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## Chairman's Letter

#### Hon. Ratu Jone Yavala Kubuabola The Minister of Finance

Dear Minister,

I have much pleasure in submitting the annual report and accounts of the Fiji Development Bank for the financial year ended 30th June 2002.

Despite a weak economic environment, net profit for the year increased to \$696,383. The result can be largely attributed to prudent management and tight control on costs.

Development financing is a specialised area of banking with the main emphasis on promoting growth and diversification of the economy.

This often involves assisting

those who might not normally qualify for commercial bank credit and the Bank is grateful for Government's support in this regard, through equity financing, interest subsidies, guarantees and capital injection for its various schemes, during the year.

The Bank continues to face increased competition within the banking industry. Plans are underway to make the Bank more competitive in terms of improving and extending more services to clients.

In March 2002, the Board of Directors' term expired and a new board was appointed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Chairman, Ratu Timoci Vesikula for his leadership and dedicated service to the Bank. I would also like to thank former board members, Messrs. Padam Lala, Alfred Hazelman, Maika Qarikau, Peceli Vocea, Too Ying Koong, Jay Lal and Ratu Lepani Tagicakibau for

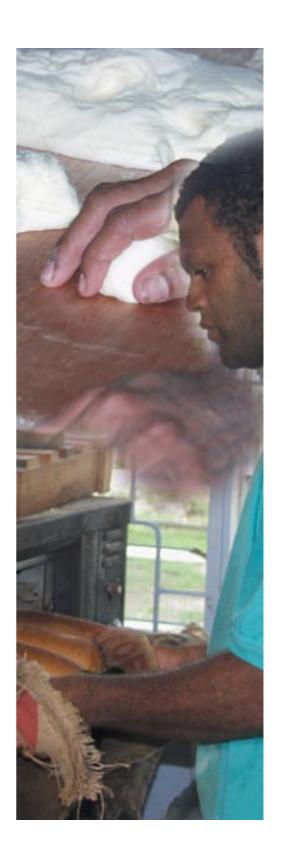
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their diligence, commitment and invaluable contributions displayed through their efforts to guide the Bank through extremely difficult economic conditions. However, I am sure that the vast amount of expertise and experience that my colleagues, the new directors, bring will be of great value as we guide the Bank through challenging conditions over the next three years.

Finally, the Board wishes to express its thanks to management and employees of the Bank for their efforts and commitment during the year.

Navitalai Naisoro
Chairman



## Managing Director's Report

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Bank achieved a net profit of \$696,383 for the year ended 30th June 2002. This was higher than that recorded the previous year and was largely due to savings in cost of borrowings.

Interest income was \$31.6 million, as against \$32.4 million in 2001. The decreased business activities reflected in the decline in portfolio from \$327.5 million in 2001 to \$293.3 million in 2002 was the contributing factor. Interest return, however, improved from 9.8 percent in June 2001 to 10.2 percent in June 2002 indicating an improvement in the quality of existing accounts.

Approval was granted for 1,019 loans valued at \$24.4 million compared to 1,751 approvals worth \$50.4 million for the previous year. A combination of low investor confidence, expiring ALTA leases and cautious lending by the Bank caused this change.

Total borrowings to fund the Bank's operations decreased from \$235.9 million in June 2001 to \$193.5 million in June 2002. Surplus of loan collections against disbursements contributed to this improvement. Cost

of borrowings declined from

\$17.7 million to \$15.3 million in June 2002.

Interest spread, the difference between return on average earning assets and the weighted average cost of borrowing, was 2.5 percent in June 2002 compared to 2.0 percent the previous year. Earnings spread, measuring the return on overall operations and the weighted-average cost of borrowing, improved to 3.3 percent compared to 2.8 percent in June 2001.

Administrative costs totaled \$9.3 million. Administrative costs in the previous year were lower because of cost control measures put in place by management following the political and economic crisis during 2000.

#### AGRICULTURAL LOANS

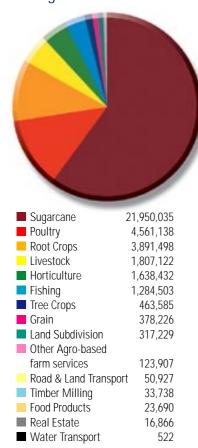
Lending to the agricultural sector has always been one of the Bank's central functions. The Bank continued to provide finance for many small-scale farmers who may not otherwise have access to credit. Despite lending difficulties related to the uncertainty over land leasing arrangements, the Bank continues to maintain a substantial agricultural portfolio.

At the end of June 2002, the FDB had 3,211 agricultural accounts worth \$36.5 million, a decrease over the previous year. However, these advances still form a higher percentage of the agricultural market than those held by any other financial institution. The Bank's agricultural portfolio represented 51.11 percent of the total number of loans and 12.46 percent of the Bank's overall portfolio value.

During the year, approvals were granted for 574 agricultural accounts worth \$3.3

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### Agricultural Portfolio



million, compared to 1,064 accounts valued at \$6.4 million the previous year. The sugarcane sector received the most assistance with loans of \$2.1 million for 458 projects.

Lending to the agricultural sector is expected to increase in the new year with the establishment of the Government initiated Seed Capital Revolving Fund (SCARF) scheme targeted at fishing and forest based projects.

Furthermore, recent dialogue to secure the extension of ALTA leases is expected to have a positive impact on the agricultural portfolio in the future.

## INDIGENOUS LOANS SCHEME (CLFS)

The FDB has made substantial commitments in terms of finance,



management expertise, advice and training to the national effort to promote the involvement of indigenous Fijians in business. The Commercial Loans to Fijians Scheme was introduced in 1975. It was later broadened to include other eligible members of the minority general electors' communities.

The Bank's indigenous loan portfolio presently has 1,009 accounts valued at \$72.4 million.

Approvals under the scheme totalled 216 accounts worth \$5.2 million. This was 21.2 percent of the total number of bank approvals and 21.5 percent of the total value of approvals. Projects in the Transport and Communication sector received the most assistance in terms of dollar value.

Suspension of lending for taxis in the Suva-Nausori corridor and Labasa, freight transport and investment for rental of executive homes continues, as annual reviews of these sectors indicate no significant improvement in performance.

The Bank encourages potential clients to attend business management training courses held by the Small Business Advisory Unit of the Ministry of Commerce, in an effort to assist would-be applicants to acquire commercial skills and greater understanding of the principles of business.

### INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL LOANS

Industrial and commercial lending is of critical importance to the Bank. It is one of FDB's main sources of earnings covering activities ranging from real estate, manufacturing and owner-occupied home loans, to transport and communication,

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### Historical Performance Trend - Target



wholesale and retail, professional and other business services.

The industrial and commercial portfolio consists of 747 projects worth \$165.9 million. This is 11.9 percent of the FDB's total number of loans and 56.6 percent of the total value of portfolio.

Approvals during the year amounted to 51 loans valued at \$12.8 million, compared to 80 loans valued at \$23.2 million in 2001. Projects in the Wholesale, Retail and Restaurant sectors received the most assistance in terms of dollar value.

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION

The Division has developed specialist expertise for assisting clients with financial and management difficulties. In a conventional commercial banking context, many such clients would more than likely be forced to foreclose. For the FDB, mortgagee sales and receiverships is the last resort. As a development Banker, the Bank devotes significant resources to 'rescue' strategies, especially when the companies involved employ significant

numbers of people and have the potential to contribute to the national economic growth.

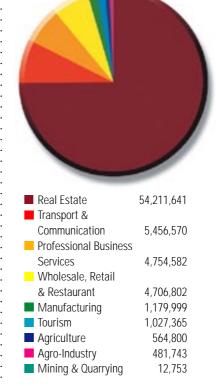
The Division specialises in loan rehabilitation, asset management, and financial and advisory services designed to assist companies to regain viability and become successful.

At the end of June 2002, the Division's portfolio was 32 accounts worth \$31.9 million, a slight decrease from last year.

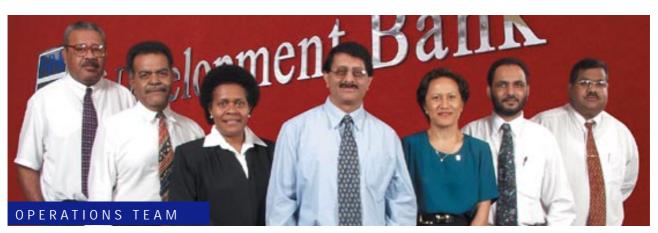
### SMALL BUSINESS SCHEME (SBS)

The Government initiated Small Business Scheme was launched in October 2000 with the objective of providing subsidised loans to other communities who do not qualify under the current Special Loans Scheme for Fijians, Rotumans and eligible General Electors, and have very little opportunity to source funds from other institutions due to risks associated with small loans. It targets small to medium existing or new enterprises, with an annual turnover of up to \$50,000.

## Commercial Loans to Fijians Scheme (CLFS) Portfolio



During the year, 145 approvals worth \$0.9 million were made for projects in this category, mostly in Wholesale, Retail and Restaurant sector. The total portfolio for the scheme was 408 accounts worth \$2.8 million.



From left: Ilisoni Taoba, Joeli Senikuta, Salote Tavainavesi, Umarji Musa, Kiji Leqa, Khalid Hussein, Brij Lal

## SMALL BUSINESS EQUITY SCHEME (SBES)

Established in April 2001, the SBES caters for Fiji citizens interested in establishing small businesses but unable to meet the Bank's equity contribution requirement of 20 percent of total project cost.

Funds are accessible through the Commercial Loans to Fijians Scheme (CLFS) and the Small Business Scheme (SBS) loans. Under the CLFS, eligible indigenous Fijians and Rotumans have access to an equity grant if the business has an annual gross income and/or assets of \$100,000 or below. Maximum equity per project is \$20,000 and applicants must have at least a certificate in basic business management. Under SBS, the maximum equity available is \$10,000.

During the year, 161

were in the Wholesale, Retail and Restaurant sectors.

## ECONOMIC REHABILITATION PACKAGE (ERP)

Following the events of May 2000, the Interim Government decided that emergency fund assistance be made available to repair the damage caused to commercial property and businesses as a result of the civil disorder, through the Economic Rehabilitation Package. The FDB was chosen to administer this financial package for those who had suffered. It featured significant interest rate subsidies, credit guarantees and repayment moratoriums.

The assistance targeted commercial ventures in Suva's central business district, and in the Korovou, Levuka and Rakiraki areas. Manufacturers affected by trade

Small Business Scheme Portfolio



this package. Later, bus and airline operators were also eligible for the ERP.

During the year a total of 4 loans with a value of \$0.5 million were approved. As at June 2002, the ERP portfolio stood at 76 accounts worth \$7.6 million.

## SEED CAPITAL REVOLVING FUND (SCARF)

Established in April 2002, the Seed Capital Revolving Fund (SCARF) was initiated by Government as part of its

affirmative action programme for the indigenous communities. The objective of the fund is to encourage those interested in establishing businesses specifically in the eco-tourism, fishing and forestry sectors.





The scheme provides financial assistance to those who are unable to meet the Bank's 35 percent of total project cost equity requirement. Successful applicants enjoy an interest free loan for up to 25 percent of the total project cost from SCARF. The applicant must meet the remaining 10 percent as his own contribution. However, there are limits on the SCARF

component depending on the project type. The client also enjoys a subsidised interest rate of 8 percent for the remainder of the loan. Furthermore, SCARF for eco-tourism projects is limited to those businesses with an annual turnover of less than \$100,000. The Government provided the Bank with \$2 million for forestry, \$1 million for fishing and \$1.5 million for eco-tourism.

An additional requirement for these borrowers is that they must have completed a financial training course at a recognised training centre or have five years experience in operating a business at supervisory level.

Moreover, for necessary technical inputs, business proposals, depending on the project type, are either screened by the Ministry of Fisheries and Forests or the Ministry of Tourism before being submitted to the Bank for consideration.

#### **CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE**

The improvement of customer services has been one of the Bank's top priorities in recent years. The Customer Service Centre,



From left: Nafitalai Cakacaka and Isoa Kaloumaira. Inset: Deve Toganivalu

#### Industrial Portfolio



Real Estate	58,734,923
■ Tourism	28,120,806
Wholesale, Retail	
& Restaurant	24,863,876
Agro-Industry	18,368,908
Manufacturing	16,166,336
Transport & Communication	12,345,479
Professional Business Services	4,490,272
Agriculture	2,028,297
Land Subdivision	516,144
Mining & Quarrying	314,926

a response by management to meeting customer needs, commenced operations on Monday, 11th March 2002 at the head office.

The Centre was established with the objective of streamlining operations to provide more efficient services to clients. Loan enquiries are directed to the Centre and are only handed over to the lending centres when they reach the application stage. The new set up will not only provide more efficient service to clients at the preliminary stage, but will allow the lending managers and portfolio officers more time to concentrate on quality appraisal and portfolio management.

With a staff complement of nine, ranging from a manager to a clerical officer (all of whom have undergone intensive training on customer interaction), the Centre is well-equipped to attend to all customer enquiries and requests efficiently.

Up until the end of June 2002, the Centre had attended to 6,682 customer enquiries, of which, 430 were loan enquiries valued at \$19.1 million. Of the loan enquiries, 313 worth \$9.4 million were





encouraged to submit loan applications while the remaining 117 enquiries worth \$9.8 million were discouraged. Those discouraged did not satisfy the requirements of the policy guidelines.

#### FDB NOMINEES LIMITED

FDB Nominees Limited, an FDB subsidiary, was incorporated to perform certain functions beyond the Bank's normal range of activities. These services, mainly in the area of management support and advice, are available only to FDB clients.

During the year, the company worked with clients in the manufacturing, real estate and information technology sectors. It also provided secretariat services for the Association of Development Financing Institutions in the Pacific (ADFIP). The secretariat's main functions are to coordinate activities for meetings of organisations from member countries as well as maintaining books of accounts and administering ADFIP's finances.

FDB Nominees Limited plan to vigorously pursue more clients in the new year.

## NEW ZEALAND SMALL LOANS SCHEME (NZSLS)

The New Zealand Small Loans Scheme was established in April 1989 with New Zealand Government assistance. The objective of the scheme is to provide soft loans for the establishment of income generating projects, particularly for the benefit of rural women.

Loans of up to \$10,000 are provided with a 12 percent interest rate, and a maximum loan term of five years. Clients are also



From left: Jimione Raiwalui, Kee Fong, Anjna Deb, Akanisi Fatafehi

expected to contribute 20 percent of the projects cost and the Bank normally takes security over any tangible asset financed.

Initially, administration of the scheme was confined to the Bank's head office in Suva. It was decentralised to other branches in 1999 to make this facility more

#### **Human Resources**

The Bank recognises that its human resources are a key factor in its progress. Its current Human Resource Plan outlines strategies on staff development, organisation and training.

Marked competition for human resources

1999 focussed on developing customer service and winning a competitive edge for the FDB. The results of the programme were evident in contributing to the maintenance of customer relations following the economic downturn after the political crisis. The programme has



accessible to rural areas. Projects funded include retailing, tailoring and screen-printing, nursery and cut flowers, handicraft production and retail, beauty and hairdressing salons and restaurants.

For the year ended 30th June 2002, 30 projects with a value of \$100,180 were approved under the scheme. The total portfolio currently stands at 192 accounts worth \$0.4 million.

#### **CORPORATE SERVICES**

The Corporate Services Group comprises Human Resources, Training and Development, Occupational Health and Safety in the work place and Premises.

is not only experienced from local counterparts but internationally as well. The Bank continued to experience a high staff turnover mainly due to emigration. Reorganising and reassigning of tasks have resulted in efficiencies and savings in costs. The Bank operated with only 233 staff despite an approved staff complement of 261.

The revision of the non-recruitment policy last year saw the recruitment of a number of new loans officer trainees. Recruits underwent a six-month training programme covering all aspects of the Bank's operations.

### Embarking on a Change Program

The Change programme introduced in

resulted in the shortening of decisionmaking times, more flexible interest rates and the upgrading of the head office premises not only to establish a new customer service centre but also to promote a more professional and productive work environment.

#### Training and Development

FDB places much emphasis on continuous training of its staff. The Training Department provides training and professional development courses according to staff and organisational needs.

During the year, the staff training programme included in-house courses, local external courses, overseas external



courses, induction programmes for new recruits and transfers, training attachments and university studies. The Department conducted 16 in-house courses, 2 induction programmes, coordinated 24 local external courses, whilst six managers attended overseas courses.

The Bank continues to provide training attachments for officers from other development banks in the region. Towards the latter part of the year, the Bank provided a six-month attachment for a senior officer of the Development Bank of Palau. It also continues to provide work experience attachments to Fiji Institute of Technology graduating students.

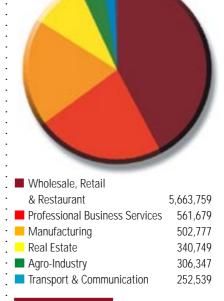
The Bank also sponsored three middle management staff members for full-time studies to complete their degree programmes at the University of the South Pacific, as part of its career development strategies.

Every three years, the Training Department conducts a Training Needs Analysis Survey to assess and identify the training needs of its staff and the organisation. During the year, one such survey was carried out. Based on the results of this survey, a three-year training programme for all staff was prepared and will be implemented from the new financial year.

### Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

The Bank's Occupational Health and Safety Committee continued to ensure that the work place is as safe as possible. The committee meets monthly to review progress on safety and health issues and plans to produce a manual for OHS

## Economic Rehabilitation Package Portfolio



procedures and policies by the end of the year. The Bank also employs an accredited OHS officer to coordinate its OHS programme and ensure compliance with statutory requirements. The officer is the secretary to the OHS committee.

#### **Premises**

The Premises section is responsible for the management of the Bank's properties, including buildings, vehicles, furniture and equipment. Asset maintenance and replacement is an important function to ensure that costs are maintained within budget. Staff accommodation for those who are transferred to branches outside their usual places of residence is another responsibility of the department. Due to the high cost of maintenance, the Bank sold a number of its residential properties, preferring to lease accommodation for its officers and thus shifting the responsibility and cost of maintenance to the property owners.

The major project undertaken during the year was the renovation of head office in Suva. The project started in November 2001 with major renovations completed at the end of June 2002. The first three levels of the FDB Centre were renovated, as well as the public areas of the remaining three levels which are currently rented out. The establishment of the new Customer Service Centre on the ground floor was also included in the renovations.

of a loan. It also has a Tender and Recovery Department that organises mortgagee sales of secured items where necessary and coordinates legal proceedings against defaulting customers.

## PLANNING, RESEARCH AND MARKETING (PRM)

The year under review was an extremely busy one for the Planning, Research and Marketing Division. A total of twenty papers

Bank. A marketing strategy to promote FDB's current and new products in 2003 was also developed during the year.

The Division responded to an increasing number of requests locally and from overseas for information about the Bank. It was also instrumental in the preparations of the managers' conference in October 2001 and the DevBank fortnightly newsletter, as well as other advertising and public relations activities.



#### **LEGAL DIVISION**

With the responsibility for ensuring that all securities taken are complete, accurate, fully documented and properly registered, the legal division has a critical part in ensuring the Bank's core activities are conducted in accordance with business and commercial law. All legal security documents for loan advances and lease facilities are prepared in-house.

The Division also has the responsibility for maintaining insurance covers on the assets taken as security throughout the life

were submitted to the Bank's Board of Directors for policy decisions, information, or monitoring purposes.

During the year, the Division, in collaboration with the budget and planning section of the Finance Division, prepared the third Corporate Plan for the Bank. The previous Plan was for the period 2000 to 2002. The new plan covers the 2003 to 2005 period.

Apart from the planning and research functions, the Division also identifies and markets new business opportunities for the

#### CONCLUSION

The financial year saw the end of the three-year Corporate Plan term. During this term, the Bank made satisfactory progress considering the political instability in 2000. To ensure continuity of a business plan, a third Corporate Plan has been developed to guide the Bank for the next three years.

The successful results of the Bank this year has been through the combined effort of staff, management and guidance from the Board. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all.

# Fiji Development Bank's Market Share into Selected Sectors

	Fij	Fiji Total		B Total	FDB as % of Fiji Total	
	No.	(\$'000)	No.	(\$'000)	No.	(\$)
Total Loans & Advances	67,382	1,439,712	6,282	293,282	9.3	20.4
Agriculture	5,312	75,625	3,180	50,696	59.9	67.0
Sugar cane growing	4,355	34,648	2,429	22,005	55.8	63.5
Fisheries	170	4,527	150	2,416	88.2	53.4
Livestock	122	7,761	95	7,066	77.9	91.0
Manufacturing	854	162,874	246	24,617	28.8	15.1
Food, beverages and tobacco	175	71,042	81	8,714	46.3	12.3
Metal products and machinery	169	62,078	77	5,549	45.6	8.9
Building/Construction	258	50,873	29	19,688	11.2	38.7
Hotels/tourism related	52	29,129	18	17,402	34.6	59.7
Real Estate (development)	470	149,689	328	98,565	69.8	65.8
Wholesale/Retail	2,105	416,999	655	48,245	31.1	11.6
Transport & Storage	674	44,252	403	19,152	59.8	43.3
Professional/Business Services	636	36,194	123	4,280	19.3	11.8
Private Individuals	54,509	390,171	933	19,581	1.7	5.0
Private home loans	6,997	302,392	437	19,099	6.2	6.3

**NOTE:** Fiji total refers to total loans and advances outstanding by all commercial banks and the Fiji Development Bank as at 30 June 2002. The Bank's market share into selected sector is highlighted.

## Loans approved July 2001 to June 2002

### **Agricultural Loans**

Subsector	No.	Amount (\$)	% No.	% Amount
Fishing	38	274,468	6.62	8.42
Grain	2	10,290	0.35	0.31
Horticulture	5	23,700	0.87	0.73
Livestock	6	78,220	1.05	2.39
Other Agro based farm & services	3	65,940	0.52	2.02
Poultry	12	201,174	2.09	6.17
Road & Land Transport	2	45,342	0.35	1.39
Root crops	48	481,331	8.36	14.76
Sugarcane	458	2,080,966	79.79	63.81
Totals	574	3,261,430	100.00	100.00

### **Industrial & Commercial Loans**

Subsector	No.	Amount (\$)	% No.	% Amount
Manufacturing	11	2,388,000	21.57	18.60
Professional Business Services	8	760,197	15.69	5.92
Real Estate	16	2,730,547	31.37	21.26
Tourism	1	155,227	1.96	1.20
Transport & Communcation	8	1,586,660	15.69	12.36
Wholesale, Retail, Restaurant	7	5,221,107	13.72	40.66
Totals	51	12,841,738	100.00	100.00

### **Economic Rehabilitation Package (ERP) Loans**

Subsector	No.	Amount (\$)	% No.	% Amount
Transport & Communcation	1	250,000	25.00	54.35
Professional Business Services	1	75,000	25.00	16.30
Manufacturing	2	135,000	50.00	29.35
Totals	4	460,000	100.00	100.00

## Loans approved July 2001 to June 2002 (cont'd)

### Commercial Loans to Fijians Scheme (CLFS)

Subsector	No.	Amount (\$)	% No.	% Amount
Agriculture	3	14,044	1.39	0.27
Agro-Industry	4	203,250	1.85	3.87
Infrastructure	1	33,360	0.46	0.64
Manufacturing	8	345,192	3.70	6.59
Professional Business Services	21	522,854	9.72	9.98
Real Estate	13	978,801	6.01	18.68
Tourism	15	869,861	6.94	16.60
Transport & Communication	45	1,551,513	20.83	29.60
Wholesale, Retail & Restaurant	106	721,995	49.10	13.77
Totals	216	5,240,870	100.00	100.00

#### **Small Business Scheme Loans**

Subsector	No.	Amount (\$)	% No.	% Amount
Agriculture	2	24,539	1.38	2.49
Manufacturing	18	131,923	12.41	13.39
Professional Business Services	32	173,147	22.07	17.57
Real Estate	2	40,080	1.38	4.07
Transport & Communication	13	177,453	8.97	18.01
Wholesale, Retail, Restaurant	78	438,136	53.79	44.47
Totals	145	985,277	100.00	100.00
Leasing	26	977,361		
Working Capital	3	659,000		

GRAND TOTAL 1,019 24,425,676

### **Small Business Equity Scheme Grants**

Subsector	No.	Amount (\$)	% No.	% Amount
Agro-Industry	2	4,950	1.24	2.94
Financial Institutions	3	2,567	1.86	1.52
Manufacturing	10	9,108	6.21	5.41
Professional & Business Services	13	11,071	8.07	6.58
Real Estate	2	10,690	1.24	6.35
Tourism	5	6,804	3.11	4.04
Transport & Communication	29	62,997	18.01	37.43
Wholesale, Retail & Restaurant	97	60,110	60.25	35.72
Totals	161	168,297	100.00	100.00

#### **SUCCESS STORIES**

he First for Fiji

Soqoiwasa Marketing, at first glance, is just like any other shoe-manufacturing factory. But on closer scrutiny, it is peculiar and distinguished. This factory is the first Indigenous Fijian-owned shoe venture of its kind.

opening of his outlet at the Suva Flea Market in 1995.

Spearheading the operations, entrepreneur Soqoiwasa initially adopted a niche marketing strategy, focusing on specially designed sandals for school students. Targeting the secondary school markets such as Queen Victoria, Adi Cakobau, Sila Central and Ballantine Memorial Schools, Soqoiwasa Marketing

Growth has been at a steady rate and is expected to expand progressively. Employees have also increased to 40 compared to 4 when the business was established. To anticipate the demand and subsequent business expansion, Mr Soqoiwasa approached FDB for further funding assistance in 2001.

When interviewed, Mr. Soqoiwasa said "I am very grateful to the Bank for



Proprietor of the business, Mr Inoke
Soqoiwasa, had long planned to establish
his own business, as he wanted to
provide a secure and stable future for his
young family. His 8-years of work
experience as a factory manager at
Footwear Exporters Limited factory was
sufficient background to initiate the
operations of Soqoiwasa Marketing.
With the financial backing of FDB, his
dream was finally fulfilled with the

has enjoyed their loyal services since 1996.

In 1997, the business introduced into the market their new brand of sandals "Lako Tu" to differentiate them from other suppliers and to develop into a household name in Fiji. This product differentiation has attracted demand from renowned local schools like Ratu Kadavulevu School, Levuka Public School and Delana Methodist School.

its support and I will always know that I can rely on them for any further assistance".

Even though Soqoiwasa Marketing faces stiff competition from both local and overseas suppliers, Mr. Soqoiwasa believes he has a competitive edge in terms of price and quality. His determination and competency, has seen him surviving the storm this far.

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#### **SUCCESS STORIES**

## Boomerang, lighting up Suva City

Up-market and eminent local jewelers, Boomerang, with exquisite lighting effects and top-of-the range jewelry and sports accessories, have attracted every passer-by alongside Thompson Street since it re-opened its

door to the public on 13th December 2000.

Previously situated on the opposite side of the road, the company temporarily closed their business after it was looted and burned during the height of the coup. Mr. Jayanti Lal, the director of the business, was a helpless man and had to seriously consider his future in this industry. Still recovering from the pain of losing all his belongings, the hardworking owner was delighted to hear about the Government initiated scheme, the Economic Rehabilitation Package (ERP), which was

administered through FDB. This package aimed to assist businesses that suffered loses during the coup of May 2000.

When interviewed, Mr. Lal appreciatively stated " If it was not for

FDB, Boomerang would not be here today as I was completely crippled after the coup". With the ERP assistance, Mr. LaI was able to purchase new range of items such as Oakley shoes, shorts and t-shirts for the business in addition to the

trademark sunglasses and range of jewellery for which Boomerang is distinguished from in the local market. Goods range from the trendy brand names such as Oakley, Ray Ban, Police and Killer Loop sunglasses to local taste accessories of chains, pendants, rings and watches.

Despite the competition in the industry, Boomerang continues to faithfully meet their repayments as well as operate profitably.

Mr. Lal thanked

the Prime Minister, the Managing Director, and the staff of FDB for introducing the ERP at the most convenient time, thus enabling Boomerang to be where it is today.



## Financial Statements

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report together with the financial statements of Fiji Development Bank ("the Bank") and the consolidated financial statements of the Group, being the Bank and its subsidiary for the year ended 30 June 2002 and the auditors' report thereon.

#### In the opinion of the directors:

There were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Bank or the Group that occurred during the financial year under review not otherwise disclosed in this report or the financial statements; and

The accompanying balance sheets and the statement of changes in equity give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank and of the Group as at 30 June 2002, the accompanying income statement and the statement of cash flows give a true and fair view of the results of the Bank and of the Group for the year then ended.

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Bank during the course of the financial year were providing finance, financial and advisory services to assist in the development of agriculture, commerce and industry in Fiji. There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Bank during the year.

#### Result

The consolidated operating profit after income tax expense for the year ended 30 June 2002 was \$696,383 (2001 - \$301,594).

#### Reserves

The directors recommend that no amounts be transferred to or from reserves.

#### Dividends

The directors recommend that no dividends be declared or paid

#### **Events Subsequent to Balance Date**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item or transaction of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors, to affect significantly the operations of the Bank or its subsidiary, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Bank or its subsidiary in subsequent financial years.

Dated at Suva this 28th day of January 2003.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:

Director

Director



### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF FIJI DEVELOPMENT BANK AND ITS SUBSIDIARY

#### Scope

We have audited the financial statements of the Fiji Development Bank for the financial year ended 30 June 2002, consisting of the balance sheets, income statements, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity and accompanying notes, set out on pages 29 to 43. The financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Bank and the consolidated financial statements of the Group, being the Bank and its subsidiary. The Bank's directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Fiji Standards on Auditing to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion, as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Fiji Accounting Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Bank's and the Group's financial position and the results of their operations and the Group's cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### **Audit Opinion**

In our opinion:

- proper books of account have been kept by the Bank and the Group, so far as appears from our examination of those books; (a)
- (b) the accompanying financial statements which have been prepared under the historical cost convention stated in Note 1 to the accounts:
  - (i) are in agreement with the books of account,
  - (ii) to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us:
- (a) give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank and of the Group as at 30 June 2002 and of the results of the Bank and of the Group and of the cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date;
- (b) give the information required by Section 35 of the Fiji Development Bank Act in the manner so required.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

Suva, Fiji January 2003

**Chartered Accountants** 

### BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2002

	Note	CONSOLIDATED		THI	E BANK
		2002 \$	2001 \$	2002 \$	2001 \$
Capital and reserves					
Capital	2	56,050,636	56,050,636	56,050,636	56,050,636
Reserves	3	8,986,621	9,426,198	8,986,621	9,426,198
Accumulated profits		14,630,380	13,494,420	14,626,372	13,490,177
Total capital and reserves		79,667,637	78,971,254	79,663,629	78,967,011
Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	4	153,858,694	173,662,962	153,858,694	173,662,962
Provisions	5	819,305	805,719	819,305	805,719
Total non-current liabilities		154,677,999	174,468,681	154,677,999	174,468,681
Current liabilities					
Borrowings	4	39,674,675	62,281,448	39,674,675	62,281,448
Provisions	5	490,555	454,754	490,555	454,754
Accounts payable and accruals	6	10,168,953	6,172,014	10,165,397	6,167,775
Total current liabilities		50,334,183	68,908,216	50,330,627	68,903,977
TOTAL LIABILITIES, CAPITAL AND RESERVES		284,679,819	322,348,151	284,672,255	322,339,669

Commitments and contingent liabilities

On behalf of the Board Dire

The balance sheets are to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 29 to 43



### BALANCE SHEETS AS AT 30 JUNE 2002

	Note	CONS	OLIDATED	THE BANK		
		2002 \$	2001 \$	2002 \$	2001 \$	
Non-current assets	1663 91					
Loans and advances	8	233,452,110	263,559,107	233,452,110	263,559,107	
Property, plant and equipment	9	12,526,260	11,507,049	12,526,260	11,507,049	
Investment in subsidiary	10	-	172	20,000	20,000	
Investments	11	50,251	50,571	50,251	50,571	
Land held for resale	12	3,063,693	3,063,693	3,063,693	3,063,693	
Total non-current assets		249,092,314	278,180,420	249,112,314	278,200,420	
Current assets						
Cash		6,412,051	8,520,334	6,356,922	8,495,952	
Short term deposits		2,143,700	338,739	2,143,700	300,000	
Loans and advances	8	21,623,777	30,191,384	21,623,777	30,191,384	
Amounts due from subsidiary	13	-	_	44,250	59,200	
Other debtors	14	5,407,977	5,117,274	5,391,292	5,092,713	
Total current assets		35,587,505	44,167,731	35,559,941	44,139,249	
TOTAL ASSETS		284,679,819	322,348,151	284,672,255	322,339,669	

Director

The balance sheets are to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 29 to 43

### INCOME STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

	Note	CONS	OLIDATED	THE BANK		
		2002 \$	2001 \$	2002 \$	2001 \$	
INCOME						
Income from loans:						
Interest	15	31,566,843	32,366,265	31,565,194	32,364,575	
Fees		1,364,091	1,617,216	1,364,091	1,617,216	
Other income	16	1,212,695	1,246,065	1,220,637	1,251,975	
TOTAL INCOME	-	34,143,629	35,229,546	34,149,922	35,233,766	
EXPENSES						
Interest and other borrowing expenses		15,292,332	17,708,443	15,292,332	17,708,443	
Administrative expenses	17	9,295,352	8,512,537	9,301,410	8,517,351	
TOTAL EXPENSES	-	24,587,684	26,220,980	24,593,742	26,225,794	
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE PROVISIONS						
FOR DOUBTFUL LOANS AND INVESTMENTS		9,555,945	9,008,566	9,556,180	9,007,972	
Doubtful loans and advances	8,18	8,859,242	8,706,972	8,859,242	8,706,972	
Diminution in investments	-	320	<del>-</del>	320		
OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE						
INCOME TAX EXPENSE		696,383	301,594	696,618	301,000	
Income tax expense	1(k)	-	-	-	-	
OPERATING PROFIT AFTER INCOME TAX		696,383	301,594	696,618	301,000	

The income statements are to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 29 to 43



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	CONSOLIDATE General reserve \$	Accumulated profits	Total <b>\$</b>
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Balance at 30 June 2000	51,308,958	6,926,198	2,500,000	13,192,826	73,927,982
Net profit for the year	-	- I		301,594	301,594
Capital contributions during the financial year	4,741,678			<u> </u>	4,741,678
Balance at 30 June 2001	56,050,636	6,926,198	2,500,000	13,494,420	78,971,254
Effect of sale of revalued assets	-	(439,577)	- I	439,577	-
Net profit for the year	-	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	696,383	696,383
Balance at 30 June 2002	56,050,636	6,486,621	2,500,000	14,630,380	79,667,637
			BANK		
	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	General reserve	Accumulated profits	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2000	51,308,958	6,926,198	2,500,000	13,189,177	73,924,333
Net profit for the year	-	_	-	301,000	301,000
Capital contributions during the financial year	4,741,678	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>	4,741,678
Balance at 30 June 2001	56,050,636	6,926,198	2,500,000	13,490,177	78,967,011
Effect of sale of revalued assets	-	(439,577)	-	439,577	_
Net profit for the year	<u>-</u>	-	-	696,618	696,618
Balance at 30 June 2002	56,050,636	6,486,621	2,500,000	14,626,372	79,663,629

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 29 to 43.



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002	Note	2002 \$ Inflows (Outflows)	2001 \$ Inflows (Outflows)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	11010	(Cumono)	(Sumows)
Interest and subsidy received Interest and other costs of borrowing paid Fees received Cash paid to suppliers and employees Other receipts		33,736,775 (16,624,136) 1,364,091 (8,981,799) 395,980	35,462,910 (18,406,253) 1,617,216 (7,778,805) 1,490,270
Net cash provided by operating activities	23(ii)	9,890,911	12,385,338
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for investments Customer loans granted Customer loans repaid Payments for property and equipment Receipts from disposal of property and equipment Receipts from land held for subdivision and resale		- (30,787,990) 58,661,231 (2,091,893) 206,696	(35,250) (47,108,000) 39,796,767 (369,746) 148,912 24,157
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		25,988,044	(7,543,160)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net increase in other deposit accounts Proceeds from long-term borrowings Repayment of long-term borrowings Net (decrease)/increase in short-term borrowing Capital contributions received from the Government of Fiji SBES & Seed Capital fund received from Government of Fiji		(1,804,961) 32,998,822 (70,330,925) (5,071,692) - 6,221,518	(302,250) 52,724,499 (68,020,437) 4,203,755 4,741,678 1,927,212
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(37,987,238)	(4,725,543)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held Cash at the beginning of the financial year		(2,108,283) 8,520,334	116,635 8,403,699
Cash at the end of the financial year	23(i)	6,412,051	8,520,334

The consolidated statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial statements set out on pages 29 to 43.

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002

#### 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Fiji Development Bank is a fully owned Government of Fiji ("Government") entity domiciled in Fiji. The consolidated financial statements of the Bank for the year ended 30 June 2002 comprise the Bank and its subsidiary. The financial statements were authorised for issue by the directors on 28 January 2003.

The significant policies which have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are:

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Bank and the Group have been drawn up in accordance with the accounting standards and disclosure requirements of the Fiji Institute of Accountants and the requirements of law. Unless otherwise stated, the financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied.

This is the first year of the implementation of the revised Fiji Accounting Standards, incorporating the requirements of the International Accounting Standards. The Bank has reviewed its internal reporting systems and the presentation of its financial statements and has integrated the requirements into this general-purpose report. Where comparative figures for the previous reporting period are available, these are also reflected in the report.

#### (b) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of the Group include the financial statements of the Bank being the chief entity and its controlled entity as disclosed in Note 10.

The balances and effects of transactions between the Bank and the controlled entity have been eliminated. Other entities over which the Bank has control are excluded from consolidation because control is intended to be temporary as the entities are held exclusively with a view to their subsequent disposal in the near future.

#### (c) Revenue recognition

#### Interest income

Interest income on investments, loans and advances is recognised as it accrues. Interest on impaired loans is recognised as income only when received.

Unearned interest on lease finance is brought into account at the time of realisation.

#### Government interest subsidies

Government provides interest subsidies on certain loans schemes. These interest subsidies are recognised as interest income as they accrue.

#### Fees and charges

Fees and charges are brought to account when they are earned. Fees on impaired loans are recognised as income only when received.



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

#### 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

#### (d) Borrowings

#### **Bonds**

FDB registered bonds are recorded at face value. The discount on these bonds is amortised on a straight-line basis over the term of the bond to which it relates. Borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

#### (e) Property, plant and equipment

#### Acquisition

Items of property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated as outlined below. Items purchased at less than \$500 are directly expensed.

#### Revaluation

The directors have adopted a policy of obtaining regular independent valuations for the Bank's properties on an existing use basis of valuation. All other items of property, plant and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation.

#### Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment with the exception of freehold and leasehold land are written off over their expected useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation at the following rates, whilst leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of their useful lives and the terms of their respective leases.

Buildings and improvements 1.25%
Plant, equipment, furniture and fittings 10%
Motor vehicles 25% - 33%
Computer hardware and software 20%

#### (f) Loans and Advances

Loans and advances net of lending provisions include direct finance provided to customers such as term loans, lease finance, working capital and import letter of credits.

Term loans are carried at principal balances outstanding plus interest accrued. Finance leases are shown net of unearned interest.

#### Policies adopted in classifying loans

Each customer account is graded individually using established guidelines. Critical factors include collectibility of all principal and interest based on the contractual agreement and the security offered by the borrower.

Loans are classified in the following categories:

#### Non-accrual loans

A loan is classified as non-accrual if there is reasonable doubt over the ultimate recoverability of the principal or interest based on the contractual agreement. Non accrual loans are those where interest and fees receivable, are not realised in the income statement but recognised only when received.



## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

#### 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

#### **Restructured loans**

Restructured loans are those where the original terms of the contract have been modified to provide concessions of principal and/or interest to the borrower because of financial difficulties.

#### Past due loans

Facilities that are classified under past due are those accrued loans that are more than 90 days in arrears but which are not non-accrual.

#### (g) Bad and doubtful loans and advances

Loan accounts are reviewed throughout the year to assess the provision for bad and doubtful loan requirements.

The collectibility of loans and advances is assessed and specific provision is made for any doubtful accounts. The determination of the amount of specific provision is based on many factors including credit evaluation of the borrowers, value of security and collateral held, current economic conditions and past experience.

All known bad debts are written off against the provision in the year in which they are classified as irrecoverable.

#### Specific provisions

The annual charge against profits for bad and doubtful debts reflects new specific provisions and reversals of specific provision no longer required.

Uncollectible loans are written off during the year in which they become known by a charge against the provision for doubtful loans and advances.

#### **Unallocated specific provisions**

An unallocated specific provision is maintained by the Bank on loans graded Substandard and below. This policy is in accordance with the Reserve Bank of Fiji's minimum provisioning guidelines. The unallocated specific provision is maintained as follows:

Grade	Minimum Unallocated Provision Percentage
Substandard	20% of loan balance
Doubtful	50% of loan balance
Loss	100% of difference between loan balance and Security Realisable Value.

#### **General Provision**

A general provision of 1.5% of performing facilities which, in the Directors' judgement is adequate to provide for unidentified future losses inherent in the loans and advances portfolio, is maintained. The general provision percentage is reviewed on a yearly basis.

#### (h) Investments

Investments are those that the Bank has purchased with positive intent and ability to hold until maturity. These securities are recorded at cost or at cost adjusted for amortisation of premium or discounts. Premiums and discounts are capitalised and amortised from date of purchase to maturity. Interest income is accrued.



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

### 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Equity investments in companies that are not subsidiaries are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Marketable equity securities are valued at the lower of cost and market value.

#### (i) Transactions in foreign currencies

Borrowings and amounts payable in foreign currencies have been translated to Fiji dollars at the exchange rates ruling at balance date. Exchange gains and losses whether realised or unrealised, for which exchange risk cover has not been provided by the Government, are recognised in full in the income statement.

Exchange risk cover is provided by the Government on all offshore borrowings of the Bank, with the exception of a loan from the European Economic Community.

#### (j) Land held for sale

The Hotel Development Project, the Cane Estate and other land held for subdivision and resale are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the costs of acquisition and development.

#### (k) Taxation

The Bank has made no provision for taxation, as it is not subject to income tax in accordance with section 17(29) of the Income Tax Act 1985. The Bank's subsidiary adopts the principles of tax effect accounting.

#### (I) Employee entitlements

#### **Annual leave**

The provision for annual leave represents the amount which the Bank has a present obligation to pay, resulting from employees' services provided up to the balance date. The provision is based on current wage and salary rates and includes related on-costs. The number of employees as at 30 June was 231.

#### Long service leave

The liability for employees' entitlements to long service leave represents the amount payable to employees, based on current wage and salary rates, for services provided up to balance date. The provision for long service leave increases according to the number of years of service completed by the employee.

#### Gratuity

The provision for gratuity represents amounts payable to employees who have achieved in excess of the minimum ten years of service on retirement, and is based on current wage and salary rates.

#### Triennial leave allowance

The triennial leave allowance is payable to employees on completion of every three years of service and is based on staff's grade.

#### (m) Capital grants from Government

Capital grants received from Government are credited directly to equity.

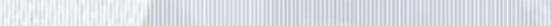
# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

		CONSOLIDATED		THE BANK		
2	CAPITAL	2002 \$	2001 \$	2002 \$	2001 \$	
	Authorised capital	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	100,000,000	
	Capital at beginning of year Capital grant from Government	56,050,636	51,308,958	56,050,636	51,308,958	
	during the financial year		4,741,678	-	4,741,678	
		56,050,636	56,050,636	56,050,636	56,050,636	
3	RESERVES					
	Asset Revaluation Reserve					
	Balance at beginning of year Prior year revaluation realised on sale of land	6,926,198	6,926,198	6,926,198	6,926,198	
	& buildings transferred to accumulated profits	(439,577)	<u>-</u>	(439,577)	-	
	Balance at year end	6,486,621	6,926,198	6,486,621	6,926,198	
	General Reserve					
	Balance at beginning of year	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	
	Transfer from/(to) accumulated profits	-	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	-	
	Balance at year end	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	
	Total Reserves	8,986,621	9,426,198	8,986,621	9,426,198	



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

		CONS	CONSOLIDATED		THE BANK		
		2002 \$	2001 \$	2002 \$	2001 \$		
4	BORROWINGS						
	Non-current						
	Local borrowings	152,330,851	170,740,571	152,330,851	170,740,571		
	Foreign borrowings	1,527,843	2,922,391	1,527,843	2,922,391		
		153,858,694	173,662,962	153,858,694	173,662,962		
	Current						
	Local borrowings	38,260,568	59,932,287	38,260,568	59,932,287		
	Foreign borrowings	1,414,107	2,349,161	1,414,107	2,349,161		
		39,674,675	62,281,448	39,674,675	62,281,448		
		193,533,369	235,944,410	193,533,369	235,944,410		
		CONSOL	IDATED				
		AND TH		Repayment	Security		
		2002 \$	2001 \$				
	FDB Registered bonds-Face value	189,634,500	224,644,500	Maturity varying	Guaranteed by		
	Less: Unamortised discount	3,649	3,929	2 -15 years	Govt. of Fiji		
		189,630,851	224,640,571	,			
	Short term borrowings	-	5,035,631				
	Staff savings accounts	960,568	996,656	At call			
	Total local borrowings	190,591,419	230,672,858				
	Total foreign borrowings	2,941,950	5,271,552	Maturity varying	Guaranteed by		
	Total borrowings	193,533,369	235,944,410	up to 30 years	Govt. of Fiji		



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PARTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

				CONSOLIDATED		THE BANK	
	0669		9990864645696969695540	2002	2001	2002	2001
Nille				\$	\$	\$	\$
5	PRO	VISIO	NS				
	Non	-curre	nt				
	Provi	ision fo	r gratuity	485,861	405,305	485,861	405,305
			r long service leave	269,967	347,438	269,967	347,438
	Provi	ision fo	r triennial leave —	63,477	52,976	63,477	52,976
				819,305	805,719	819,305	805,719
	Curr	ent	T				
	Provi	ision fo	r annual leave	490,555	454,754	490,555	454,754
	Tota	l provi	isions	1,309,860	1,260,473	1,309,860	1,260,473
6	ACC	OUNT	S PAYABLE AND ACCRUALS				
	Sma	II Busin	ness Equity Scheme & Seed Capital Fund	6,221,518	1,927,212	6,221,518	1,927,212
		est acc		3,198,259	3,892,348	3,198,259	3,892,348
	Othe	ers		749,176	352,454	745,620	348,215
M			_	10,168,953	6,172,014	10,165,397	6,167,775
						AND T	OLIDATED HE BANK
						2002	2001
7	CON	/MITN	MENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIE	S		\$	\$
	(a)	Com	nmitments				
		(i)	Capital commitments			704,654	23,880
		(ii)	Loans approved but not disbursed			11,402,444	12,020,400
						12,107,098	12,044,280
	(b)	Con	tingent liabilities			<del></del>	
		(i)	Guarantees			1,614,500	358,500
		(ii)	Letters of credit			<u>-</u>	732,320
						1,614,500	1,090,820
		(iii)	Litigation				-

The Bank has claims by former customers for specified and unspecified losses or damages relating to actions taken by the Bank in the normal course of operations. The directors and management of the bank deny these claims, or are defending these claims rigorously and are of the opinion that these claims will be unsuccessful.



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

		CONSOLIDATED		THE BANK		
		2002 \$	2001 \$	2002 \$	2001 \$	
8	LOANS AND ADVANCES					
	Current	59,818,110	68,333,972	59,818,110	68,333,972	
	Less: Interest and fees suspended	6,150,147	4,420,742	6,150,147	4,420,742	
		53,667,963	63,913,230	53,667,963	63,913,230	
	Provision for doubtful debts	32,044,186	33,721,846	32,044,186	33,721,846	
		21,623,777	30,191,384	21,623,777	30,191,384	
	Non-current	233,452,110	263,559,107	233,452,110	263,559,107	
	Total loans and advances	255,075,887	293,750,491	255,075,887	293,750,491	
	Provision for doubtful debts is represented a Specific provision  Balance at the beginning of the year  Charge to the income statement	29,102,274 6,901,719 360,039,93	22,876,334 11,368,715 34,245,049	29,102,274 6,901,719 360,039,93	22,876,334 11,368,715 34,245,049	
	Less: written off as bad debts against provision for doubtful debts	(10,536,902)	(5,142,775)	(10,536,902)	(5,142,775)	
	Balance at the end of the year	25,467,091	29,102,274	25,467,091	29,102,274	
	Unallocated specific provision Balance at beginning of year Charge to the income statement	1,085,521 2,447,883	3,539,319 (2,453,798)	1,085,521	3,539,319 (2,453,798)	
	Balance at the end of the year	3,533,404	1,085,521	3,533,404	1,085,521	
	General provision Balance at beginning of year Charge to the income statement	3,534,051 (490,360)	3,741,996 (207,945)	3,534,051 (490,360)	3,741,996 (207,945)	
	Balance at the end of the year	3,043,691	3,534,051	3,043,691	3,534,051	
	Total provision for doubtful debts	32,044,186	33,721,846	32,044,186	33,721,846	

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

	Land and buildings \$	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Total \$
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Cost				
				15,447,287
9				2,119,465
Disposals	(261,894)	(455,047)	(410,943)	(1,127,884)
Balance at 30 June 2002	11,567,461	3,828,724	1,042,683	16,438,868
Accumulated depreciation				
Balance at 30 June 2001	898,790	2,242,663	798,785	3,940,238
Depreciation charge for the year	198,139	536,112	59,356	793,608
Disposals	(28,030)	(445,846)	(347,361)	(821,238)
Balance at 30 June 2002	1,068,899	2,332,929	510,780	3,912,608
Carrying amount				
At 30 June 2001	9,614,592	1,616,636	275,821	11,507,049
At 30 June 2002	10,498,562	1,495,795	531,903	12,526,260
	CONTRIBUTION TO GROUP RESULTS		воок	( VALUE
	2002	2001	2002	2001
				\$
INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY	Ą	Ф	<b>3</b>	φ
FDB Nominees Limited - at cost	(235)	594	20,000	20,000
	Balance at 30 June 2001 Acquisitions during the year Disposals  Balance at 30 June 2002  Accumulated depreciation Balance at 30 June 2001 Depreciation charge for the year Disposals  Balance at 30 June 2002  Carrying amount At 30 June 2001  At 30 June 2002	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT  Cost  Balance at 30 June 2001	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT   S   S	PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT   S   S   S   S   S   S   S   S   S

The Bank has 100% beneficial interest in the ordinary share capital of the company which is incorporated in Fiji.



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

		CONSOLIDATED		THE BANK		
11	INVESTMENTS	2002 \$	2001 \$	2002 \$	2001 \$	
	Shares in companies - at cost Less: Provision for diminution in value	6,364,889 (6,314,638)	6,394,889 (6,344,318)	6,364,889 (6,314,638)	6,394,889 (6,344,318)	
		50,251	50,571	50,251	50,571	
12	LAND HELD FOR RESALE					
	Nasarawaqa Estate Cost Less: Provision for diminution in value	106,225 (36,108)	106,225 (36,108)	106,225 (36,108)	106,225 (36,108)	
		70,117	70,117	70,117	70,117	
	Hotel Development Project Cost Contributions to project	1,500,000 398,329	1,500,000 398,329	1,500,000 398,329	1,500,000	
		1,898,329	1,898,329	1,898,329	1,898,329	
	Cane Estate Acquisition cost Other expenses capitalised	1,000,000 95,247	1,000,000 95,247	1,000,000 95,247	1,000,000 95,247	
		1,095,247	1,095,247	1,095,247	1,095,247	
		3,063,693	3,063,693	3,063,693	3,063,693	
13	DUE FROM SUBSIDIARY					
	FDB Nominees Ltd	<u>-</u>		44,250	59,200	
14	OTHER DEBTORS					
	Government Interest subsidies Government guarantees:	2,068,680	2,296,490	2,068,680	2,296,490	
	- Fijian loans scheme	903,076	247,904	903,076	247,904	
	- Exchange loss	2,239,857	2,259,533	2,239,857	2,259,533	
	Others	196,364	313,347	179,679	288,786	
		5,407,977	5,117,274	5,391,292	5,092,713	

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

		CONSOLIDATED		THE BANK		
		2002	2001	2002	2001	
15	INTEREST INCOME	\$	\$	\$	\$	
	Included in interest income are interest subsidies received/receivable from the Government of Fiji for:					
	- Agricultural loans	653,402	728,753	653,402	728,753	
	- Commercial loans to Fijians scheme	2,496,893	2,413,492	2,496,893	2,413,492	
	- ERP Scheme	412,699	165,188	412,699	165,188	
	- SB Scheme	155,666	40,011	155,666	40,011	
		3,718,660	3,347,444	3,718,660	3,347,444	
16	OTHER INCOME					
	The following items are included in other income:					
	Gain on sale of fixed assets	33,822	82,644	33,822	82,644	
	Recoveries on bad and doubtful debts	488,624	247,712	488,624	247,712	
	Rental income	464,173	424,782	464,173	424,782	
17	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES					
	Exchange losses (gain) included in					
	interest expense	58,935	(1,747)	58,935	(1,747)	
	Items included in administrative expenses:					
	Amortisation of bond discounts	1,458	1,300	1,458	1,300	
	Auditors' remuneration - Audit fees	34,500	34,500	33,000	33,000	
	Directors' fees	50,187	54,500	50,187	54,500	
	Depreciation	793,609	751,336	793,609	751,336	
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets	106,199	34,499	106,199	34,499	
	Employee costs	5,734,312	5,686,763	5,734,312	5,686,763	

#### 18 CHANGES IN LOAN GRADING

The Reserve Bank of Fiji guidelines on loan provisioning were revised in April 2000. During the financial year, the Bank has re-aligned its policy to the revised Reserve Bank of Fiji guidelines. The impact to the financial statements was an increase to the provision for doubtful debts of \$1,544,572 and an increase to doubtful debt expense of the same amount.

#### 19 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year, the Bank received management fees of \$87,450 from its subsidiary, FDB Nominees Limited in respect of services provided to FDB Nominees Limited. All transactions with the related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions.



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

#### 20 MATURITY ANALYSIS

The following analysis of monetary assets and liabilities is based on contractual terms. The majority of longer term loans are variable rate products.

2002			CONSOLIDATED (\$'000)						
	At call	1 day to 3 months	Over 3 months to 1	Over 1 year to 5 years	Over 5 years	Specific provision	Total		
			year						
Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Cash	6,412	-	-	-		-	6,412		
Due from other financial institutions	_	2,143	_	<u>-</u>	_	_	2,143		
Loans	19,692	33,570	39,755	118,241	82,012	(25,467)	267,803		
Total	26,104	35,713	39,755	118,241	82,012	(25,467)	276,358		
Liabilities									
Borrowings	961	13,133	34,291	68,861	76,288	<u>.</u>	193,534		
Total	961	13,133	34,291	68,861	76,288	-	193,534		
<u>2001</u>									
Assets									
Cash Due from other	8,520	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<del>-</del>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	8,520		
financial institutions	-	339	-	-	-	<u>-</u>	339		
Loans	22,337	2,551	42,940	147,626	112,018	(29,102)	298,370		
Total	30,857	2,890	42,940	147,626	112,018	(29,102)	307,229		
Liabilities									
Borrowings	997	18,546	46,839	108,053	61,510	-	235,945		
Total	997	18,546	46,839	108,053	61,510	-	235,945		



# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

#### 21 CREDIT RISK CONCENTRATION

The Bank lends to various industry sectors. The concentration of credit risk in relation to these industry sectors is set out below:

	INDUSTRY	2002	2001
		\$	\$
	Agro-industry Agro-industry	57,949,485	74,710,359
	Financial institution	1,444,948	1,591,706
6411	Infrastructure	510,901	662,702
	Manufacturing	17,781,976	22,165,325
	Mining & quarrying	327,678	424,590
	Professional & business services	8,392,879	7,856,286
	Real estate	118,135,668	124,919,284
	Tourism	29,277,173	28,745,065
	Transport	18,625,580	20,553,580
	Wholesale, retail, restaurant	36,385,196	44,251,061
	Leasing	4,438,736	6,013,121
		293,270,220	331,893,079
22	IMPAIRED AND PAST-DUE ASSETS		
<b>1</b> 44.	Non-accrual loans without specific provisions for impairment		
	Gross	10,833,573	11,594,932
	Less: suspended debt	366,474	427,894
	Net non-accrual loans without specific provisions for impairment	10,467,099	11,167,038
	Non-accrual loans with specific provisions for impairment		
	Gross	62,396,317	66,766,516
	Less: suspended debt	5,560,279	3,794,800
		56,836,038	62,971,716
	Less: specific provisions	25,467,091	29,102,274
	Net non-accrual loans with specific provisions for impairment	31,368,947	33,869,442
	Restructured loans without specific provision		
	Gross	3,196,325	2,754,042
	Less: suspended debt	9,240	753
		3,187,085	2,753,289
	Total impaired loans	45,023,131	47,789,769

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

#### 22 IMPAIRED AND PAST-DUES - cont'd

2002 \$	2001 \$
	*
47,560,256	65,968,977
214,154	197,295
47,346,102	65,771,682
92,369,233	113,561,451
	\$ 47,560,256 214,154 47,346,102

#### 23 NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

#### (i) Reconciliation of cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and other amounts which are integral to the cash management function and which are not subject to a term facility.

	2002 \$	2001 \$
Cash	6,412,051	8,520,334
(ii) Reconciliation of operating profit after income tax to net cash provided by operating activities		
Operating profit after income tax	696,383	301,594
Add / (less) non-cash items:		
Amortisation of bond discounts	1,458	1,300
Depreciation	793,609	751,336
Loss/(Gain) on disposal of fixed assets	72,377	(48,145)
Other	-	3,697
Provision for annual and long-service leave	49,387	62,525
Provision for doubtful loans and investments	8,859,562	8,706,972
Translation of foreign currency loans	81,243	21,089
	10,554,019	9,800,368
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease in interest receivable	1,942,122	3,511,658
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable	(782,894)	323,152
Decrease/(Increase) in grants and subsidies receivable	227,810	(415,013)
(Decrease) in interest payable	(1,414,504)	(720,199)
(Decrease) in other accruals	(635,642)	(114,628)
Net cash provided by operating activities	9,890,911	12,385,338

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2002 (cont'd)

#### 24 COMPARATIVES

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts and other disclosures. Where this information is not available and impracticable to obtain, they are not disclosed.

#### 25 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Bank during the course of the financial year were providing finance, financial and advisory services to assist in the development of agriculture, commerce and industry in Fiji.

#### 26 CURRENCY

All amounts are expressed in Fiji dollars.

