# UNAUDITED CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30 JUNE 2006

Domiciled in Malaysia. Registered Office: 2, Leboh Ampang, 50100 Kuala Lumpur

# MANAGEMENT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached unaudited condensed financial statements for the half year ended 30 June 2006 have been prepared from the Bank's accounting and other records and that they are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in Malaysia and Bank Negara Malaysia's guidelines on financial reporting for licensed institutions (BNM/GP8).

BALDEV SINGH Chief Financial Officer

Date: 17 July 2006

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

		Group		Ba	ink
		30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
	Note	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Assets					
Cash and short term funds		6,630,018	7,710,602	6,630,018	7,710,602
Securities purchased under					
resale agreements		1,629,634	1,449,760	1,629,634	1,449,760
Deposits and placements					
with banks and other					
financial institutions		718,854	479,942	718,854	479,942
Securities held-for-trading	11	568,196	703,727	568,196	703,727
Securities available-for-sale	12	3,236,618	3,284,735	3,236,618	3,284,735
Loans, advances and financing	13	23,259,368	21,476,706	23,259,368	21,476,706
Other assets	15	590,423	371,825	590,423	371,825
Statutory deposits with					
Bank Negara Malaysia		847,648	698,948	847,648	698,948
Investments in subsidiaries					
companies		-	-	21	21
Property, plant and equipment		300,280	304,916	300,280	304,916
Intangible assets		16,090	5,228	16,090	5,228
Deferred tax assets		74,076	59,851	74,076	59,851
Total Assets		37,871,205	36,546,240	37,871,226	36,546,261
Liabilities					
Deposits from customers	16	29,324,568	28,317,351	29,324,589	28,317,372
Deposits and placements of banks		27,524,500	20,517,551	27,527,507	20,317,372
and other financial institutions	17	1,971,249	1,954,799	1,971,249	1,954,799
Obligations on securities sold	17	1,771,247	1,954,799	1,971,249	1,954,799
under repurchase agreements		1,536,977	1,617,617	1,536,977	1,617,617
Bills and acceptances payable		425,018	475,940	425,018	475,940
Other liabilities	18	1,065,084	942,517	1,065,084	942,517
Recourse obligation on loans	10	1,003,004	2+2,317	1,003,004	9+2,317
sold to Cagamas Berhad		946,116	787,931	946,116	787,931
Provision for taxation and zakat		60,874	29,716	60,874	29,716
Total liabilities		35,329,886	34,125,871	35,329,907	34,125,892
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## UNAUDITED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET (CONTD.) AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

	Gr	oup	Ba	nk
	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
Not	e RM'000	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Shareholders' Fund				
Share capital	114,500	114,500	114,500	114,500
Reserves	2,276,819	2,155,869	2,276,819	2,155,869
Proposed dividend	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Shareholders' funds	2,541,319	2,420,369	2,541,319	2,420,369
Total Liabilities and				
Shareholders' Funds	37,871,205	36,546,240	37,871,226	36,546,261
Commitments and Contingencies 2	5 <b>60,434,407</b>	47,716,860	60,434,407	47,716,860

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements of the Bank for the financial year ended 31 December 2005 and the accompanying explanatory notes on page 6 to 28 attached to the unaudited condensed interim financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the management on 17 July 2006.

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

		Group and Bank				
		2nd quarter ended Half yea			r ended	
		30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	
	Note	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Revenue		698,361	536,131	1,318,323	1,050,073	
Interest income	19	426,460	358,903	820,289	693,992	
Interest expense	20	(184,302)	(151,595)	(351,033)	(304,232)	
Net interest income		242,158	207,308	469,256	389,760	
Other operating income	21	197,960	139,156	362,428	282,142	
Income from Islamic banking operations 2	7 (f)	42,413	24,251	73,716	46,748	
Operating income		482,531	370,715	905,400	718,650	
Other operating expenses	22	(244,585)	(182,426)	(445,775)	(359,596)	
Profit before allowance		237,946	188,289	459,625	359,054	
Allowance for losses on loans and financing	23	(32,815)	(5,905)	(46,542)	(22,792)	
Profit before taxation and zakat		205,131	182,384	413,083	336,262	
Taxation and zakat		(58,612)	(52,665)	(124,308)	(95,871)	
Profit attributable to shareholders		146,519	129,719	288,775	240,391	
Earnings per RM0.50 ordinary shar - basic/diluted	re	64.0 sen	56.6 sen	126.1 sen	105.0 sen	
Dividends per RM0.50 ordinary share (net)						
<ul> <li>paid in respect of prior year</li> <li>proposed</li> </ul>		- 65.5 sen	- 52.4 sen	65.5 sen 65.5 sen	43.7 sen 52.4 sen	

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#### UNAUDITED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	Group and Bank									
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	Share	Share	Statutory	Revaluation	redemption	for-sale	Retained	Total	Proposed	
	capital	premium	reserve	reserve	reserve	reserve	profit	reserves	dividend	Total
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Balance as at 1 January 2005										
- as previously reported	114,500	741,375	114,500	118,966	190,000	56,671	728,155	1,949,667	100,000	2,164,167
- prior year adjustment		-	-	-	-	-	(8,667)	(8,667)	-	(8,667)
	114,500	741,375	114,500	118,966	190,000	56,671	719,488	1,941,000	100,000	2,155,500
Net profit for the period										
- as previously reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	243,513	243,513	-	243,513
- prior year adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,122)	(3,122)	-	(3,122)
Net gains and losses not recognised in the income statement										
- Net unrealised losses on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	(13,022)	-	(13,022)	-	(13,022)
Net gains reclassified to income statement	-	-	-	-	-	(2,538)	-	(2,538)	-	(2,538)
Dividend paid - 2004 final	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)
Proposed dividend - 2005 interim		-	-	-	-	-	(120,000)	(120,000)	120,000	-
Balance as at 30 June 2005	114,500	741,375	114,500	118,966	190,000	41,111	839,879	2,045,831	120,000	2,280,331
Balance as at 1 July 2005	114,500	741,375	114,500	118,966	190,000	41,111	839,879	2,045,831	120,000	2,280,331
Net profit for the period										
- as previously reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	290,172	290,172	-	290,172
- prior year adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,422)	(4,422)	-	(4,422)
Net gains and losses not recognised in the income statement										
- Net unrealised losses on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	(10,613)	-	(10,613)	-	(10,613)
Net gains reclassified to income statement	-	-	-	-	-	(15,099)	-	(15,099)	-	(15,099)
Dividend paid - 2005 interim	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(120,000)	(120,000)
Proposed dividend - 2005 final		-	-	-	-	-	(150,000)	(150,000)	150,000	-
Balance as at 31 December 2005	114,500	741,375	114,500	118,966	190,000	15,399	975,629	2,155,869	150,000	2,420,369
Balance as at 1 January 2006	114,500	741,375	114,500	118,966	190,000	15,399	975,629	2,155,869	150,000	2,420,369
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	288,775	288,775	-	288,775
Net gains and losses not recognised in the income statement										
- Net unrealised losses on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	(13,946)	-	(13,946)	-	(13,946)
Net gains reclassified to income statement	-	-	-	-	-	(3,879)	-	(3,879)	-	(3,879)
Dividend paid - 2005 final	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(150,000)	(150,000)
Proposed dividend - 2006 interim			-	-	-	-	(150,000)	(150,000)	150,000	
Balance as at 30 June 2006	114,500	741,375	114,500	118,966	190,000	(2,426)	1,114,404	2,276,819	150,000	2,541,319

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#### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006

	Group and Bank		
	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	
	RM'000	RM'000	
Profit before taxation and zakat	413,083	336,262	
Adjustments for non-operating and non-cash items	91,443	71,191	
Operating profit before working capital changes	504,526	407,453	
Changes in working capital:			
Net changes in operating assets	(2,514,952)	(1,776,979)	
Net changes in operating liabilities	1,170,642	1,095,766	
Taxation and zakat paid	(100,442)	(71,312)	
Net cash used in operations	(940,226)	(345,072)	
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	9,642	(419,527)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(150,000)	(100,000)	
	(140,358)	(519,527)	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(1,080,584)	(864,599)	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	7,710,602	5,767,418	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	6,630,018	4,902,819	
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and short-term funds	6,630,018	4,902,819	

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# EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2006

#### **1** Basis of Preparation

The unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the half year ended 30 June 2006 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of FRS 134: Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standard Board ("MASB").

The unaudited interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005. The explanatory notes attached in the unaudited condensed interim financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant for an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group and the Bank since the year ended 31 December 2005.

The significant accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005 except for the adoption of the following new/revised Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS") issued by MASB effective for the financial period beginning 1 January 2006:

FRS 2 Share-based Payment FRS 3 Business Combinations FRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations FRS 101 Presentation of Financial Statements FRS 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors FRS 110 Events after the Balance Sheet Date FRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment FRS 121 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates FRS 127 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements FRS 128 Investments in Associates FRS 131 Interests in Joint Ventures FRS 132 Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation FRS 133 Earnings Per Share FRS 136 Impairment of Assets FRS 138 Intangible Assets FRS 140 Investment Property

Except for FRS 2, the adoption of the above standards does not have significant financial impact on the Group. The principal effects of the changes in accounting policies resulting from the adoption of FRS 2 are disclosed in Note 28.

#### 2 Audit Reports' On Preceeding Annual Financial Statements

The audit report on the audited annual financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2005 was not subject to any qualification.

#### **3** Seasonality or Cyclical Factors

The business operations of the Bank are not subject to material seasonal or cyclical fluctuations.

#### 4 Unusual Items Due to Their Nature, Size or Incidence

There were no unusual items affecting assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Bank for the half year ended 30 June 2006.

#### **5** Changes in Estimates

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in prior financial years that have a material effect on the financial results and position of the Bank for the half year ended 30 June 2006.

#### 6 Debt and Equity Securities

There were no issuance, cancellation, repurchase, resale and repayment of debt and equity securities during the half year ended 30 June 2006.

#### 7 Dividend

A final dividend of 182% less tax totalling RM150 million in respect of the financial year ended 2005 was paid on 15 March 2006.

The directors now recommend an interim dividend of 182% less tax totalling RM150 million in respect of the current financial year on 229,000,000 ordinary shares (65.5 sen net per ordinary share).

## 8 Carrying Amount of Revalued Assets

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost/ valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses except for freehold land which is stated at cost and directors' valuation. There was no change in the valuation of property, plant and equipment that were brought forward from the previous audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2005.

#### 9 Significant Events Subsequent to the Balance Sheet Date

There were no material events subsequent to the balance sheet date that require disclosure or adjustments to the unaudited condensed interim financial statements.

#### 10 Changes in the Composition of the Group

There were no changes in the composition of the Group for the half financial year ended 30 June 2006.

# 11 Securities Held-for-Trading

	Group and Bank	
	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Money market instruments:		
Malaysian Government treasury bills	134,896	39,256
Bank Negara Malaysia bills	200,940	231,566
Bank Negara Malaysia Islamic bills	2,229	7,875
Malaysian Government securities	131,283	222,765
Malaysian Government Islamic bonds	6,398	-
Khazanah bonds	2,021	2,021
Cagamas bonds and notes	44,596	31,513
	522,363	534,996
Unquoted securities:		
Private debt securities (including commercial paper)	45,833	168,731
	568,196	703,727

# 12 Securities Available-for-Sale

	Group a	end Bank
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b>	31 Dec 2005
	RM'000	RM'000
Money market instruments:		
Malaysian Government treasury bills	1,638	-
Bank Negara Malaysia bills	-	49,309
Bank Negara Malaysia Islamic bills	74,769	308,442
Malaysian Government securities	475,618	467,581
Malaysian Government Islamic bonds	228,217	21,811
Khazanah bonds	244,263	243,958
Cagamas bonds and notes	687,360	691,864
Negotiable instruments of deposit	9,981	554,847
Bankers' acceptance and Islamic accepted bills	915,744	143,326
	2,637,590	2,481,138
Quoted securities		
Shares	34,951	36,764
Warrants	67	148
Loan stock	13,029	15,173
	48,047	52,085
Unquoted securities:		
Shares	16,392	17,392
Private and Islamic debt securities	549,520	754,322
	565,912	771,714
Impairment loss:		
Quoted securities in Malaysia:		
Shares	(6,020)	(11,291)
Warrants	(7)	(7)
Loan stock	(8,904)	(8,904)
	(14,931)	(20,202)
	3,236,618	3,284,735

# 13 Loans, Advances and Financing

(i) By type

	Group a	nd Bank
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b>	31 Dec 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Overdrafts	2,969,415	2,236,412
Term loans/ financing		
- Housing loans/ financing	6,924,161	7,267,122
- Syndicated term loans/ financing	139,789	19,695
- Hire purchase receivables	147,171	111,690
- Lease receivables	37,798	49,740
- Other term loans/ financing	6,304,464	5,515,035
Bills receivable	861,920	772,852
Trust receipts	291,863	180,166
Claims on customers under acceptance credits	2,704,073	3,109,050
Staff loans/ financing	306,847	307,157
Loans to executive directors	70	-
Credit/ charge cards	1,786,229	1,616,357
Revolving credit	1,568,987	1,072,172
Other loans/ financing	11,702	10,722
Less: Unearned interest and income	(133,791)	(141,321)
	23,920,698	22,126,849
Less: Allowance for bad and doubtful debts and financing:		
- General	(356,100)	(327,200)
- Specific	(305,230)	(322,943)
Total net loans, advances and financing	23,259,368	21,476,706

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# (ii) By type of customer

	Group and Bank		
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b>	31 Dec 2005	
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	
Domestic non-bank financial institutions			
- Stockbroking companies	150,075	5,238	
- Others	143,459	141,425	
Domestic business enterprises			
- Small medium enterprises	4,494,570	2,655,201	
- Others	6,550,607	7,584,366	
Government and statutory bodies	54	64	
Individuals	12,188,438	11,144,011	
Other domestic entities	3,632	2,754	
Foreign entities	389,863	593,790	
	23,920,698	22,126,849	

# 13 Loans, Advances and Financing (continued)

) By interest/ profit rate sensitivity			
	Group a	Group and Bank	
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b> 31 Dec 2		
	RM'000	RM'000	
Fixed rate			
- Housing loans/ financing	319,776	328,41	
- Hire purchase receivables	133,188	102,19	
- Other fixed rate loans/ financing	5,147,184	3,711,65	
Variable rate			
- BLR plus	14,965,334	13,978,02	
- Cost-plus	1,568,987	1,073,90	
- Other variable rates	1,786,229	2,932,66	
	23,920,698	22,126,84	

b) By sector				
	Group a	Group and Bank		
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b>	31 Dec 2005		
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000		
Agricultural, hunting, forestry and fishing	1,031,743	893,313		
Mining and quarrying	279,322	99,672		
Manufacturing	3,971,337	3,739,427		
Electricity, gas and water	102,165	81,383		
Construction	459,558	428,685		
Real estate	485,040	545,809		
Purchase of landed property:				
- Residential	8,774,710	8,384,960		
- Non-residential	997,001	970,920		
Wholesale & retail trade and restaurants & hotels	2,374,458	2,164,107		
Transport, storage and communication	179,758	190,842		
Finance, insurance and business services	1,556,265	1,347,020		
Purchase of securities	149,414	173,523		
Purchase of transport vehicles	26,198	17,560		
Consumption credit	3,295,682	2,894,133		
Others	238,047	195,495		
	23,920,698	22,126,849		

# 14 Non-Performing Loans/ Financing (NPL/ NPF)

# (i) Movements in non-performing loans, advances and financing

		Group and Bank	
		30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
		<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
	At beginning of period/year	688,626	1,055,888
	Classified as non-performing during the period/ year	119,736	314,067
	Reclassified as performing	(71,122)	(199,467)
	Amount recovered	(101,051)	(275,478)
	Amount written off	(69,786)	(207,031)
	Other movements	194	647
	At end of period/year	566,597	688,626
	Specific allowance	(305,230)	(322,943)
	Net non-performing loans, advances and financing	261,367	365,683
	Ratio of net non-performing loans, advances and financing		
	to net loans, advances and financing	1.1%	1.7%
( <b>ii</b> )	Movements in allowance for bad and doubtful debts	Group a	nd Rank
		<b>30 Jun 2006</b>	31 Dec 2005
		S0 Jul 2000 RM'000	RM'000
	General allowance		KIVI 000
	At beginning of period/year	327,200	289,300
	Allowance made during the period/ year	28,900	37,900
	At end of period/year	356,100	327,200
	At the of period year	550,100	527,200
	As % of gross loans, advances and financing		
	less specific allowance	1.5%	1.5%
	Specific allowance		
	At beginning of period/year	322,943	477,334
	Allowance made during the period/ year	102,695	192,822
	Amount recovered	(54,518)	(144,029)
	Amount written off	(66,078)	(203,831)
	Other movements	188	647
	At end of period/year	305,230	322,943

# 14Non-Performing Loans/ Financing (NPL/ NPF) (continued)(iii)By sector

	Group and Bank	
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b>	31 Dec 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Agricultural, hunting, forestry and fishing	3,153	2,202
Mining and quarrying	541	631
Manufacturing	148,696	185,029
Construction	30,607	31,718
Real estate	16,831	17,589
Purchase of landed property:		
- Residential	218,033	255,725
- Non-residential	13,960	23,088
Wholesale & retail trade and restaurants & hotels	38,238	53,291
Transport, storage and communication	3,316	4,628
Finance, insurance and business services	20,996	28,300
Purchase of securities	354	17,806
Purchase of transport vehicles	161	177
Consumption credit	68,728	65,210
Others	2,983	3,232
	566,597	688,626

#### 15 Other Assets

	Group and Bank	
	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Assets, including gains, resulting from off-balance-sheet interest rate,		
exchange rate and equities contracts which are marked to market	343,309	203,871
Interest/ income receivable	37,953	34,082
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	209,161	133,872
	590,423	371,825

# 16 Deposits from Customers

# (i) By type of deposit

by type of deposit					
	Group		Bank		
	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005	
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	
Demand deposits	5,745,019	5,689,273	5,745,040	5,689,294	
Savings deposits	4,276,411	4,243,692	4,276,411	4,243,692	
Fixed/ investment deposits	17,739,009	16,400,684	17,739,009	16,400,684	
Negotiable instruments of deposit	1,121,754	1,702,320	1,121,754	1,702,320	
Others	442,375	281,382	442,375	281,382	
	29,324,568	28,317,351	29,324,589	28,317,372	

# **16** Deposits from Customers (continued)

# (ii) By type of customer

i) by type of customer				
	Group		Bank	
	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Government and statutory bodies	75,087	15,780	75,087	15,780
Business enterprises	10,783,315	9,532,602	10,783,336	9,532,623
Individuals	15,047,093	14,185,641	15,047,093	14,185,641
Others	3,419,073	4,583,328	3,419,073	4,583,328
	29,324,568	28,317,351	29,324,589	28,317,372

# 17 Deposits and Placements of Banks and Other Financial Institutions

	Group and Bank	
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b> 31 Dec 2	
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Licensed banks	59,000	
Bank Negara Malaysia	17,786	38,247
Other financial institutions	1,894,463	1,796,552
	1,971,249	1,954,799

# 18 Other Liabilities

	Group and Bank	
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b> 31 Dec 20	
	RM'000	RM'000
Liabilities, including losses, resulting from off-balance-sheet		
interest rate exchange rate and equities contracts which are		
marked to market	264,422	183,219
Interest/ profit payable	150,224	144,243
Allowance for commitments and contingencies	2,245	3,030
Profit equalisation reserve	4,700	1,700
Other creditors and accruals	643,493	610,325
	1,065,084	942,517

# **19** Interest Income

	Group and Bank				
	2nd quar	ter ended	Half yea	ar ended	
	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	
Loans and advances					
- Interest income other than					
recoveries from NPLs	328,850	268,881	629,694	524,213	
- Recoveries from NPLs	8,061	12,861	20,383	22,173	
Money at call and deposit placement					
with financial institutions	74,145	48,287	138,015	89,040	
Securities available-for-sale	16,996	31,726	36,749	65,826	
Others	-	(96)			
	428,052	361,659	824,841	701,252	
Amortisation of premium less					
accretion of discounts	2,928	(284)	3,467	(2,131)	
Interest suspended	(4,520)	(2,472)	(8,019)	(5,129)	
Total interest income	426,460	358,903	820,289	693,992	

# 20 Interest Expense

		Group and Bank			
	2nd quar	ter ended	Half yea	ar ended	
	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	
Deposits and placements of banks					
and other financial institutions	17,143	7,289	27,605	12,804	
Deposits from customers	141,896	126,039	273,749	253,687	
Loans sold to Cagamas	10,647	7,170	20,887	14,445	
Others	14,616	11,097	28,792	23,296	
	184,302	151,595	351,033	304,232	

# 21 Other Operating Income

Other Operating Income				
		Group a		
	2nd quar	ter ended	Half yea	ar ended
	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Fees and commissions	105,025	83,831	198,745	169,908
Net gains arising from sale of securities				
- Securities held-for-trading	3,607	977	6,009	6,003
- Securities available-for-sale	5,842	5,652	6,746	9,570
Net interest trading income	3,791	994	7,025	2,756
Net gains arising from dealing in	,			
foreign currency	35,031	36,761	93,343	69,874
Net (losses)/gains arising from	,		,	
trading in derivatives	(24,060)	1,265	(14,266)	6,858
Dividend income from securities available-for-sale				
- Quoted in Malaysia	-	1,022	6	1,022
- Unquoted in Malaysia	645	785	845	1,185
Net unrealised gains on revaluation of trading securities (including				
derivatives)	27,454	2,070	25,005	723
Net unrealised gains from foreign				
exchange translations	37,812	3,661	32,725	10,153
Rental income	1,481	1,507	3,191	3,001
Net (losses)/gains on disposal of				
property, plant and equipment	(505)	111	207	430
Other operating income	1,837	520	2,847	659
	197,960	139,156	362,428	282,142

The above fees and commissions were derived from the following major contributors:

Cards	49,890	41,634	97,270	82,306
Service charges and fees	31,271	22,667	55,108	45,801
Agency fees	10,140	7,108	20,641	17,397
Credit facilities	4,813	5,202	9,872	11,108

# 22 Other Operating Expenses

	Group and Bank			
	2nd quarter ended			ar ended
	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Personnel expenses	129,460	87,536	231,340	170,879
Promotion and marketing related				
expenses	17,192	19,104	30,709	34,897
Establishment related expenses	22,403	21,305	45,150	43,313
General administrative expenses	75,530	54,481	138,576	110,507
	244,585	182,426	445,775	359,596
The above expenditure includes the				
following major items: Personnel expenses				
- Salaries, allowances and				
bonuses	94,495	67,808	172,475	132,867
- Employees Provident Fund				
contributions	14,987	9,989	27,761	18,707
Promotion and marketing related				
expenses	10 425	11.050	10.450	22 510
- Advertising and promotion	10,425	11,059	19,458	22,510
- Travel and entertainment	2,511	3,534	4,771	3,534
- Commercial sponsorships	2,023	2,581	3,017	2,581
Establishment related expenses				
- Depreciation of property, plant	7 1 4 1	C 751	14 450	12 727
and equipment	7,141	6,751	14,456	13,737
- Information technology costs	3,175	4,821	7,837	9,962
- Hire of equipment	2,024	2,867	4,515	5,347
- Rental of premises	2,539	2,109	4,748	4,395
General administrative expenses	36,992	19,578	67,181	39,465
<ul><li>Intercompany expenses</li><li>Fees and commissions paid</li></ul>	50,992 15,464	19,378 20,469	30,605	39,463 32,976
- rees and commissions paid	15,404	20,409	30,005	52,970

# 23 Allowance for Losses on Loans and Financing

	Group and Bank			
	2nd quar	ter ended	Half year ended	
	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Allowance for bad and doubtful				
debts on loans and financing				
(a) Specific allowance				
- Made in the financial period	67,542	52,735	102,695	91,491
- Written back	(36,059)	(33,013)	(54,518)	(48,096)
(b) General allowance				
- Made in the financial period	19,500	15,300	28,900	20,000
Bad debts on loans and financing				
- Recovered	(19,991)	(30,948)	(34,410)	(43,006)
- Written off	1,737	1,848	4,660	2,868
Allowance for losses on				
commitments and contingencies				
- Made in the financial period	292	-	421	75
- Written back	(206)	(17)	(1,206)	(540)
	32,815	5,905	46,542	22,792

# 24 Capital Adequacy

	30 Jun 2006	21 D 2005
		31 Dec 2005
	RM'000	RM'000
Tier 1 capital		
Paid-up ordinary share capital	114,500	114,500
Share premium	741,375	741,375
Capital redemption reserve	190,000	190,000
Retained profit	1,264,404	1,125,629
Other reserves	114,500	114,500
	2,424,779	2,286,004
Less: Deferred tax assets	(99,179)	(91,887)
Intangible assets	(16,090)	(5,228)
Total Tier 1 capital	2,309,510	2,188,889
Tier 2 capital		
Revaluation reserves	72,507	72,507
General allowance for bad and doubtful debts and financing	356,100	327,200
Total Tier 2 capital	428,607	399,707
Total capital	2,738,117	2,588,596
Less: Investment in subsidiaries	(21)	(21)
Capital base *	2,738,096	2,588,575

# 24 Capital Adequacy (Contd.)

Core capital ratio	9.3%	9.8%
Risk-weighted capital ratio	11.1%	11.5%
Core capital ratio (net of proposed dividend)	8.7%	9.1%
Risk-weighted capital ratio (net of proposed dividend)	10.4%	10.9%

Breakdown of gross risk-weighted assets in the various categories of risk-weights:

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	<b>30 J</b> i	un 2006	31 Dec 2005		
	Principal Risk-weighted		Principal	Risk-weighted	
	<b>RM'000</b>	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	RM'000	
0%	10,305,258	-	10,475,706	-	
10%	296,895	29,690	399,528	39,953	
20%	3,143,764	628,753	3,158,802	631,760	
50%	8,253,655	4,126,828	7,715,056	3,857,528	
100%	19,089,774	19,089,774	17,337,032	17,337,032	
Total risk-weighted assets					
equivalent for market risk	-	898,745		553,272	
	41,089,346	24,773,790	39,086,124	22,419,545	

\* Profit after tax of RM288.8 million for the current half year of which RM281.5 million was included in the capital base, was subject to a limited review by the external auditors in accordance with Technical Bulletin 4 issued by the Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

# 25 Commitments and Contingencies

			Group ar	nd Bank		
		30 Jun 2006			31 Dec 2005	
		Credit	Risk		Credit	Risk
	Principal	equivalent	weighted	Principal	equivalent	weighted
	amount	amount *	amount	amount	amount *	amount
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000
Direct credit substitutes	730,597	730,597	687,972	610,872	610,872	571,773
Transaction-related contingent						
items	1,920,115	960,058	933,694	1,883,990	941,995	916,181
Short-term self-liquidating trade-						
related contingencies	345,530	69,106	62,584	259,019	51,804	46,555
Irrevocable commitments to						
extend credit:						
<ul> <li>Maturity not exceeding one</li> </ul>						
year	15,999,809	-	-	15,131,142	-	-
- Maturity exceeding one year	1,685,533	842,767	842,767	1,298,798	649,399	649,399
Foreign exchange related						
contracts:						
- Less than one year	17,873,859	276,148	106,960	11,751,863	228,029	88,034
- One year to less than five years	1,483,343	107,906	38,302	1,818,966	137,126	54,254
Interest rate related contracts:						
- Less than one year	6,765,213	21,259	6,145	2,768,837	7,667	2,341
- One year to less than five years	12,062,628	308,449	123,584	11,166,070	289,349	124,080
- Five years and above	1,256,314	79,731	38,566	976,309	60,427	28,417
Others	311,466	145,892	131,941	50,994	12,166	8,835
	60,434,407	3,541,913	2,972,515	47,716,860	2,988,834	2,489,869

\* The credit equivalent amount is arrived at using the credit conversion factors as per Bank Negara Malaysia guidelines.

#### 26 Interest/ Profit Rate Risk

The Bank is exposed to various risks associated with the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing level of market interest rates on its financial position and cash flows. The following table summarises the Bank's exposure to interest rate risk. The assets and liabilities at carrying amount are allocated to time bands by reference to the earlier of the next contractual repricing dates and maturity dates.

+	Non-trading book						Effective		
Bank 30 Jun 2006	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1 - 3 months RM'000	>3 - 12 months RM'000	1 - 5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000	Non-interest sensitive RM'000	Trading book RM'000	Total RM'000	interest rate %
ASSETS Cash and short term funds Securities purchased	6,323,117	-	-	-	-	306,901	-	6,630,018	3.80
under resale agreements	803,941	825,693	-	-	-	-	-	1,629,634	3.67
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial institutions Securities held-for-trading	-	696,745 -		22,109	-		- 568,196	718,854 568,196	3.85 3.91
Securities available-for-sale Loans, advances and	134,020	816,143	822,719	1,400,595	17,757	45,384	-	3,236,618	3.59
financing - performing - non-performing *	17,256,234	1,684,705 -	1,267,939	1,594,516 -	483,212	711,395 261,367	-	22,998,001 261,367	6.89 -
Others	-	-	-	-	-	1,402,186	426,352	1,828,538	-
Total Assets	24,517,312	4,023,286	2,090,658	3,017,220	500,969	2,727,233	994,548	37,871,226	
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS									-
Deposits from customers Deposits and placements	13,687,868	4,038,937	6,378,860	344,296	168,569	4,706,059	-	29,324,589	2.78
of banks and other financial institutions Obligation on securities sold under repurchase	1,180,288	269,063	37,819	6,400	2,927	474,752	-	1,971,249	3.57
agreements Bills and acceptances	1,536,977	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,536,977	2.89
payable Recourse obligation on loans	53,161	91,738	9,743	-	-	270,376	-	425,018	2.92
sold to Cagamas Berhad Others	-	-	-	612,044 -	334,072	- 839,838	- 286,120	946,116 1,125,958	4.57
Total Liabilities Shareholders' funds	16,458,294 -	4,399,738	6,426,422	962,740 -	505,568 -	6,291,025 2,541,319	286,120	35,329,907 2,541,319	-
Total Liabilities and									-
Shareholders' funds	16,458,294	4,399,738	6,426,422	962,740	505,568	8,832,344	286,120	37,871,226	-
On-balance sheet interest sensitivity gap Off-balance sheet interest sensitivity gap	8,059,018	(376,452)	(4,335,764)	2,054,480	(4,599)	(6,105,111)	708,428		
Interest rate contracts - futures	-	169,960	(71,913)	(98,047)	-	-	-	-	
- options - swaps	720,598 (1,000,628)	251,965 89,310	(136,702) 444,789	(835,861) 505,812	- (19,800)	-	-	- 19,483	
Total interest sensitivity gap	7,778,988	134,783	(4,099,590)	1,626,384	(24,399)	(6,105,111)	708,428	19,483	-
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# 26 Interest/ Profit Rate Risk (continued)

•			<ul> <li>Non-trading</li> </ul>	book —		<b></b>			Effective
Bank 31 Dec 2005	Up to 1 month RM'000	>1 - 3 months RM'000	>3 - 12 months RM'000	1 - 5 years RM'000	Over 5 years RM'000	Non-interest sensitive RM'000	Trading book RM'000	Total RM'000	interest rate %
ASSETS									
Cash and short term funds Securities purchased	7,364,991	-	-	-		345,611	-	7,710,602	3.20
under resale agreements	1,123,087	160,613	166,060	-	-	-	-	1,449,760	3.00
Deposits and placements with banks and other financial									
institutions	-	479,942	-	-	-	-	- 703.727	479,942	3.22
Securities held-for-trading Securities available-for-sale Loans, advances and	331,223	816,071	642,419	1,431,880	20,135	43,007		703,727 3,284,735	3.57 3.53
financing - performing	16,368,497	1,642,167	514,933	1,177,644	760,572	647,210	-	21,111,023	6.02
- non-performing *	-	-	-	-	-	365,683	-	365,683	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	1,209,356	231,433	1,440,789	
Total Assets	25,187,798	3,098,793	1,323,412	2,609,524	780,707	2,610,867	935,160	36,546,261	_
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS									
Deposits from customers Deposits and placements	12,929,993	4,521,310	5,691,566	325,798	167,934	4,680,771	-	28,317,372	2.63
of banks and other financial institutions	1,013,316	179,499	358,641	6,562	2,422	394,359	-	1,954,799	2.80
Obligation on securities sold under repurchase									
agreements Bills and acceptances	1,617,617	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,617,617	2.50
payable	40,079	88,972	7,269	-	-	339,620	-	475,940	2.71
Recourse obligation on loans sold to Cagamas Berhad	-	-	-	439,904	348,027	-	-	787,931	4.57
Others	-	-	-	-	-	662,159	310,074	972,233	-
Total Liabilities Shareholders' funds	15,601,005	4,789,781	6,057,476	772,264	518,383	6,076,909 2,420,369	310,074	34,125,892 2,420,369	-
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' funds	15,601,005	4,789,781	6,057,476	772,264	518,383	8,497,278	310,074	36,546,261	_
On-balance sheet interest sensitivity gap Off-balance sheet interest	9,586,793	(1,690,988)	(4,734,064)	1,837,260	262,324	(5,886,411)	625,086	-	-
sensitivity gap Interest rate contracts									
- futures	-	150,267	(228,267)	78,000	-	-	-	-	
- options - swaps	(243,130) (715,538)	8,100 288,501	- 5,967	454,330 432,121	(219,300) (9,800)	-	-	1,251	
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Total interest sensitivity gap	8,628,125	(1,244,120)	(4,956,364)	2,801,711	33,224	(5,886,411)	625,086	1,251	-

\* This is arrived at after deducting specific allowance from non-performing loans.

# 27 Operations of Islamic Banking

# Unaudited Condensed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2006 (4 Jamadilakhir 1427)

	Note	30 Jun 2006 RM'000	31 Dec 2005 RM'000
Assets			
Cash and short term funds		1,513,535	1,157,855
Deposits and placements with banks			
and other financial institutions		-	90,000
Securities available-for-sale		1,025,637	1,026,595
Financing, advances and other loans	(a)	2,773,567	2,853,518
Other assets	<i>(c)</i>	79,836	13,666
Statutory deposits with Bank Negara Malaysia		83,300	98,500
Equipment		282	342
Intangible assets		824	1,089
Deferred tax asset		17,798	13,737
Total Assets		5,494,779	5,255,302
Liabilities			
Deposits from customers	<i>(d)</i>	3,885,072	3,512,422
Deposits and placements of banks		, ,	, ,
and other financial institutions		117,210	270,124
Bills and acceptances payable		5,200	-
Other liabilities	( <i>e</i> )	955,933	946,987
Provision for taxation and zakat		10,459	20,680
Total liabilities		4,973,874	4,750,213
Jalancia Danking Canital Fund			
Islamic Banking Capital Fund Funds allocated from Head Office		430,000	430,000
Reserves		430,000 90,905	430,000 75,089
Reserves		90,905	75,089
Islamic Banking Capital Funds		520,905	505,089
Total Liabilities and Islamic Banking Capital Funds		5,494,779	5,255,302
Commitments and Contingencies		307,786	241,408

# 27 Operations of Islamic Banking (continued)

# Unaudited Condensed Income Statement for the half year ended 30 June 2006 (4 Jamadilakhir 1427)

	2nd quarter ended		Half year ended		
	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	
	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	RM'000	
Income derived from investment of	<				
depositors' funds and others	62,905	31,237	115,247	60,472	
Allowance for losses on financing	(1,613)	(7,208)	(496)	(9,789)	
Profit equalisation reserve	-	-	(3,000)	(200)	
Total distributable income	61,292	24,029	111,751	50,483	
Income attributable to depositors	(39,742)	(20,226)	(74,363)	(39,691)	
Income attributable to the Bank	21,550	3,803	37,388	10,792	
Income derived from investment of					
Islamic banking capital funds	11,036	6,835	20,359	13,467	
Total net income	32,586	10,638	57,747	24,259	
Other operating expenses	(18,220)	(807)	(22,908)	(1,811)	
Profit before taxation and zakat	14,366	9,831	34,839	22,448	
Taxation and zakat	(4,211)	(3,105)	(9,898)	(6,408)	
Profit after taxation and zakat	10,155	6,726	24,941	16,040	

# 27 Operations of Islamic Banking (continued)

(a) Financing, advances and other loans(i) By type

By type		
	30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Term financing		
- House financing	112,673	113,141
- Hire purchase receivables	146,677	110,885
- Lease receivables	37,678	49,224
- Other term financing	1,102,072	843,590
Claims on customers under acceptance credits	1,558,463	1,927,977
Credit/ charge cards	1,495	1,409
Less: Unearned income	(135,007)	(141,321)
	2,824,051	2,904,905
Less: Allowance for bad and doubtful financing:		
- General	(44,370)	(43,770)
- Specific	(6,114)	(7,617)
Total net financing, advances and other loans	2,773,567	2,853,518

#### (b) Non-Performing Financing (NPF)

# (i) Movements in non-performing financing, advances and other loans (including income receivables)

	receivables)		
		30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
		<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
	At beginning of period/year	12,805	16,921
	Classified as non-performing during the period/ year	4,573	5,409
	Reclassified as performing	(274)	(346)
	Amount recovered	(2,415)	(2,520)
	Amount written off	(1,598)	(6,659)
	At end of period/year	13,091	12,805
	Specific allowance	(6,114)	(7,617)
	Net non-performing financing, advances and other loans	6,977	5,188
	Ratio of net non-performing financing, advances and other loans		
	to net financing, advances and other loans	0.3%	0.2%
( <b>ii</b> )	Movements in allowance for bad and doubtful financing	30 Jun 2006 RM'000	31 Dec 2005 RM'000
	General allowance		
	At beginning of period/year	43,770	27,509
	Allowance made during the period/year	600	16,261
	At end of period/year	44,370	43,770
	As % of total financing less specific allowance	1.5%	1.5%
	Specific allowance		
	At beginning of period/year	7,617	10,305
	Allowance made during the period/year	4,050	4,870
	Amount recovered	(4,039)	(936)
	Amount written off	(1,514)	(6,622)
	At end of period/year	6,114	7,617

#### 27 Operations of Islamic Banking (continued)

$\frac{27}{(c)}$	Other Assets		
		30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
		RM'000	RM'000
	Settlement due from Head Office	71,080	4,655
	Income receivable	8,683	8,677
	Other receivables, deposits and prepayments	73	334
		79,836	13,666
( <b>d</b> )	Deposits from Customers		
(i)	By type of deposit		
		30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
		RM'000	RM'000
	Non-Mudharabah Fund		
	- Demand deposits	37,985	38,948
	- Savings deposits	230,697	157,048
		268,682	195,996
	Mudharabah Fund		
	- General investment deposits	3,616,390	3,316,426
		3,885,072	3,512,422
(e)	Other Liabilities		
		30 Jun 2006	31 Dec 2005
		<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
	Special placement deposits by Head Office	920,792	920,791
	Profit equalisation reserve	4,700	1,700
	Profit payable	18,862	10,178
	Other creditors and accruals	11,579	14,318
		955,933	946,987

# (f) Income from Islamic Banking Operations

For consolidation with the conventional operations, income from Islamic banking operations comprises the following items:

	2nd quar	ter ended	Half year ended		
	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	30 Jun 2006	30 Jun 2005	
	RM'000	RM'000	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000	
Income derived from investment					
of depositors' funds and others	62,905	31,237	115,247	60,472	
Profit equalisation reserve	-	-	(3,000)	(200)	
Income attributable to the depositors	(39,742)	(20,226)	(74,363)	(39,691)	
Income attributable to special					
placement deposits by Head					
Office	8,214	6,405	15,473	12,700	
	31,377	17,416	53,357	33,281	
Income derived from investment of					
Islamic Banking capital funds	11,036	6,835	20,359	13,467	
	42,413	24,251	73,716	46,748	

# 28 Change in Accounting Policy Change in Accounting Policy

During the half year ended 30 June 2006, the Bank adopted a new accounting standard, FRS 2 on Share-based Payment. FRS 2 requires companies to adopt a fair-value-based method of accounting for share-based compensation plans which takes into account vesting conditions related to market performance, for example total shareholder return. Under this method, compensation cost is measured at the date of grant based on the assessed value of the award and is recognised over the service period, which is usually the vesting period. The fair value of share options granted is to be recognised in the income statement.

The change in accounting policy has been accounted for by restating comparatives and adjusting the opening balance of retained profit as at 1 January 2005 as disclosed in Note 29(a) and the Statement of Changes in Equity respectively.

#### **Prior Year Adjustments**

The change in accounting policy as described above was applied retrospectively and has the following cumulative impact on the opening retained profit of the Bank:

	31 Dec 2005
	RM'000
At 31 December 2005, as previously stated	991,840
Effect of adopting FRS 2	(16,211)
As at 31 December 2005, as restated	975,629

# 29 Comparative Figures

The presentation and classification of items in the current half year financial statements have been consistent with the previous financial period/year except for the following:

(a) Changes in accounting policy explained in Note 28.

	Group		Bank	
	As restated RM'000	As previously stated RM'000	As restated RM'000	As previously stated RM'000
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2005				
Securities available-for-sale	3,284,735	3,277,490	3,284,735	3,277,490
Other assets	371,825	376,829	371,825	376,829
Deferred tax asset	59,851	53,547	59,851	53,547
Other liabilities	942,517	917,761	942,517	917,761
Reserves	2,155,869	2,172,080	2,155,869	2,172,080

#### 29 Comparative Figures (Contd.)

(a) Changes in accounting policy explained in Note 28.

	Group and Bank As previously	
	As restated	stated
	RM'000	RM'000
Income Statement for the half financial year ended 30 June 2005		
Other operating expenses	359,596	355,260
Profit before allowance	359,054	363,390
Profit before taxation and zakat	336,262	340,598
Profit attributable to shareholders	240,391	243,513
Earnings per RM0.50 share	105.0 sen	106.3 sen

#### (b) Reclassification to conform to current years' presentation

	Group	Group and Bank	
		As previously	
	As restated	stated	
	RM'000	RM'000	
Balance Sheet			
as at 31 December 2005			
Property, plant and equipment	304,916	310,144	
Intangible assets	5,228		

#### 30 Capital Commitments

	Group and Bank	
	<b>30 Jun 2006</b>	31 Dec 2005
	<b>RM'000</b>	RM'000
Authorised and contracted for	20,815	9,037
Authorised but not contracted for	8,897	4,002
	29,712	13,039

#### **31** Review of Performance

The Bank registered a 22.9% increase in profit before tax to RM413.1 million, against RM336.3 million for the corresponding period last year. The higher profit was attributed to all-round improvements in net interest income (+RM79.5 million or 20.4%) due to higher margins, other operating income (+RM80.3 million or 28.5%) principally from higher foreign exchange gains benefitting from the de-peg of USD/RM, and income from Islamic banking operations (+RM27.0 million or 57.8%). Profit before allowance grew by RM100.6 million or 28.0% despite higher other operating expenses. Allowance for losses on loans and financing increased by RM23.8 million to RM46.5 million as compared to previous corresponding period due to additional provision made to comply with Central Bank's guidelines on provisioning for non performing loans falling between 5-7 years and above 7 years.

Net loans expanded by RM1,782.6 million or 8.3% during the first half of the year whilst net non-performing loans ratio improved further to 1.1%, compared to 1.7% as at 31 December 2005.

# 32 Business Prospects

The world and regional economic growth in the first half of 2006 remain resilient in the face of sustained high oil prices and is expected to continue to remain positive for the second half of 2006. In this favourable external environnment coupled with strong private sector demand and financial fundamentals, it is envisaged that Malaysia's GDP will continue to grow by 5.3% to 6.0% annually for the second half of 2006 although inflationary pressure due to high oil prices is expected to remain.

We expect the Ringgit to continue to appreciate against the USD albeit at a slow pace in second half of 2006. Despite the rise in the overnight policy rate (OPR) from 3.00% to 3.25% on February 2006 and to 3.5% in April 2006 respectively, our economy remains accommodative given the ample liquidity and availability of reasonably priced credit facilities. The recent implementation of the Ninth Malaysia Plan will be the engine for economic growth in a wide range of sectors. We are well positioned to leverage on any potential opportunities.

Under the liberalisation of the banking industry, we have obtained Bank Negara Malaysia's approval to open four additional branches in second half of 2006 which will provide a further platform for growth in all our customer segments and improve our geographical reach.

Barring any unforseen circumstances, the Bank expects to register satisfactory performance for the current financial year.