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NET PROFIT of \$3.0 BILLION

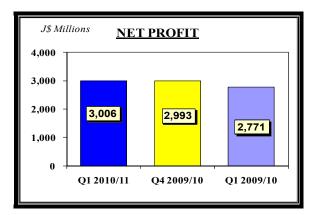
The Board of Directors is pleased to release the following unaudited results for National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited (NCBJ) and its subsidiaries for the three months ended 31 December 2010.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

Quarter ended December 2010 compared with Quarter ended September 2010

- Net Profit of \$3.01 billion, increased by 0.4% or \$13 million.
- Earnings per Stock Unit of \$1.22 increased by 0.4%.
- Operating Revenue increased by \$0.99 billion or 13.0%.
- Operating Expenses increased by \$737 million or 18.1%.
- Total Assets of \$341.44 billion, increased by 1.9% or \$6.47 billion.
- Net Loans of \$88.56 billion, increased by 3.0% or \$2.56 billion.

- Investment Securities of \$204.59 billion, increased by 2.2% or \$4.46 billion.
- Customer Deposits of \$142.32 billion, decreased by 1.4% or \$1.97 billion.
- Cost to Income Ratio increased to 52.8% from 49.2%.
- Return on Average Equity decreased to 23.98% from 25.16%.
- Return on Average Assets declined to 3.55% from 3.64%.
- Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Ratio decreased to 15.5% from 16.5%.



Quarter Ended December 2010 compared with Quarter Ended December 2009

- Net Profit of \$3.01 billion, an increase of \$235 million or 8.5%.
- Earnings per Stock Unit of \$1.22 grew by \$0.09 or 8.5%.
- Operating Revenue of \$8.6 billion, increased by 13.7% or \$1.04 billion.
- Cost to Income Ratio increased to 52.8% from 50.8%.

- Risk-Based Capital Adequacy Ratio improved to 15.5% from 15.3%.
- Return on Average Equity declined to 23.98% from 26.69%.
- Return on Average Assets increased to 3.55% from 3.53%.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS (continued)

- The increase in Operating Revenue over the September quarter is mainly as a result of
 - increased insurance premium income of J\$735 million resulting from annuities written in the period,
 - increased net interest income of J\$301 million resulting from growth in our investment portfolio coupled with lower cost of funding,
 - increased fee and commission income in the areas of pension management,
 credit related and card related activities.
- Operating Expenses increased by \$737 million or 18.1% over the September quarter, and this was primarily due to increased benefits and changes in actuarial reserves mainly caused by the significant amount of annuity business written in the period.

SEGMENT PERFORMANCE

Banking

The Retail, Corporate and Treasury units of the banking segment reported combined operating results of \$2.41 billion for the three months ended 31 December 2010; this represents an increase of \$91 million over the prior year.

Loans and advances, which totalled \$88.6 billion (net of provision for credit losses) as at 31 December 2010, grew by \$652 million compared to the loan portfolio as at 31 December 2009. This increase is due to loan growth for the Retail Banking Unit. Non-performing loans totalled \$3.4 billion as at December 2010 (\$2.7 billion as at December 2009) and represented 3.8% of the gross loans compared to 3.0% as at 31 December 2009. Our provision coverage as at December 2010 was 131.8% compared to 142.2% at December 2009.

NCBJ remains the largest commercial bank when measured by profit, assets, branch network and capital base.

Wealth Management

Our wealth and asset management segment contributed operating profits of \$1.07 billion for the quarter ended 31 December 2010; the result for this segment reflects a 19% increase over the prior December 2009 period. The growth over the prior year's results is due mainly to increase in net interest income.

Insurance

Our insurance segment reported operating profits of \$592 million for the three months ended 31 December 2010, representing growth of \$52 million over the prior year's results.

CAPITAL

The Group's Stockholders' Equity of \$51.5 billion increased by \$9.4 billion or 22.4% when compared to 31 December 2009.

- The Risk-Based Capital Ratio for NCBJ was 15.5% which exceeds the minimum requirement of 10% stipulated by the Bank of Jamaica (31 December 2009 15.3%).
- The Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio for NCBCM was 76.8% which exceeds the minimum requirement of 10% stipulated by the Financial Services Commission (31 December 2009 – 62.8%).
- The Solvency Ratio for NCBIC was 28.3% which exceeds the minimum requirement of 10% stipulated by the Financial Services Commission (31 December 2009 25.5%).

DIVIDENDS

On 27 January 2011, the Board declared an interim dividend of \$0.45 per ordinary stock unit. The dividend is payable on 24 February 2011 for stockholders on record as at 11 February 2011.

AWARDS

At the Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) Best Practices Awards ceremony held in December 2010, we earned the top award in five of seven coveted award categories. We were the proud recipient of the prestigious **Governor General's Award for Overall Excellence**, which is bestowed on the best overall company for the year. We also received the:

- Best Practices Annual Report Award. This award is presented to publicly listed companies which produce comprehensive, more reader-friendly annual reports that provide greater insight into the company's financial affairs, governance practices and business activities.
- JSE Best Practice Corporate Disclosure and Investor Relations Award. This award serves to recognise companies that make timely and accurate reports and announcements to the JSE. The award also encourages the maintenance of good investor relations with the wider investing public, and we were joint winners of this award.
- PSOJ/JSE Corporate Governance Award. This award recognises companies that demonstrate and practise outstanding corporate governance.
- Best Practices Website (Stockbrokerages) Award. This award serves to encourage stockbrokerages to raise the quality and efficiency of the dissemination of information to the investing public via their websites, and was won by NCB Capital Markets Limited.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

NCB remains committed to delivering on its promise of Building a Better Jamaica by not only doing well, but also doing good in the communities in which we serve. For the first quarter, through the NCB Foundation, we contributed \$15 million in the areas of Education (including school infrastructure and equipment), Community Development, Youth Leadership and Entrepreneurship.

Education

The main activity for the quarter was the payment of CXC/CSEC fee for Principles of Accounts (POA) and Principles of Business (POB) for 4,516 students who will sit the June 2011 examinations. We also donated computers and other equipment to a number of primary, tertiary and community based educational institutions. Our funding for education during the quarter was \$11 million.

Community Development

Each year, NCB provides scholarships for approximately 200 new and continuing students, and one of our strategies for increasing community awareness and involvement is to encourage our scholarship recipients to "give back" by assisting in community development initiatives. In December 2010, some of our scholarship recipients led a painting project at the St. Anne's Primary School, located in West Kingston. The project, themed 'Scholars Give Back', involved the painting of the grades four and five classrooms and giving the school's only recreational area a facelift. The school serves the communities of Hannah Town, Denham Town and Tivoli Gardens.

Our staff members are also heavily involved in our community development activities and we wish to express our deep appreciation to them for their enthusiastic support of these activities, as well as their continued contribution to our organisation's success.

To our customers, we say thank you for your continued loyalty, confidence and support; together, *We Make It Happen*.

Consolidated Income Statement

Quarter ended 31 December 2010

| | CURRENT YEAR | PRIOR YEAR | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|--|--|
| | Quarter Ended | Quarter Ended | Quarter Ended | | |
| | 31 December | 30 September | 31 December 2009 | | |
| | 2010 | 2010 | | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | | |
| Operating Income | | _ | | | |
| Interest income | 7,816,133 | 7,795,886 | 9,357,477 | | |
| Interest expense | (2,410,473) | (2,691,019) | (3,933,103) | | |
| Net interest income | 5,405,660 | 5,104,867 | 5,424,374 | | |
| Fee and commission income | 1,834,958 | 1,746,180 | 1,646,353 | | |
| Fee and commission expense | (237,431) | (219,385) | (236,930) | | |
| Net fee and commission income | 1,597,527 | 1,526,795 | 1,409,423 | | |
| Gain on foreign currency and investment activities | 732,181 | 722,364 | 543,693 | | |
| Dividend income | 5,778 | 13,326 | 45,571 | | |
| Insurance premium income | 839,462 | 104,720 | 123,214 | | |
| Other operating income | 20,386 | 138,738 | 17,139 | | |
| | 1,597,807 | 979,148 | 729,617 | | |
| | 8,600,994 | 7,610,810 | 7,563,414 | | |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| Staff costs | 2,279,998 | 2,114,876 | 2,400,781 | | |
| Provision for credit losses | 260,523 | 289,196 | 238,485 | | |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 138,959 | 128,983 | 141,002 | | |
| Impairment losses on securities | - | 27,520 | - | | |
| Other operating expenses | 2,122,059 | 1,504,080 | 1,299,770 | | |
| | 4,801,539 | 4,064,655 | 4,080,038 | | |
| Operating Profit | 3,799,455 | 3,546,155 | 3,483,376 | | |
| Share of profits of associate | 58,284 | 65,261 | 14,681 | | |
| Profit before Taxation | 3,857,739 | 3,611,416 | 3,498,057 | | |
| Taxation | (851,992) | (618,545) | (726,978) | | |
| NET PROFIT | 3,005,747 | 2,992,871 | 2,771,079 | | |
| Earnings per stock unit (expressed in \$ per share) | \$ 1.22 | \$ 1.22 | \$ 1.13 | | |

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Quarter ended 31 December 2010

| Net Profit | Quarter Ended 31 December 2010 \$'000 3,005,747 | Quarter Ended 30 September 2010 \$'000 2,992,871 | Quarter Ended 31 December 2009 \$'000 2,771,079 |
|--|--|---|---|
| Other Comprehensive Income, net of taxes | | | |
| Currency translation (losses)/gains | (67,114) | 9,578 | 2,815 |
| Unrealised gains on available-for-sale investments | 1,245,814 | 530,822 | 546,269 |
| Realised fair value gains on sale and maturity of investments | (425,276) | (115,821) | (101,130) |
| | 753,424 | 424,579 | 447,954 |
| TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME | 3,759,171 | 3,417,450 | 3,219,033 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, net of taxes Currency translation (losses)/gains Unrealised gains on available-for-sale investments Realised fair value gains on sale and maturity of investments | 3,005,747 (67,114) 1,245,814 (425,276) 753,424 | 2,992,871 9,578 530,822 (115,821) 424,579 | 2,771,079 2,815 546,269 (101,130) 447,954 |

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2010

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

| | 31 December 2010 \$'000 | 30 September 2010 \$'000 | 31 December 2009 \$'000 |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | 3 000 | \$ 000 | 3 000 |
| Cash in hand and balances at Bank of Jamaica | 19,095,389 | 19,472,761 | 22,443,652 |
| Due from other banks | 17,390,783 | 17,048,849 | 17,631,558 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 24,585 | , , | · · · |
| Investment securities at fair value through profit or loss | • | 12,864 | 13,297 |
| | 856,594 | 698,711 | 710,848 |
| Reverse repurchase agreements | 1,068,793 | 1,143,581 | 8,361,080 |
| Loans and advances, net of provision for credit losses | 88,558,435 | 85,995,102 | 87,906,164 |
| Investment securities | 203,734,374 | 199,434,273 | 164,329,505 |
| Investments in associate | 2,379,007 | 2,320,723 | 2,148,674 |
| Investment property | 12,000 | 12,000 | 13,000 |
| Intangible asset - computer software | 403,114 | 359,980 | 231,092 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 4,112,233 | 4,114,155 | 3,991,420 |
| Retirement benefit asset | - | _ | 11,632 |
| Deferred income tax assets | 26,729 | 119,794 | 513,471 |
| Income tax recoverable | 1,527,457 | 1,855,938 | 1,885,544 |
| Customers' liability - letters of credit and undertaking | 212,641 | 291,106 | 495,557 |
| Other assets | 2,040,237 | 2,090,174 | 2,713,580 |
| Total Assets | 341,442,371 | 334,970,011 | 313,400,074 |
| | | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Due to other banks | 7,160,055 | 3,708,232 | 5,650,997 |
| Customer deposits | 142,318,047 | 144,283,158 | 132,392,548 |
| Promissory notes and certificates of participation Repurchase agreements | 227,182 | 223,154 | 204,052 |
| Obligations under securitisation arrangements | 88,676,545 18,864,966 | 85,292,763 20,456,162 | 74,671,704 |
| Derivative financial instruments | 14,849 | 25,930 | 25,812,930 210,416 |
| Other borrowed funds | 5,925,424 | 6,575,623 | 7,509,983 |
| Income tax payable | 5,340 | 3,095 | 7,305,383 5,777 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities | 907,933 | 104,332 | 215,976 |
| Policyholders' liabilities | 21,306,838 | 20,405,624 | 19,759,494 |
| Provision for litigation | 13,000 | 13,300 | 9,000 |
| Retirement benefit obligations | 456,177 | 445,873 | 440,154 |
| Liability - letters of credit and undertaking | 212,641 | 291,106 | 495,557 |
| Other liabilities | 3,893,838 | 4,333,726 | 3,977,030 |
| Total Liabilities | 289,982,835 | 286,162,078 | 271,355,618 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Share capital | 6,465,731 | 6,465,731 | 6,465,731 |
| Shares held by NCB Employee Share Scheme | (3,388) | (3,388) | (3,388) |
| Fair value and other reserves | 3,288,670 | 1,457,864 | 512,231 |
| Loan loss reserve | 1,629,876 | 1,135,012 | 992,419 |
| Banking reserve fund | 5,425,166 | 5,200,206 | 4,581,558 |
| Retained earnings reserve | 8,875,761 | 8,875,761 | 8,875,761 |
| Retained earnings Total Stockholders' Equity | 25,777,720 | 25,676,747 | 20,620,144 |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | 51,459,536 341,442,371 | 48,807,933 | 42,044,456 |
| - ome Edute's and Empirities | 341,444,371 | 334,970,011 | 313,400,074 |

Approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 January 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity Quarter ended 31 December 2010

| | Share Capital | Shares Held by Share Scheme | Fair Value and Other Reserves | Loan Loss Reserve | Banking Reserve Fund | Retained Earnings Reserve | Retained Earnings | Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Balance as at 1 October 2009 | 6,465,731 | (3,388) | 64,277 | 744,159 | 4,362,102 | 8,875,761 | 20,507,304 | 41,015,946 |
| Total comprehensive income | - | - | 447,954 | - | - | - | 2,771,079 | 3,219,033 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | - | | - | (2,190,523) | (2,190,523) |
| Transfer to Loan Loss Reserve | - | - | - | 248,260 | - | - | (248,260) | - |
| Transfer to Banking Reserve Fund | - | - | - | - | 219,456 | | (219,456) | - |
| Balance at 31 December 2009 | 6,465,731 | (3,388) | 512,231 | 992,419 | 4,581,558 | 8,875,761 | 20,620,144 | 42,044,456 |
| Balance as at 1 October 2010 | 6,465,731 | (3,388) | 1,457,864 | 1,135,012 | 5,200,206 | 8,875,761 | 25,676,747 | 48,807,933 |
| Total comprehensive income | - | - | 753,424 | - | - | - | 3,005,747 | 3,759,171 |
| Dividends paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | (1,107,568) | (1,107,568) |
| Transfer to Loan Loss Reserve | - | - | - | 494,864 | - | - | (494,864) | - |
| Redemption of Preference Shares | - | - | 1,077,382 | - | - | - | (1,077,382) | - |
| Transfer to Banking Reserve Fund | - | - | - | - | 224,960 | - | (224,960) | - |
| Balance at 31 December 2010 | 6,465,731 | (3,388) | 3,288,670 | 1,629,876 | 5,425,166 | 8,875,761 | 25,777,720 | 51,459,536 |

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Quarter ended 31 December 2010

| | Quarter Ended | Quarter Ended |
|---|----------------------|---------------|
| | 31 December | 31 December |
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | |
| Net profit | 3,005,747 | 2,771,079 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities | (881,035) | (977,345) |
| Other adjustments to reconcile net profit | 101,604 | (402,815) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 2,226,316 | 1,390,919 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment | (116,361) | (106,827) |
| Acquisition of intangible asset - computer software | (74,911) | (7,833) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | 9,539 | 6,915 |
| Purchases of investment securities | (85,107,316) | (15,325,254) |
| Sales/maturities of investment securities | 77,345,785 | 21,916,838 |
| Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities | (7,943,264) | 6,483,839 |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities | | |
| Repayments under securitisation arrangements | (1,497,932) | (1,493,343) |
| Proceeds from other borrowed funds | 96,821 | 246,288 |
| Repayments of other borrowed funds | (703,546) | (196,274) |
| Dividends paid | (1,107,568) | (2,190,523) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (3,212,225) | (3,633,852) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (214,202) | 209,821 |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | (9,143,375) | 4,450,727 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 40,727,035 | 18,594,234 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | 31,583,660 | 23,044,961 |
| Comprising: | | |
| Cash in hand and balances at Bank of Jamaica (excluding Statutory Reserves) | 3,984,350 | 6,428,138 |
| Due from other banks | 17,390,783 | 17,631,558 |
| Investment securities with an original maturity of less than 90 days | 17,368,582 | 4,636,262 |
| Due to other banks | (7,160,055) | (5,650,997) |
| <u>.</u> | 31,583,660 | 23,044,961 |

Segment Report

Quarter ended 31 December 2010

| | Banking | | | Wealth | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| | Retail | Corporate | Treasury | Management | Insurance | Other | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| External operating revenue | 3,536,939 | 1,200,690 | 2,493,306 | 2,204,825 | 1,786,944 | 26,194 | - | 11,248,898 |
| Operating revenue from other segments | 998,392 | 256 | 243,518 | 142,030 | 7,534 | 47,737 | (1,439,467) | - |
| Operating revenue | 4,535,331 | 1,200,946 | 2,736,824 | 2,346,855 | 1,794,478 | 73,931 | (1,439,467) | 11,248,898 |
| Segment result | 639,258 | 644,109 | 1,131,431 | 1,066,363 | 591,817 | 42,587 | (25,281) | 4,090,284 |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | | | | | | | | (290,829) |
| Operating profit | | | | | | | | 3,799,455 |
| Share of profits in associate | | | | | | | | 58,284 |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | | | 3,857,739 |
| Taxation expense | | | | | | | | (851,992) |
| Net profit | | | | | | | | 3,005,747 |
| Segment assets | 124,107,881 | 46,494,893 | 133,599,295 | 96,309,297 | 27,357,565 | 923,935 | (92,706,129) | 336,086,737 |
| Associates | | | | | | | | 2,379,007 |
| Unallocated assets | | | | | | | | 2,976,627 |
| Total assets | | | | | | | | 341,442,371 |
| Segment liabilities | 114,315,500 | 36,152,184 | 123,822,287 | 83,414,800 | 21,582,209 | 168,365 | (90,456,264) | 288,999,081 |
| Unallocated liabilities | | | | | , , | • | | 983,754 |
| Total liabilities | | | | | | | | 289,982,835 |
| Net interest income | 2,419,007 | 724,075 | 847,720 | 1,031,160 | 375,590 | 8,108 | - | 5,405,660 |
| Capital expenditure | 135,085 | 2,281 | 33,089 | 6,082 | 13,173 | 1,562 | - | 191,272 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 103,371 | 3,581 | 3,059 | 6,775 | 20,698 | 1,475 | - | 138,959 |

Segment Report

Quarter ended 31 December 2009

| _ | Banking | | | Wealth | | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | Retail | Corporate | Treasury | Management | Insurance | Other | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| External operating revenue | 3,280,341 | 1,403,304 | 2,961,497 | 2,746,123 | 1,313,482 | 28,700 | - | 11,733,447 |
| Operating revenue from other segments | 1,834,081 | 480 | 374,455 | 111,295 | 46,806 | 31,731 | (2,398,848) | - |
| Operating revenue | 5,114,422 | 1,403,784 | 3,335,952 | 2,857,418 | 1,360,288 | 60,431 | (2,398,848) | 11,733,447 |
| Segment result | 776,304 | 746,793 | 801,161 | 894,637 | 540,169 | 32,024 | (11,920) | 3,779,168 |
| Unallocated corporate expenses | | | | | | | | (295,792) |
| Operating profit | | | | | | | | 3,483,376 |
| Share of profits in associate | | | | | | | | 14,681 |
| Profit before tax | | | | | | | | 3,498,057 |
| Taxation expense | | | | | | | | (726,978) |
| Net profit | | | | | | | | 2,771,079 |
| Segment assets | 116,793,572 | 51,858,458 | 130,584,048 | 84,056,909 | 24,005,107 | 865,538 | (100,577,515) | 307,586,117 |
| Associates | | | | | | | | 2,148,674 |
| Unallocated assets Total assets | | | | | | | | 3,665,283 313,400,074 |
| | 104 022 752 | 44.705.202 | 125 205 177 | 74 224 204 | 10.042.222 | 115 771 | (00.560.040) | |
| Segment liabilities Unallocated liabilities | 104,933,752 | 44,705,202 | 125,395,167 | 74,334,304 | 19,843,333 | 115,771 | (98,568,849) | 270,758,680 596,938 |
| Total liabilities | | | | | | | | 271,355,618 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Net interest income | 2,525,119 | 818,204 | 600,326 | 963,414 | 502,012 | 15,299 | - | 5,424,374 |
| Capital expenditure Depreciation and amortisation | 71,363 112,586 | 8,387 3,732 | 7,347 2,219 | 9,834 8,209 | 13,285 13,146 | 4,444 1,110 | - | 114,660 141,002 |
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Notes to the Financial Statements

31 December 2010

(expressed in Jamaican dollars unless otherwise indicated)

1. Identification and Principal Activities

National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited ("the Bank") is incorporated in Jamaica and licensed under the Banking Act, 1992. The Bank is a 53.02% subsidiary of AIC (Barbados) Limited. The ultimate parent company is Portland Holdings Inc., incorporated in Canada. Portland Holdings Inc. is controlled by Hon. Michael Lee-Chin, OJ. The Bank's registered office is located at 32 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica.

The Bank is listed on the Jamaica Stock Exchange and the Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange.

The Bank's subsidiaries, together with the bank are referred to as "the Group".

All subsidiaries are incorporated in Jamaica with the exception of NCB (Cayman) Limited, NCB Remittance Services (Cayman) Limited and NCB Capital Markets (Cayman) Limited, which are incorporated in the Cayman Islands, and NCB Remittance Services (UK) Limited, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom.

2. Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale investment securities, investment securities at fair value through profit or loss, derivative contracts and investment property.

There have been no changes in accounting policies since the most recent audited accounts as at 30 September 2010.

Where necessary, comparative figures for 31 December 2009 have been reclassified to conform with changes in presentation in the current period.