatory requirement of Bank of Jamaica on credit, additional provision amounted to \$84.70 million, compared to \$53.89 million for the same period in the previous year. The provisions are considered adequate.

CAPITAL BASE

HIGHLIGHTS

Number of issued ordinary shares

The Group continues to have a strong capital base. At March 31, 2008, total Stockholders' Equity amounted to \$5.84 billion - an increase of 3.73% over the comparative period. The strengthening of the Capital Base has been facilitated primarily through the retention in earnings. The Fair Value Reserve which represents the market value adjustment of the investment portfolio continues to constrain the total value, as the market values of securities listed on the Jamaica Stock Exchange and other securities continue to fluctuate.

CAPITAL & CREDIT MERCHANT BANK LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT AS AT MARCH 31, 2008

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HIGHLIGHTS			
	Unaudited 3 Months Mar-08	Unaudited 3 Months Mar-07	Audited 12 Months Dec-07
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
ASSETS			
CASH RESOURCES	2,668,496	1,357,252	2,261,196
INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES			
	39,853,548	46,151,237	44,017,819
SECURITIES PURCHASED UNDER RESALE AGREEMENTS	-	135,862	-
INVESTMENT IN ASSOCIATE	3,282	3,282	3,282
LOANS (after provision for loan losses)	6,735,144	5,420,626	6,404,421
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	444,469	426,548	444,469
DEFERRED TAX ASSETS	95,863	-	7,465
OTHER ASSETS			
Accounts receivable Customers' liabilities under acceptances,	752,145	2,885,472	734,876
guarantees and letters of credit as per contra	1,098,570	346,629	354,989
Property, plant and equipment	89,313	103,707	104,032
Other asset	15,000	15,000	15,000
	1,955,028	3,350,808	1,208,897
TOTAL ASSETS	51,755,830	56,845,615	54,347,549
LIABILITIES			
DEPOSITS	7,516,160	6,291,355	7,670,991
SECURITIES SOLD UNDER			
REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS	33,723,997	39,230,472	37,199,563
LOAN PARTICIPATION	1,637,457	1,593,806	1,959,561
DUE TO OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	1,616,074	2,430,688	1,194,852
DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES	-	17,153	-
OTHER LIABILITIES			
Bank overdraft	-	49,203	-
Accounts payable Customers' liabilities under acceptances, guarantees	320,791	1,252,561	186,904
and letters of credit as per contra	1,098,570	346,629	354,989
	1,419,361	1,648,393	541,893
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Capital - Authorised 800,000,000 ordinary shares			
Issued and fully paid 641,159,682 ordinary stock units	1,732,888	320,580	1,732,888
Share premium	409 601	1,412,308	409 601
Statutory reserve fund Retained earnings reserve	408,601 1,515,442	362,678 1,515,442	408,601 1,515,442
Fair value reserve	(320,256)	(71,846)	(216,516)
Loan loss reserve	84,701	53,893	74,611
Unappropriated profits	2,401,485	2,025,429	2,246,978
Attributable to stockholders of the Bank	5,822,861	5,618,484	5,762,004
Minority interest	19,921	15,264	18,685
•	5,842,782	5,633,748	5,780,689
	51,755,830	56,845,615	54,347,549

Unaudited 3 months Mar-08 \$'000 Unaudited 3 months Mar-07 \$'000 Audited months Dec-07 \$'000 5.472.222 1,453,380 1,364,037 **Gross Operating Revenue** Interest on investments 1 064 191 4.076.825 970.138 Interest on loans 247,634 162,266 807,632 4,884,457 1,311,825 1,132,404 Interest expense 985,511 961,761 4,057,608 326,314 170,643 826,849 Net interest income 25,780 26,533 97,826 Commission and fee income Net gains on securities trading 68,527 195,758 442,868 Foreign exchange trading and translation 23.899 3.238 (10,158)Dividend income 19,401 4,077 45,912 2,780 Other income 3,195 11,317 141,555 231,633 587,765 Net interest income and other revenue 467,869 402,276 1,414,614 NON INTEREST EXPENSES Staff costs 137,698 120,563 475,419 Loan loss expense 6.540 12.022 Bank charges 7,604 5.852 25.765 Property expense 15,545 16,939 66,491 Depreciation and amortization 22,662 5,747 43,269 Information technology costs 6,888 6,342 27,290 10,186 70.025 Marketing and corporate affairs 9,298 19,904 12,133 56,749 Professional fees 3,715 21,068 Regulatory Cost 7,325 Irrecoverable General Consumption Tax 8.670 6.943 30.446 Other operating expenses 18,271 16.179 51,264 260,405 204,599 879.808 Profit Before Taxation 207.464 197.677 534.806 Taxation 41,104 43.682 88,323 **Profit After Taxation** 166,360 153,995 446,483 Attributable to: Stockholders of the Bank 164,597 153,075 441,265 Minority interest 1.763 920 5.218 166,360 153,995 446,483 Earnings per stock unit (cents) 26 24 69 Return on average equity (annualised) 11.45% 11.10% 7.94% Return on assets (annualised) 1.25% 1.12% 0.82% Efficiency ratio 55.66% 50.86% 62.19%

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Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on April 18, 2008 and signed on its behalf by:

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Curtis A. Martin



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UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR

THE FIRST QUARTER

Ended MARCH 31, 2008

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT CHANGES OF EQUITY QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Statutory Reserve Fund	Retained Earnings Reserve	Fair value Reserve	Loan loss Reserve	Unappropriated Profits	Attributable to equity holders of the Parent	Minority Interest	Total
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
Balance at December 31, 2006	320,580	1,412,308	362,678	1,515,442	(88,381)	39,741	1,886,506	5,448,874	12,807	5,461,681
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	153,075	153,075	920	153,995
Unrealised gains on available for sale investments net of deferred taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unrealised gains on available for sale investments net of taxes not recognised in profit and loss account					16,535			16,535	1,537	18,072
Impairment losses net of deferred					10,000			10,000	1,001	10,072
tax transferred to profit and loss account					-			-		-
Net income recognised directly in equity					16,535		153,075	169,610	2,457	172,067
Transfer to loan loss reserve					-	14,152	(14,152)			
Transfer to retained earnings reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer to statutory reserve fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Transfer to retained earnings reserve	-	-	-	-	-		-			-
Transfer to share capital	1,412,308	(1,412,308)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Dividend paid	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		-
Dividend declared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2007	1,732,888	_	362,678	1,515,442	(71,846)	53,893	2,025,429	5,618,484	15,264	5,633,748
Balance at December 31, 2007	1,732,888	-	408,601	1,515,442	(216,516)	74,611	2,246,978	5,762,004	18,685	5,780,689
Net profit for the period Transfer to loan loss reserve	-		-	-	-	10,090	164,597 (10,090)	164,597 -	1,236	165,833 -
Unrealised gain on available for sale investments net of taxes not recognised in profit and loss account	-	-	_	-	(103,740)	-	-	(103,740)		(103,740)
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance at March 31, 2008	1,732,888		408,601	1,515,442	(320,256)	84,701	2,401,485	5,822,861	19,921	5,842,782

CAPITAL & CREDIT MERCHANT BANK LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
SEGEMENTS RESULTS AS AT MARCH 31, 2008

	2008				
	Banking & Related Services	Financial & Related Services	Consolidation adjustments	Group	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
External revenue Net revenue from other segments	671,054 3,219	798,915 -	(16,589) (3,219)	1,453,380	
	674,273	798,915	(19,808)	1,453,380	
Operating expenses	564,161	701,563	(19,808)	1,245,916	
Profit before tax	110,112	97,352	-	207,464	
Taxation				41,104	
Net profit after tax				166,360	
Segment assets	26,633,920	25,674,156	(552,247)	51,755,829	
Segment liabilities	22,353,133	25,608,082	(2,048,168)	45,913,047	

	2007				
	Banking & Related Services	Financial & Related Services	Consolidation adjustments	Group	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
External revenue Net revenue from other segments	768,529 2,863	678,708 -	(83,200) (2,863)	1,364,037	
	771,392	678,708	(86,063)	1,364,037	
Operating expenses	634,729	617,694	(86,063)	1,166,360	
Profit before tax	136,663	61,014	_	197,677	
Taxation				43,682	
Net profit after tax				153,995	
Segment assets	33,296,098	24,615,508	(1,065,991)	56,845,615	
Segment liabilities	29,222,771	22,897,338	(908,242)	51,211,867	

CAPITAL & CREDIT MERCHANT BANK LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO REPORT AS AT MARCH 31, 2008

Basis of Preparation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with and comply with standards issued by the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of available for sale investment 3. securities, investment securities held for trading and all derivative contracts.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Group's accounting policies. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions, actual results could differ from those estimates.

IFRS 7 – Financial Instruments: Disclosures

The Group has adopted - IFRS 7 effective January 1, 2007, which introduces new disclosures to improve the information about financial instruments. It requires the disclosure of qualitative and quantitative information about exposure to risks arising from financial instruments, including specified minimum disclosure about credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, including sensitivity analysis to market risk.

This report is made in Jamaican dollars.

Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified as trading securities available for sale; held-to-maturity securities and Loans and receivables and are initially recorded at cost. Management determines an appropriate classification based on intent and ability to hold at the time of purchase.

Trading securities are measured at market value. Gains or losses arising from changes in fair value 7. are recorded in the profit and loss account.



CAPITAL & CREDIT MERCHANT BANK LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW AS AT MARCH 31, 2008

	Unaudited Mar-08 \$'000	Unaudited Mar-07 \$'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net Profit	166,360	153,995
Adjusted for operating assets and liabilities	820	(1,304,823)
Net cash (used in) / provided by operating activities	167.180	(1,150,828)
CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	3,721,865	(1,897,763)
CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(_3,531,279)	2,957,785
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	357,766	(88,806)
OPENING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,641,145	818,808
CLOSING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,998,911	730,002

Securities available for sale are subsequently re-measured at fair value. Gains or losses that arise from changes in fair value of these investments are recorded in the Fair Value Reserve

Loans and receivables and held to maturity investments are subsequently re-measured at amortised cost.

Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the cost of vacation leave in respect of the services rendered by employees up to the Balance Sheet date.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise balances with less than 90 days to maturity from the date of acquisition including cash and bank balances at Bank of Jamaica, excluding statutory reserves of \$669,584,000 (2007 - \$578,047,000).

Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax basis used in the computation of taxable profits, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method.

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- Segment Reporting
 The Group is organised into two main business segments:
- a) Banking and related services, which include taking deposits, granting loans and other credit
- facilities and foreign currency trading. Financial and related services, which include securities trading, stock broking, portfolio planning, pension fund management, investment advisory services and unit trust management.

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

Comparative Information

Where necessary, comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to changes in presentation in the current year.