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His Excellency The Governor Mr. John Owen, MBE Office of the Governor Government Administration Building George Town, Grand Cayman

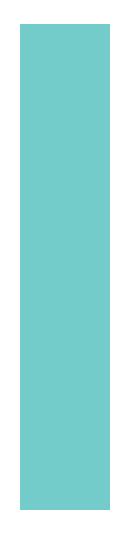
Your Excellency,

In accordance with Subsection (1) of Section 36 of the Monetary Authority Law 1996, as amended, I have the honour on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority to submit herewith the Annual Report and Accounts of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 1997.

Respectfully yours,

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George A. McCarthy, C.P.A., O.B.E., J.P. Chairman



MISSION STATEMENT

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (the Authority) is a statutory agency created by the Cayman Islands Government to regulate and supervise the financial services industry in order to maintain a first class financial system, and to safeguard the interests of depositors, trust beneficiaries, policyholders and mutual fund investors from undue loss. The Authority contributes to public confidence in our financial system by promoting sound corporate governance, prudent business practices and compliance with laws and regulations.

The Authority is also responsible for promoting and maintaining monetary stability, for preserving the value and integrity of the Cayman Islands currency, and for advising the government on banking and monetary matters. The Authority endeavours to fulfil its' regulatory and supervisory mandate having due regard to international standards and the need for operational freedom by financial services providers and for the maintainance of a dynamic and competitive industry. The Authority values a close and harmonious working relationship with all segments of the industry and is committed to maintaining the highest standards and skills in our staff that responds expeditiously and effectively to the challenges posed by an ever-changing financial environment.

INTRODUCTION

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority was established as a body corporate under The Monetary Authority Law, 1996, and commenced operations on 1 January 1997. The former responsibilities, duties and activities of the Financial Services Supervision Department and the Cayman Islands Currency Board now fall to the Monetary Authority which was created from the merger of these two bodies.

Within the Authority there are six divisions, namely:

- " Administration
- " Banking and Trust Supervision
- " Currency Operations
- " Insurance Supervision
- " Investment Services
- " Policy and Research

Over the first year, the number of personnel employed by the Authority increased from 24 to 43. This increase in staff is to ensure continued efficiency in the services provided by the Authority.

APPOINTMENTS

During 1997 there were several key appointments:

- " Mr. Neville Grant, Managing Director
- " Ms. Cindy Bush, General Manager
- " Mr. Mitchell Scott, Head of Policy & Research
- " Sir Vassel Johnson, Director

NEW PREMISES

The Authority has been in operation since January 1997. The move into their present offices in Elizabethan Square was completed by February 28; and His Excellency the Governor, Mr. John Owen officially opened the Authority, on July 3, 1997.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Authority would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of our first year of operations. Special mention should be made of the Public Works Department, the Cayman Islands Government Computer Services Department, Lands and Survey, and the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service.

Thanks to all of the financial institutions for their continued assistance and co-operation. To the many committees, both private and public, a very special thanks for your contribution.

The Authority thanks the staff for their continued dedication and service.



Monetary Authority Board of Directors



Chairman George McCarthy



Managing Director Neville Grant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From left to right

Hon.George McCarthy, C.P.A., O.B.E., J.P.

Financial Secretary; Head of the Portfolio of Finance and Economic Development; Third Official Member of the Legislative Assembly – Ex-Officio Chairman of the Authority and the main force behind the formation of the Monetary Authority. Mr. McCarthy served as Chairman of the Currency Board for the period 1992 – 1996. He has been a Civil Servant for the past 22 years, and was awarded the OBE by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1994.



General Manager Cindy Bush

Sir Vassel Johnson

Founding Father of the Cayman Islands Financial Industry, former Finan-

cial Secretary (1965 – 1982), former Chairman of the Currency Board (1972 -1982). Now retired and serving as consultant to many local Companies. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II knighted Sir Vassel in 1994.

Mr. Richard Chalmers, M.A.

Formerly a member of the Currency Board and also a Cayman Islands Inspector of Banks (1983-1986). Mr. Chalmers is currently employed by the U.K. Financial Services Authority and was one of the key persons in the formation and establishment of the Monetary Authority.

Mrs. Julene Banks, LLB

A Caymanian, who has been with the Civil Service for 11 years, the past six years have been served with the Legal Department in the capacity of Crown Counsel.

Mr. Neville Grant, M.A., MBA

Managing Director, Cayman Islands Monetary Authority. A Canadian bank supervisor of wide and varied experience. As a consultant with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for the past six years, he served as a banking-supervision advisor to the governments of Jamaica, Vanuatu and Zambia.

Mr. Michael Austin, M.B.E., F.C.A.

Retired senior partner of KPMG Peat Marwick, Cayman, now a Consultant, currently serving as a nonexecutive director on several Company Boards.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF THE AUTHORITY

Managing Director – Mr. Neville Grant

Mr. Grant is a Canadian regulator of wide and varied experience. For many years he was employed by the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (Canada) as Director, Bank Supervision. As a consultant with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), he served as a banking supervision advisor to the governments of Jamaica, Vanuatu and Zambia. As Managing Director he acts with the powers vested in him by the Board to run the affairs of the Authority.

General Manager – Ms. Cindy Bush

Ms. Bush joined the Currency Board in 1991 after completing her Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics at Macalester College, Minnesota, USA. She served as Currency Board Manager from 1993-1996. Prior to her appointment as General Manager, Ms. Bush was Head of Currency Operations. As General Manager, she retains responsibility for Currency Operations and is also responsible to the Managing Director for the day to day administration of the Authority.

Head of Insurance – Mr. William McCullough

Mr. McCullough is responsible for regulation and supervision of the domestic insurance market, captive insurance companies and for insurance managers and all other issues. Mr. McCullough, who is an associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute (London) and a Fellow of the Corporation of Insurance Brokers, has also served as Managing Director of International Insurance Brokers in Nigeria, Malaysia and New Zealand.

Head of Policy and Research - Mr. Mitchell Scott

A graduate of Furman University, South Carolina, Mr. Scott holds a Bachelor of Art Degree with a Major in Accounting. He has been in government service for twelve years including a one-year secondment to the Bank of England. Mr. Scott has spent his twelve years in the areas of banking and mutual fund regulation.

Deputy Head of Banking and Trust (Off-Site) – Mrs. Anna McLean

A graduate of Florida State University, Mrs. McLean holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Management. She joined the Banking Supervision Department in 1990 and has received extensive training in banking supervision and regulation, including one year secondment to the Bank of England, course at the Bank for International Settlements, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and various other regional Central Banks.

Deputy Head of Banking and Trust (On-Site) – Mr. Karl Adamsons

Mr. Adamsons, held various positions with the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), Canada in policy and research and bank examinations. He has served as consultant in bank supervision to the International Monetary Fund in Eastern Europe. Before joining OSFI, he worked for a major bank in Canada. He holds an MBA from the University of British Columbia.

Deputy Head of Currency Operations – Mrs. Dena Thompson

Mrs. Thompson joined the Currency Board in 1996 as Assistant Manager, having accumulated 15 years experience in the private sector. Mrs. Thompson's main responsibility is to provide the Head of Currency Operations with accounting, administrative and supervisory assistance and support in the performance of her duties as they affect the day to day operations of Currency Operations, and to act in her absence.

Deputy Head of Insurance – Mr. Chris Collins

Mr. Collins joined the former Financial Services Supervision Department in 1996 after being employed in the U.K., in the insurance industry for a number of years. Mr. Collins' main responsibility is to assist with the administration of the Insurance Law, 1995, and the regulation of the insurance industry as a whole.

Deputy Head of Investment Services – Mr. Dwight Carter

Mr. Carter served in the Banking and Mutual Fund Regulation for the past nine years, the first seven of which was spent in Banking Supervision including a one year secondment to the Bank of England. Before joining the Government service he was employed in the private sector for some thirteen years with a major international Bank/Trust Company in a number of senior positions. He has over the years completed various management courses sponsored by his former employer as well as several supervisory courses sponsored by the Federal Reserve Board and CEMLA.

Financial Controller – Mr. Don Seymour

Mr. Seymour joined the Authority as Financial Controller in September 1997. Mr. Seymour was previously employed with Price Waterhouse in Grand Cayman as Manager, Audit and Business Advisory Services. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Texas at Austin and a Certified Public Accountant certificate from the State of Illinois.

Information Technology Manager – Mr. Neil Glasson

Mr. Glasson joined the Authority in September 1997. For two years prior to this he was employed by the Cayman Islands Government in their Computer Services Department. Before coming to Cayman, Neil was employed by British Telecommunications Plc. for fourteen years during which time he gained an ONC in Telecommunications and a HNC in Electronics in addition to extensive Information Technology skills.

MESSAGE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR JOHN OWEN, MBE

The Cayman Islands has grown into one of the world's largest financial centres by providing the key services and infrastructure clients need, within the framework of

clear carefully enforced legal and ethical guidelines. The Islands' policy of remaining responsive and flexible while maintaining the highest regulatory standards has been integral to its success.

Combating commercial crime and ensuring our financial institutions remain sound present the same challenges for us in the Cayman Islands as it does for every other major financial centre – be it London, Tokyo, Hong Kong or New York. However, we remain vigilant to the constantly changing methods by which criminals attempt to abuse the system and we are committed to the effective regulation of the industry.



It is against this background that the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (the Authority) was created one year ago. Its

aim: to further strengthen the regulation of the financial services sector, while acting as a catalyst for its continued success.

The consolidation of the resources and responsibilities of the former Financial Services Supervision Department and the Cayman Islands Currency Board into the Authority has enabled more efficient oversight of the sector. At the same time, the broadening of the Authority's scope to include research and policy formulation has placed it in a position to be much more proactive in the planning of the industry's development.

The Authority's initial year has been one of building on foundations. While maintaining its day-to-day supervisory functions it has focused on expanding dialogue with the private sector and on enhancing co-operation and co-ordination with overseas regulators, in the area of cross-border supervision, for example. These initiatives have been crucial in our efforts to protect both the Cayman Islands and the international financial system.

The value of the Authority to the Cayman Islands' continued development cannot be overstated. I commend the management and staff for their dedication and professionalism in discharging the Authority's responsibilities.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The financial services industry is never static; international standards constantly evolve, in keeping with emerging demands from legitimate international clientele. The Cayman Islands continues to be a prime choice for discriminating



The Hon. George McCarthy

investors seeking an overseas operational base. As such, it was imperative for our financial jurisdiction to create a single regulatory and supervisory body to oversee financial issues. Having the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority in place as regulator, therefore endorses our commitment to remaining in the forefront of the leading-edge supervisory structures so essential to the needs of an integrated global market.

The Authority holds particular supervisory responsibility over banking, trust, insurance and mutual funds, also serving as advisor to government on banking and monetary issues. The Authority, of course, also has the overall task of further augmenting Cayman's position of prominence in the ranks of major offshore financial centres. Accordingly, as the first operative period for the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority, 1997 was indeed a landmark year.

The Authority is cognisant of the importance of international co-operation to today's financial services industry. CIMA accordingly placed special emphasis on the development of pertinent supervisory and regulatory provisions during its first year, recruiting the necessary expertise and implementing appropriate training programmes to do so. Concerted effort was made to fully implement and build on proposals detailed in *the Basle Committee and Offshore Group of Banking Supervisors*' joint accord, agreed the previous year. As a leading and founding member of the *Offshore Group*, Cayman, through the Monetary Authority, continued to formulate a clear response to procedural concerns.

Another of the priorities for the Authority during 1997 was the initiation of intensive discussions with Cayman's private sector. In order to remain conversant with their issues and concerns, the Authority maintains an open door policy to all institutions operating within our financial industry to enable dialogue and monitoring of financial issues as they arise.

As it observes its first anniversary, the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority is poised to build on its initial efforts to ensure that the Cayman Islands maintains its world status as a firm yet flexible and innovative leader of the financial industry. As Chairman, I applaud and congratulate the efforts of the dedicated management and staff. They have united to maintain their central focus: to further strengthen Cayman's regulatory and supervisory regime and to retain its prominence in the ranks of leading international financial jurisdictions.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

The year 1997 was an important milestone in the history of the Cayman Islands as it celebrated the FIRST ANNIVERSARY of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (the Authority). Its

establishment occurred at a time of rapid expansion in the financial services sector, with the concurrent need for enhanced supervision of a broad crosssection of financial intermediaries in line with international standards and expectations. The Authority brought together the functions of the former *Financial Services Supervision Department* and the *Currency Board*. It also created a new department for Policy and Research that will serve as a catalyst for new and improved systems of supervision and regulation of the financial sector. Among its various functions the Authority acts as adviser to the Government on banking and monetary policy issues and is a strong defender of Cayman's position as a first class international financial centre.

During the year a number of initiatives were developed, including the strengthening of supervisory structures and the building of institutional capacity. The Authority recognises that the expansion of the financial services sector is very much mirrored by the global expansion of cross-border financial activities. Consequently, it has undertaken projects designed to enhance inter-



Mr. Neville Grant

national co-operation and co-ordination to facilitate the supervision of cross-border banking operations. This includes procedures for facilitating on-site examinations of Cayman banks by overseas supervisors by way of Memoranda of Understanding. Cayman's systems of supervision are being adapted to meet the challenges presented by the changing international financial environment. To this end, an on-site bank inspection programme was developed and is now being implemented. Onsite review programmes for the insurance and investment services sectors are expected to be implemented in 1998. The Authority is also enhancing its off-site surveillance capabilities in line with its on-site programme and has recruited a number of experienced expatriate supervisors to assist in this process.

In keeping with its objectives, the Authority has developed a training programme focused on providing its supervisory staff with hands-on experience through attachments with regulatory bodies such as the Bank of England, and with the private sector. This is consistent with its policy of maintaining an effective supervisory regime that is in touch with leading edge developments in the private sector and the international supervisory community. On its agenda for 1998, the Authority plans to recommend appropriate legislative reform to enable it to exercise a judicious degree of regulatory oversight over money exchange houses (*bureau de change*), money transfer entities, building societies and credit unions.

Besides the supervision of the financial services sector, the Authority has undertaken other projects including the production of new currency notes for 1998. Efforts to recruit additional staff for its Policy and Research Unit are also underway. This is all in keeping with the Authority's legal mandate as it evolves into a full-fledged autonomous regulatory body.

As it celebrates its FIRST ANNIVERSARY, the Authority compliments its management and staff for the hard work and dedication exhibited during the year. The Authority stands proudly as a key element in the country's financial sector accountability. As Managing Director, I would like to record my sincere appreciation to the staff for a job well done.



General Manager Cindy Bush

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division is very much a key component in facilitating the efficient operations of the Authority. There are a number of functions within the division, including responsibility for Budget and Financial Management, Information Technology Management, and Human Resource Management.

STAFF TRAINING

During 1997 the Authority hosted a two-week banking supervision course conducted by the Bank of England and sponsored by Cable & Wireless. The course covered the techniques of banking supervision together with financial analysis for banking supervision. The programme proved to be invaluable to our financial analysts.

During the course of the year, staff members attended various conferences and seminars, both locally and overseas.



Administration Division staff

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

With the formation of the Authority came the need to create information technology systems independent of government to support all accounting, word-processing and information management systems. The computer infrastructure of the Authority consists of one server running MS Exchange messaging system, MS SQL Server database, Platinum accounting system and forty five Personal Computers. This provides us with a very modern platform on which to build.

One of the first tasks was to train all staff to effectively use this equipment. This was achieved through a combination of in-house cross-training and by sending staff to one of

the local training facilities. One major impact of the new hardware and software was to implement an electronic diary system for use by the entire Authority to manage the six departments' appointments and booking of the two conference rooms. This was achieved using Microsoft Outlook Personal Information Management software.

As a result of the now fully-incorporated functions of the Authority, it was decided by the Board that the existing five separate, rather dated, on-line databases should be re-written to create a fully incorporated information system for the Authority. In September Neil Glasson was employed as Information Technology Manager with the task to design, develop and implement new information systems, in addition to providing support to all staff.

The first challenge was to reduce the amount of data entry being undertaken by the financial analysts, to enable more extensive analysis of the information to be carried out.

It was decided that distributing the annual surveys using electronic forms would help both the Monetary Authority and the institutions report more effectively and efficiently. To determine the best mechanism with which to achieve this goal, an information technology survey was distributed, in the first instance, to all banks registered with the Authority. Following this, it is our intention to either post computer disks, or e-mail all those institutions that have compatible computer systems.

To establish the current state of readiness that the financial institutions registered in Cayman had achieved with the now internationally recognised "Year 2000 problem," a questionnaire was distributed to all registered banks, insurance companies, company managers and mutual fund administrators. The results from this survey will help us determine any financial risks associated with this problem.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The first annual financial statements of the Authority as at 31 December 1997, are shown on pages 38 to 46 of this annual report.

Total assets of \$54.9 million include \$53.7 million of Currency Reserve assets representing investments and current, call and fixed deposits. The investments are characterised by short-term, high credit quality and liquidity features comprised of certificates of deposit and bankers acceptances of U.S. and European issuers maturing within one year. Investment decisions were made in accordance with our principal investment objectives of security, liquidity and income. Total return earned of 5.7% exceeded our estimate and we believe that yields beyond this level are difficult to achieve in the current investment climate, without undue risks, because the yield curve remains fairly flat.

Total liabilities of \$43.8 million include \$40.5 million of demand liabilities for currency in circulation which are fully secured by the Currency Reserve assets as required by Section 28(7) of the Monetary Authority Law, 1996, as amended.

Total reserves and capital is \$11.0 million and the General Reserve is maintained at 15% of demand liabilities as required by Section 6(2) of the Law. Net income of \$3.5 million for the fiscal year was largely achieved by sound investment decision-making and enhancing cost controls.

The Board continued the policy established by the predecessor organisation and transferred \$0.48 million to the Currency Issue Reserve to provide for the costs of future currency reprints. Additionally, \$1.5 million was transferred to the Paid-Up capital account. After these transfers, the Authority was still able to exceed its budgetary target by allocating \$2.5 million for transfer to the General Revenue of the Cayman Islands Government.

During the next fiscal year, the Board and management will continually focus on maintaining sound investment management policies and implementing effective cost reduction techniques, while remaining committed to the progressive strengthening of reserves and capital by the continued capitalisation of profits.

BANKING AND TRUST

During 1997, the number of banks and trust companies licensed to operate in the Cayman Islands increased by 17 - from 577 at the end of December 1996 to 594 at the end of December 1997. In effect, 36 licences were issued and 19 were terminated constituting a net increase of 17 licences for the year. Terminated licences were prima-



Banking and Trust staff

rily due to mergers and acquisitions in the banking industry as well as the cancellation of inactive licensees. In addition, on 13 October 1997, First Cayman Bank and Gulf Union Bank were closed to permit further investigation into apparent irregularities at First Cayman Bank which came to light during the due diligence of a prospective purchaser. As a result of further investigations, irregularities were confirmed and on 17 October 1997, Executive Council revoked the licences of First Cayman Bank and Gulf Union Bank and applied to the Grand Court to wind up the affairs of both banks. The firm of Deloitte and Touche has been appointed as liquidators.

Of the 36 licences issued during the year, 20 licences were issued to international banks for the establishment of branches or subsidiaries while 13 Trust and 3 Restricted Banking Licences were issued. The Restricted Banking Licences were granted to large international corporations to facilitate financing to affiliated companies.

Of the 36 licences issued during 1997, one third were issued to banks from the United States, the remainder were from other jurisdictions.

As of 31st December 1997, there were 30 Category "A" Banks, 475 Category "B" Banks and 89 Trust Companies licenced to operate in the Cayman Islands. In addition, 98 Nominee (Trust) Licences have been issued. The number of banks and trust companies licenced to operate in the Cayman Islands has almost doubled from 324 at the end of December 1980 to 594 at the end of December 1997.

Due to various mergers, acquisitions, and a shift in the ranking of the world's top 50 banks, the Cayman Islands now has 45 of the top 50 banks represented on the Islands. In addition, four of the top 50 banks obtained additional Banking Licenses during 1997.

Banks and trust companies represent 65 different countries, in the world including the United States, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Hong Kong, Japan, Germany, France, Brazil, Mexico and Portugal.

Congruent with the increase in the number of banking and trust licences, total assets in the banking sector rose to \$503 billion at the end of December 1996.

The Monetary Authority is in the early stage of preparing On-Site Inspections for the first half of 1998 in accordance with the Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision set out by the Basle Committee. Its purpose is to ensure the safety and soundness of a bank by evaluating areas such as risk management, operational controls and compliance, and asset quality. The examinations have started with the inspection of retail banks operating within the Cayman Islands and those institutions for which we are the primary home supervisor.

On the international front, The Basle Committee issued "The Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision" in 1997. The Division reviewed these principles to determine how effectively the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority adhered to the principles. As a result of this review, the Authority will be making

recommendations for revisions to existing policies and procedures and amendments to the Banks and Trusts Companies Law (1995 Revision) to ensure that the Cayman Islands moves towards compliance with the 25 "Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision."

The "Core Principles for Effective Banking Supervision" also reinforce the obligation of Banking Supervisors to practice global consolidated supervision. As part of the Cayman Islands' commitment to meeting its international obligations, the Authority



On-Site Inspections Staff

has been negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with Brazil. Discussions are currently underway with a view of developing Memoranda of Understanding with other regulatory supervisors.

The Division has also been involved in a number of international conferences with other regulators including the Caribbean Group of Banking Supervisors and the Basle Group of Offshore Banking Supervisors.

CURRENCY OPERATIONS

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority, Currency Operations continues to be responsible for the issue, re-issue, and withdrawal of the Cayman Islands currency notes and coins against the US dollar in its dealings with the seven local retail banks. These banks are British American Bank, Barclays Bank PLC., Bank of Butterfield International (Cayman) Ltd., Cayman National Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, CIBC Bank & Trust Company (Cayman) Ltd., and Royal Bank of Canada.

Currency Operations continue with the sale and redemption of numismatic coins and banknotes to/from local and overseas collectors.



Currency Operations staff

At 31 December, 1997, currency in circulation (excluding numismatic issues) stood at CI\$40.4 million (\$36mn in notes and \$4.4mn in circulating coins). This represented a 7.7% increase over that of \$37.5 million in 1996. In 1997 mutilated notes totaling \$9.4 million were withdrawn from circulation for destruction. This represented a 2.2% increase over the 1996 figure of \$9.2 million.

The Authority has commissioned De La Rue Security Print and Pa-

per to manufacture a new family of banknotes, the "C" series which will be circulated in 1998.

In 1997 the Authority authorised the British Royal Mint to issue one commemorative coin programme. The \$2 silver coin, commemorated Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip's Golden Wedding Anniversary. The design by John Savage, depicts the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, with their two children, being driven up Whitehall in an open State Landau, escorted by a Sovereign's Escort of the Household Cavalry, on their return from the Commonwealth Tour in 1954. The obverse features Raphael Maklouf's unoccupied regal portrait of Her Majesty the Queen. A distinctive feature of this coin is a golden cameo inset displaying the year of their tour. The Authority has also commissioned the British Royal Mint to issue another coin programme for 1997, to commemorate the establishment of the Monetary Authority. This will be available in 1998.

Currency Operations would like to extend a special thanks to the Public Works Department of the Cayman Islands Government and to the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service for their invaluable assistance during the year.

INSURANCE DIVISION

Important new legislation in the latter part of the year was introduced to ensure prudential supervision of the domestic insurance market. The Insurance Law (Liabilities Support) Bill requires all licensed insurance companies operating in the Cayman do-

mestic market to maintain sufficient funds to the order of the Authority, to match liabilities incurred.

In addition, specific on-site inspection programmes have been put in place to assist the effective supervision of Class A companies operating in the domestic market. These will be effected in 1998.

Continued growth in the captive insurance area over the last two years has been maintained as illustrated in the overleaf statistical summary detailing the licensing activity demonstrates. The year 1995, with



Insurance Division staff

49 licences issued, was a particular successful one and 1997 with 50 licences issued at 31^{st} December and a further 21 approved, has surpassed expectations. The total number of licensed captives is, therefore, in excess of 450 which continues to place Cayman as the second largest captive insurance centre in the world.

Whilst the major interest in captive insurance companies is from organisations located in the U.S., the general relaxation of regulations in certain South American insurance markets was seen as providing an opportunity for companies in those countries to form captives in the offshore centres, and we believe Cayman is ideally placed to take advantage of these changes.

Little change has been seen in the origin or composition of the newcomers when compared to previous years; 85% of them have U.S.-based risks or owners and 35% write liability risks in the health care area. Despite the attention given to this particular sector of the market by other offshore centres, Cayman continues to be the domicile of preference for medical malpractice and health care captives, due to the significant level of expertise built up in the 21 years since the first health care captive was established on the island.

Cayman is preparing legislation to provide for legal segregation between the individual participant cells of rent-a-captive insurance companies. Draft legislation has been considered and it is hoped that Segregated Portfolio Company legislation will be approved by the Legislative Assembly early in 1998 and come into effect soon afterwards.

The Cayman Islands has always supported new and innovative financial products. With a very significant and buoyant capital market it is perhaps not surprising that several "catastrophe" bond programmes should have originated from its insurance area. Considerable interest from the capital markets was generated by all of these programmes which are seen as providing an alternative, both in cost and participants, to the traditional catastrophe reinsurance market. The flexibility of the insurance law combined with the expertise and understanding of alternative financing vehicles makes the Cayman Islands an attractive location for these facilities. With similar structures in the pipeline this is seen as a significant growth area.

In summary, the last year has been an active one with continued expansion and the development of new insurance structures. The joint approach of Government, the Authority and the private sector will continue to maintain the Islands as a premier location for captive insurance companies for the future growth of the economy.

LICENSING ACTIVITY 1994 - 97

	1994	1995	1996	1997
No. of licences at 1 st January	352	361	390	418
Licences Issued During Year	45	49	41	50
Licences Surrendered	36	20	13	18
No. of Licences at 31 st December	361	390	418	450

INVESTMENT SERVICES

The year 1997 saw continued strong growth in the number of regulated Mutual Funds. The number grew by 350 from 1335 a year earlier to 1685 at the end 1997. Of the various types of funds, the strongest growth was in registered funds that have a mini-



Investment Services staff

mum subscription of at least US\$50,000 or are listed on a recognised stock exchange. These funds rose to 1037 at the end of 1997 from 724 at the end of 1996. The total number of Mutual Fund Administrators also showed a healthy increase from 124 to 139.

What is particularly noteworthy is the global nature of the growth, once again demonstrating that Cayman is a major international Offshore Financial Centre.

The Cayman Islands Fund Administrators Association has estimated that at the end of 1997, assets held in mutual funds domiciled

in Cayman had reached US\$ 200 billion. On-island provision of services has also shown a healthy growth. In 1995, there were 195 mutual funds that were fully serviced by Cayman Licensed Mutual Fund Administrators; in 1997 that figure almost doubled to 357. In 1997, the Investment Services Division of the Monetary Authority continued to keep pace with the growth of the mutual funds industry. Greater emphasis was placed on the regulation of mutual funds registered under Section 3 (3) of the Mutual Funds Law (1996 Revision). These funds, which comprise sixty percent of the total mutual funds registered with the Authority, will, together with the other fund categories, now have to submit an expanded annual return. This return captures information such as total net asset value, location of main investors, main geographical sector of investment and total return of fund over the previous twelve months. This information will enhance the Authority's ability to effectively supervise these funds.

Licensed Cayman Mutual Fund Administrators' compliance with Section 15 of the Mutual Funds Law (1996 Revision) has also been under review. In the last quarter of 1997, steps were taken to develop an on-site inspection programmes for fully licensed Cayman Mutual Fund Administrators. On-site inspection of local administrators is planned for 1998 and will greatly increase the effectiveness of the Authority's regulation of these companies and help ensure the continued quality of business practice in a jurisdiction that is already renowned for modern financial sector legislation and supervision.

COMPANY MANAGERS

The Company Management sector continues to experience steady growth. There are now 38 fully licensed Company Managers, up from 32 at the end of 1996. Only one licence has been surrendered since 1996. There are presently 63 exempted company managers, up from 57 at the end of 1996. Two licenses for exempted company managers have been surrendered since 1996. With the continued growth of Cayman's finance and fund industry, the importance of these managerial service providers will continue to increase proportionally.

1998 will also see the introduction of plans for on-site inspection of company managers. The on-site inspections are designed to test a company manager's compliance with the legislative requirements.

The Cayman Islands Government continues to enhance its legal framework to develop the financial industry. In November 1997, the government enacted the Special Trust (Alternative Regime) Law, 1997 (STAR) and in line with this an amendment was made to the Perpetuities Law. The STAR provides for the establishment of a non-charitable purpose trust.

A new Companies Management Bill has been drafted in an effort to bring the standard of Company Management regulation more on par with the regulation of Mutual Funds, Banks and Trust Companies. The bill is to be presented at a sitting of the Legislative Assembly in 1998.

POLICY AND RESEARCH

In July 1997, the Board of the Monetary Authority approved the creation of a Policy and Research Division. The division is responsible for researching topics relating to the finan-



Policy and Research staff

cial industry and its regulation, drafting policy documents and compiling statistics on Cayman's financial industry.

Research projects undertaken in 1997 included deposit protection, regulation of credit unions and building societies and other non-bank money service businesses. The division was also very active in providing input for Government on the Companies Management Bill scheduled to go before the Legislative Assembly in 1998 as well as the Companies (Amendment) (Protection of Depositors) Law, 1997 passed by the Legislature in December, 1997.

The division also completed the redesign of the annual banking survey form, with major assistance from the Information Technology Manager.

There were no significant changes in policy during the year nor were any definitive policy statements issued. The section, however, was active in providing assistance to other divisions in clarifying a number of policy issues which arose from individual institutions or events. Research leading to the issue of a paper or a policy statement is also underway in a number of areas.

It is expected that a significant portion of work in 1998 will be related to formalising and further defining existing informal policy which has been loosely communicated to existing institutions. Newly issued formal policy statements will be included or referenced in future Annual Reports or in the planned Authority Bulletin publications.

One area of policy that requires clarification is the licensing of banks. At present, applications for licences are granted to branches of international banks or subsidiaries of good banks, as well as affiliates that will be subject to consolidated supervision and, in special circumstances, companies owned by well-established corporate groups. The division has produced a Licensing of Banks (Eligible Shareholders) Policy Statement (reproduced in Appendix I) that provides additional details and clarification on eligible structures or shareholders. It is also intended that a Licensing of Banks (Applications) Policy Statement will shortly be produced.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The staff of the Authority is encouraged to become involved in community services and in 1997 participation in the "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" was significant. October marked the beginning of an international campaign to promote importance of 'early detection as the best protection' in the fight against breast cancer. To show its support, the Authority made a donation to the Lions Club of Tropical Gardens to assist in the cost of mammograms for 200 women. The Authority also participated in "Lions Breast Cancer Awareness Dress Down Day", and wore "Breast Cancer" lapel pins so that they could be recognised with the rest of the world in the fight against this disease.

One of our analysts, Mr. Shedley Branche, has volunteered his time to assist in coaching the CAF Track Club. This club is for young track and field athletes between the ages of 8 and 14 years.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Family Fun Day and Barbecue

In September 1997, the Authority held a Family Fun Day and Barbeque to bring staff together in a more relaxed atmosphere. The event proved to be very successful, especially since the amalgamation of the Currency Board and Financial Services was still relatively new. It gave staff the opportunity to get to know each other better, while having an enjoyable day with their families.

Christmas Party

Our first Christmas party as the Monetary Authority, was held in December at the Lighthouse Restaurant. The party was a success, enjoyed by the staff and other invited guests.

Government Football League

There was great team effort from the staff who took part in this event, although the final results for the Authority was a tie for third place, everyone definitely enjoyed themselves. Each person received a certificate of appreciation and Miss Denise Tibbetts received the trophy for "Sportsmanship."



Staff enjoy Christmas festivities



CIMA footballers made a good team effort

APPENDIX I — LICENSING OF BANKS (ELIGIBLE SHAREHOLDERS) POLICY

1. Direct branches of well-regulated established international banks continue to be encouraged. International banks are considered to be banks with existing operations outside of their countries of origin.

2. Applications for wholly owned or controlled subsidiaries from well-regulated, established reputable banks continue to be considered.

3. Affiliates of well-regulated established reputable banks that are effectively supervised in their parent country continue to be licensed provided the parent country supervisory authorities have no objection to the establishment of a Cayman affiliate of the bank and confirm consolidated supervision.

4. Except in very special circumstances, for example in the case of a well-established international financial or corporate group, a banking licence is not granted unless the applicant has a supervised banking entity in another country. In such cases conditions or restrictions will most likely be attached to the licence prohibiting dealings with the public or all third parties i.e. all activity must be related.

5. Banking licences, included restricted licences, will not be issued to locally incorporated companies owned by individuals or by private holding companies.

6. Proposed transfers of shares to new controlling shareholders of <u>all</u> banks presently licensed in Cayman must fit one of the shareholder structures set out in the first four points above.

APPENDIX II— LIST OF ACTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES AS OF 31 ST DECEMBER 1997

List of active banks and trust companies as of 31st December 1997

Aall Trust & Banking Corporation Ltd. ABC Trust Company Ltd ABN Amro Bank N.V. ABN AMRO Trust Company (Cayman) Limited Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank Active Bank International Ltd Aegis Trust Limited Alexandria Bancorp Limited Allied Irish Banks, Public Limited Company Altajir Bank Amadeus Trust Company Ltd. Ambroveneto International Bank Ltd American Express Bank Ltd American Express Centurion Bank American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago Amex International Trust (Cayman) Limited AmSouth Bank of Alabama Anchor Trust Co. Ltd. Ansbacher (Cayman) Limited Arab American Bank Arab Bank PLC Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C) Arab Commerce Bank Limited Arabian Express Bank Limited Arctic Trustee Ltd Asabi Bank (The) Asia Commercial Bank Limited ATC Trustees (Cayman) Limited Atlantic Bank of New York Atlantic European Banking Corporation Atlantic Security Bank Atlantico Bank & Trust Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited B.I. Bank & Trust, Ltd. BAC International Bank Bahrain Middle East Bank (E.C.) Banc Internacional of Andorra (Cavman) Ltd. Banca Commerciale Italiana Banca Cremi Sociedad Anonima Banca CRT S.p.A. Banca Di Roma Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena S.p.A. Banca Promex Sociedad Anonima Banca Unione Di Credito (Cayman) Ltd. Banco America do Sul S.A. Banco Atlantico S.A. Banco B.I. Creditanstalt S.A. Banco Bandeirantes Grand Cavman Inc. Banco Bandeirantes S.A. Banco Bilbao Vizcava S.A. Banco Bilbao Vizcava-Mexico S.A. Banco BMC S A

Banco BMG S.A. Banco Borges & Irmao, S.A. Banco Bozano, Simonsen S.A. Banco BPI, S.A. Banco Bradesco S.A. Banco Central Hispanoamericano, S.A. Banco Colpatria Cayman Inc. Banco Comafi (Cayman) Limited Banco Comercial dos Acores Banco Credibanco S.A. Banco de Credito Argentino S.A. Banco de Credito Nacional S.A. Banco de Galicia (Cayman) Limited Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A. Banco de la Nacion Argentina Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires Banco De Prestamos (Cayman) Ltd. Banco del Atlantico Sociedad Anonima Banco del Centro Sociedad Anonima Banco del Progreso Ltd. Banco di Napoli S.p.A. Banco Dibens S.A. Banco do Brasil S.A. Banco do Estado de Sao Paulo S.A. Banco do Estado do Parana S.A. Banco do Estado do Rio de Janeiro S.A. Banco do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul S.A. Banco Economico S.A. Banco Espanol de Credito, S.A. Banco Exterior de Espana Banco Exterior de los Andes y de Espana S.A. Banco Finantia International Limited Banco Fonsecas & Burnay Banco Frances (Cayman) Limited Banco General (Overseas), Inc. Banco Inhursa S.A. Banco Industrial Colombiano de Cayman Banco Inter-Atlantico S.A. Banco Interfinanzas International, Ltd Banco Internacional de Credito, S.A. Banco Internacional, S.A. Banco Inverlat, S.A. Banco Itau S.A Banco Latinoamericano de Exportaciones, Limited (BLADEX) Banco Layor Cayman Ltd Banco Mello (Cayman) Ltd Banco Mercantil de Sao Paulo S.A. Finasa Banco Mercantil Del Norte S.A. Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior, SNC Banco Noroeste S.A. Banco Pinto & Sotto Mayor Banco Pontual S.A

Banco Portuges de Investimento, S.A. Banco Portugues do Atlantico Banco Privado Portugues (Cayman) Ltd Banco Real S.A. Banco Rio de la Plata S.A. Banco Safra S.A. Banco Safra (Cavman Islands) Limited Banco Santander Mexicano, S.A. Banco Totta & Acores Banco Union Sociedad Anonima Banco Urquijo Limited Bancomer, Sociedad Anonima Bancrecer S.A. Bancredit Cayman Limited Bangkok Metropolitan Bank Public Company Limited BANIF-Banco Internacional do Funchal (Cayman) Ltd Baninter and Trust Company Bank Austria Aktiengesellschaft Bank Austria Cayman Islands Ltd. Bank Danamon Bank Espirito Santo (International) Limited Bank Hapoalim (Cayman) Limited Bank Hapoalim B.M. Bank Leumi Le Israel B.M. Bank Leumi Trust Company of New York Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association Bank of Asia Public Company, Limited (The) Bank of Ayudhya Public Company Limited Bank of Bermuda (Cayman) Limited Bank of Bermuda (New York) Limited Bank of Butterfield International (Cayman) Ltd. Bank of China Bank of India Bank of Ireland Bank of New York (Delaware) (The) Bank of New York (The) Bank of New York Trust Company (Cayman) Limited (The) Bank of Nova Scotia (The) Bank of Nova Scotia Trust Company (Cayman) Limited (The) Bank of Scotland Bank One Dayton, N.A. Bank One, Arizona, National Association Bank One, Colorado, National Association Bank One, Columbus, National Association Bank One, Indiana, National Association Bank One, Kentucky, N.A. Bank One, Louisiana, National Association Bank One Texas National Association Bank One, Utah, National Association Bank One Wisconsin BankAmerica Trust and Banking Corporation (Cayman) Limited BankBoston International

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United Bank for Africa Limited United Bank of Kuwait PLC (The) United Mizrahi Bank Ltd United States Trust Company of New York United States Trust Company of New York (Grand Cayman) Ltd. Universal Trust Company Ltd. Venecredit Bank & Trust, Ltd. Venecredit International Banking Ltd Von Ernst Trust Company Limited Vontobel Bank & Trust Company Ltd. Wachovia Bank of Georgia, National Association Wachovia Bank of South Carolina, N.A. Wachovia Bank, National Association Walbrook International Trust Company Limited Wells Fargo International Limited West Caribbean Bank Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale Western International Trust Company Limited Western Oceanic Bank Westpac Banking Corporation Whitney National Bank Wiese Bank International Wing Hang Bank (Cayman) Ltd Wing Hang Bank Trustee Company (Cayman) Limited Wing Lung Bank Ltd. Worldwide Commercial Bank Ltd Yasuda Trust and Banking Company, Limited (The) Zions First National Bank

List of active Class A Insurance companies as of 31st December 1997

- Aetna Life And Casualty (Bermuda) Ltd. American Home Assurance Company American Life Insurance Company Bankers Life Insurance Company Blue Cross And Blue Shield Of Delaware, Inc. British Caribbean Insurance Company Limited British Caymanian Insurance Company Limited British-American Insurance Company Ltd. Capital Life Insurance Company Limited Caribbean Home Insurance Company Limited Cayman General Insurance Company Limited
- Cigna International Reinsurance Company Ltd. Clico (Cayman) Ltd. Colonial Life Assurance Company Limited Crown Life Insurance Company Dyoll Insurance Company Limited Global Life Assurance Company Ltd. Great Southern Life Insurance Company Hartford Life Insurance Company Insurance Company Of The West Indies Limited (The) Island Heritage Insurance Company, Ltd. Jackson National Life Insurance Company
- Jamaica Mutual Life Assurance Society Life Of Barbados Lloyds Of London Mony Life Insurance Company Of The Americas, Ltd Motor And General Insurance Company Limited N.E.M. (West Indies) Insurance Limited National Life Assurance Company Of Canada (The) Occidental Life Insurance Company Of North Carolina Reliastar Bankers Security Life Sun Alliance Insurance (Bahamas) Limited

List of active Class B Insurance companies as of 31st December 1997

- A.M. Skier Reinsurance Company Abacus Insurance Limited Abs Insurance Limited Accident & General Insurance Company Ltd. Adamas Limited Affinity 500 Insurance Ltd. Agricultural Risk Insurance Company Ltd. Agrinational Ltd. Agta Insurance Ltd. Alembic, Inc. Allegheny Health Services Providers Insurance Company Allegro Life And Annuity Company Allied Meat Insurance Company Ltd.
- Alpine Indemnity Limited Alternative Risk Reinsurance Company Limited Amcon Reinsurance, Inc. American Businessowners Assurance Ltd. American Contractors Reinsurance Company, Ltd. American Eagle Insurance Co. Ltd. American Guaranty And Health Care Insurance Company American Industries Assurance, Cayman Ltd. American Professional Assurance Ltd American Surgeons Insurance Company American Vehicle Insurance Services Americana Excess & Reinsurance Corporation Amfo Members Insurance Company Ltd.
- Anchor Insurance Company (Cayman) Andelssikring Insurance Company Limited Anglo-Dutch Insurance Company Limited (The) Anlic Insurance Company (Cayman) Apic Insurance Corporation Aquitaine Insurance Company Arbil International Insurance Limited Arcadian Cayman Limited Arch Reinsurance Company, Ltd. Archway Insurance, Ltd. Arrowhead Insurance Company Ltd. Assistance-Re Astra Insurance Company

Atg Assurance Company Limited Atlantic And Caribbean Re Atlantic General Insurance Company Atlantic Gulf Insurance Company Atlantic Northern Insurance Company Avon Insurance Company, Ltd. Awa Insurance Company B.A. Insurance (Cayman) Ltd. Bay Primex Insurance Company, Ltd. Benchmark Insurance Company Benodet Insurance Ltd Best Meridian International Insurance Company Bhs Insurance Company, Ltd Biscayne Insurance Company Ltd Blair International Insurance (Cayman) Ltd Blodgett Assurance Company Ltd Blue Eagle Re Blue Horse Limited Bon Secours Assurance Company, Ltd Briarwoods Insurance Company Ltd. Britannia Guarantee National Insurance Company British Insurance Company Of Cayman Bucap Limited Builders Insurance Company, Ltd. C.M.M.C.Insurance Co. Ltd. Caduceus Indemnity Corporation Ltd. California Livery Insurance Company, Ltd. California Reinsurance Corporation Capitol Insurance Company Ltd. Cardinal Insurance Company (Cayman) Ltd. Care Insurance Ltd. Caribbean Catastrophe Insurance Ltd. Caribbean Equity Reinsurance Ltd. Carondelet Insurance Ltd. Cascades Insurance Company, Ltd. Castle Insurance Company Ltd. Catalina Assurance Ltd. Caterpillar Assurance Co. Ltd. Cathedral Insurance Company Limited Catmontu Insurance Company Ltd. Caydeaux Insurance Company Ltd Caydeaux Life Assurance Company Ltd Cayman Overseas Reinsurance Association Caymich Insurance Company, Ltd Caypac Insurance Limited Ccsf Reinsurance Ltd. Centra Indemnity, Ltd Centra Professional Indemnity, Ltd Centrum Insurance Company Ltd Centurian Re Chandler Insurance Company, Ltd. Chaparral Underwriters Ltd. Charabanc & General Insurance Company Ltd. Charger Insurance Group (The) Chariots Of Hire Insurance Company (Cayman) Chc Insurance Company, Ltd. Chic Re Limited Churchill Casualty Ltd.

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First Southern Insurance Company Forbes Re-Insurance Company Limited Foundation Insurance Co., Ltd. (Cayman) Franciscan Health System Insurance Company Ltd Franklin International Reinsurance Company Galena Insurance Corporation Geisinger Assurance Company, Ltd. Gencay Property Insurance Company Limited Gentle Winds Reinsurance Ltd George Town Re. Ltd. Georgia Health Care Insurance Company Ghs Insurance Company, Ltd Ginco Assurance Company Limited Global Contractors Indemnity Ltd. Global Union Casualty Insurance Co. Gloucester Insurance Ltd Glp Insurance Company Grand Reinsurance Ltd Grande Alliance Co. Ltd Grant-Atlas Insurance Company Grayhill Insurance (Cayman) Ltd. Greater Rochester Assurance Company Ltd. Greenleaf Insurance Company, Ltd. Gulf Insurance Company Ltd. Gulf Re Hanover Insurance Company Ltd. Harvest Insurance Company Haul Insurance Limited Health Care Assurance Company Ltd. Health Midwest Insurance Company Ltd. Health One Insurance Company, Ltd. Health Professionals Insurance Company, Ltd. (The) Health Risks Limited Health Systems Insurance Ltd. Heritage Reinsurance Company Ltd. Hillsdale Insurance Corporation Ltd. Hn Reinsurance Ltd. Hospital Assurance Company Ltd. Ichem Reinsurance Company Limited Ihc Insurance Co. Inc. Illinois Masonic Insurance Co. Ltd Imbi Ltd. Impa Ltd. Infinity Insurance Ltd. Insignia Management & Finance (Reinsurance) Ltd. Insurance Company Of Springfield, Inc. Insurance Security Company Limited Insurco International Ltd. Insure America (Cayman) Limited Intel Health Services Insurance Co Ltd. Intercontinental Casualty Insurance Company International Merchant Insurance Ltd. International Reinsurance Company Ltd. Interregional Reinsurance Company Limited (The) Investor Brokerage Insurance Incorporated Ipro Insurance Corporation Ipt Physicians Insurance Company (Cayman) Ltd. J. Win Insurance Co. Ltd.

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National Environmental Insurance Ltd. National Health Care Indemnity Corp. National Motorcoach Network Insurance, Ltd. National Physicians Insurance Company National Warranty Insurance Risk Retention Group New England Medical Center Insurance Company New Providence Insurance Company Limited (The) Newcap Insurance Company, Limited Nexus Limited Nightingale Insurance, Ltd. Nome Insurance Company, Ltd. Norden Insurance Ltd Norfolk Insurance Corporation North Bay Reinsurance Ltd. Northeastern Reinsurance, Ltd. Northern California Indemnity Ltd. Northern Prairie Indemnity Limited Northern United Reinsurance Ltd. Northridge Insurance Company Northwest Assurance Company Ltd. Nova Insurance Company Ntent Indemnity Company Nuclear Electric (Cayman) Limited Nuclear Mutual (Cayman) Ltd. Oakwood Assurance Company Ltd. Ob Physicians Insurance Co. Ocean State Insurance Co., Ltd. Old South Security Life Insurance Company Onika Insurance Company Ltd. Onlop Insurance Company Ontario Reinsurance Company Limited Operators Reinsurance Company Oral Surgeons Reimbursement Fund Ltd Ormaryd Insurance Company, Ltd. Overseas Indemnity Company Ltd. Pacific Coast Reinsurance Ltd. Pacific Northwest Insurance Company (Cayman) Ltd. Palms Insurance Company Limited Pan-American Benefits Insurance Company Pan-American International Insurance Corporation Panther Reinsurance Company, Ltd. Parametric Re, Ltd. Peer Insurance Corporation Pegasus Insurance Penn Reinsurance Ltd. Philan Insurance Ltd. Physicians' & Surgeons' Liability Insurance Company Physicians Assurance Medical Company Physicians Mutual Indemnity Corporation Physicians Reimbursement Fund Ltd. Pma Insurance, Cayman Ltd. Pmca Liability Insurance Ltd. Podia Insurance Limited Podiatry Assurance Company Ltd. Potomac Indemnity Company Premier Insurance Ltd. (Cayman) Princeton Cayman Liability, Ltd. Professional Protective Insurance Ltd.

Professional Underwriters Corporation Progress Reinsurance Company Ltd. Providers Re Pruden Reinsurance Company, Ltd. Qhs Insurance Company (The) Quality Alliance Assurance Company (Cayman) Ltd. Queensbrook Insurance Limited Ouest Insurance Co. Ltd. R.C.I. Ltd. R.P.S.L.M.C. Insurance Company Ltd. Raffles Insurance Limited Ravenswood Health Care Insurance Corporation Rdm Insurance Group Ltd. Real (International) Insurance Company Republic Insurance Company (Cayman) Limited Residential Reinsurance Limited Rigel Limited Risk Management Reengineering Assurance Group Riverview Indemnity Company Royal Bank Of Canada Reinsurance (Cayman) Limited Rt Insurance Company, Ltd. S.A. Insurance Ltd. S O P Insurance Ltd Safety National Re. Safewrite (Cayman Islands) Limited Samaritan Insurance Funding Ltd. Sascap Insurance Company Ltd. Saxon Insurance Company Limited Scott & White Assurance Ltd. Scottish Annuity Company (Cayman) Ltd. (The) Selandia Insurance Company Ltd. Selectcare Reinsurance Ltd. Sequoia Insurance Corporation Servanda Insurance Company Signature Insurance Company Smacal Reinsurance Company (Cayman) Ltd. Solemar Insurance Ltd. Southwest Professional Indemnity Corporation Southwest Transportation Underwriters, Inc Southwest Underwriters Inc. Southwestern Dealers Insurance Company Spectrum Insurance Company, Ltd. Springland International Assurance Company Sr Earthquake Fund, Ltd. St. Elizabeth Medical Insurance Company St. Francis Ltd. St. George Reinsurance Ltd. St. Ives Insurance Company Ltd. Stafford Insurance Company Stamford Insurance Company Ltd. Standard Fidelity Assurance Co. Ltd. Star Insurance Company (Cayman) Ltd. Starboard Indemnity, Ltd. (Cayman) State Reinsurance Co. Ltd. Stein Insurance Company Ltd. Stella Maris Insurance Company, Limited Stockton Reinsurance (Cayman) Ltd. Summit Insurance Ltd

Sunamerica (Cayman) Insurance Company Ltd. Sunflower Assurance, Ltd. Surgical Facilities Insurance, Ltd. Swisspartners Insurance Company Ltd. T.A.C. Insurance Company Limited Tailored Risk Assurance Company Ltd. Tch Insurance Company, Ltd. Ter Insurance Company, Ltd. Temporary Services Insurance Ltd. Terramar Insurance Company, Ltd. Terrapin Insurance Company Testudo Re Cayman, Ltd. Texas Health Facility Insurance Corporation Ltd. Three Lakes Insurance Company Ltd. Tiger International Insurance Limited Tortuga Casualty Company Traffic Insurance Ltd. Travel Safe International Insurance Company (Cayman) Trax Insurance Ltd. Tremont International Insurance Ltd. Twickenham Insurance Company U.I.B. International Insurance Co., Ltd. Umcc Insurance Funding Limited Uneon Re Ltd Unified Reinsurance Co. Ltd. Union Fidelity Insurance Company United Care Insurance Company United Continental Corporation Ltd. United Insurance Company United Physicians Insurance Company Ltd. United Security Associates Insurance Company United States Global Reinsurance Ltd.

United Trades Insurance Company University Of Florida Healthcare Education Insurance Company Ursa Company Ltd. Us Employers Insurance Inc. Valence Insurance Co. Ltd. Venzke Insurance Company Ltd. Vista General Reinsurance Limited Viznar Reinsurance Company Limited ₩&I Indemnity Ltd. Walnut Assurance Company Ltd. Warrander Insurance Company Limited Water Street Insurance Company Ltd. Waterford Insurance Ltd. Wellington Security International Insurance Company West Coast Reinsurance Ltd. Western International Insurance Company Western Liability Insurance Company Western Pacific Mutual Insurance Co. Ltd. Western Technical Insurance Inc. Westin International Insurance Company Ltd. Westside Insurance Company Whatatu Insurance Company Whitehall Station Insurance Company Ltd. William Penn Insurance Co. Ltd. Wisconsin Health Care Assurance Limited Woodbridge Insurance Company Ltd. Wsh Insurance Company Ltd. Yhs Insurance Company, Ltd. Zeneca Reinsurance Company Limited Zenith Casualty

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	Cayman	~ 1	~	- 1
~ 6 .	Islands	Grand	Cayman	Little
Surface Area	Total	Cayman	Brac	Caymar
Land (sq. miles)	93.0	69.4	14.9	8.7
Inland Water (sq. miles)	9.0	6.6	0.1	2.3
Islands Total (sq. miles)	102	76	15	11
Economic Indicators	1990	1995	1996	
Consumer Price Index (Sept 1984=100)	131.9	158.5	161.9	
Annual percentage change (%)	7.7	2.3	2.1	
Imports (\$mn)	239.7	332.2	314.8	
Exports (\$mn)	3.1	3.4	2.2	
Current Surplus/(Deficit) as % of GDP ¹	-0.2			
Total Bank assets (US\$'000 mn)	433	499.7	497.6	
Net Foreign Assets of local banks (\$mn)	32.1	4.7	-9.9	
Stay-over arrivals (000's)	253	361.4	373.4	
Stay-over Expenditure (\$mm)	180	283	300	
Cruise Ship arrivals (000's)	362	682.8	771.1	
Cruise Ship Expenditure (\$mn)	14	26	31	
Registered vehicles (000's)	14.1	17.4	19.2	
Unemployment rate-Oct. (%)		4.9	5.1	
Social Indicators				
End year population (000's) ²	27	33.6	35.2	
Percentages Caymanian (%) ²	66	62	63	
Growth rate $(\%)^2$	5	5.4	4.8	
Teacher : Pupil ratio	1:14	01:13	01:14	
Doctors (per '000 year end pop. ²	1.6	1.4	1.5	
Crimes (per '000 year end pop. ²	104.6	65	81.1	
Accident rate (per 100 vehicles)	6.1	6.2	4.0	
Life Expectancy at Birth (years)	77.1 ³			
Notes				
 ¹ Current Surplus = Recurrent Revenue less Recurrent & Stat ² The population figures since 1990 have been revised due to cl 		tion figures.		
³ 1989.				

	E	mployme	nt By Se	ctor		
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	
BANKING ¹	1,320	1,305	1,439	1,369	1,727	
INSURANCE ²	210	250	310	365	360	
HOTELS & CONDOS ³	1,430	1,517	1,629	1,770	1,451	
GOVERNMENT	1,704	1,604	1,959	1,961	2,098	
OTHER INDUSTRIES	10,540	11,319	11,493	13,380	13,734	
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT ⁴	15,204	15,995	16,830	18,845	19,370	
Percentage change Notes	-(3.5)	(5.2)	(5.2)	(12.0)	(2.8)	
 ^{1.} Data from annual banking surveys. ^{2.} Data for 1991 from annual insurar ^{3.} Annual average of data from the De ^{4.} Estimated, including the self emplo 	nce surveys, 199 ept. of Tourism y	which excludes oyment based	small cottage on October La	operations. bour Force Sa		
OCCUPATION	1992 LFS Oct	1993 LFS Oct	1994 LFS Oct	1995 LFS Oct	1996 LFS Oct	October 1996 LFS Average Monthly Salaries in CI\$
All Occupations	15,220	15,995	16,830	18,845	19,370	2,165
Senior officials & managers	1,275	1,475	1,650	1,435	1,375	4,698
Professionals, Technicians & Associate professionals	3,620	4,045	3,955	5,430	5,110	2,911
Clerical & Executive	2,645	3,320	2,730	2,620	2,500	1,760
Service, shop & sales	2,275	1,725	2,670	2,535	2,815	1,615
Skilled agricultural & fishery	260	350	570	340	385	1,260
Craft & skilled manual	2,180	1,770	2,465	2,130	2,655	2,045
Plant & machine operators	635	715	615	865	710	2,113
Labourers & unskilled Notes	2,330	2,595	2,175	3,490	3,820	1,111
^{1.} Average monthly earnings for all er	nployees includi	ng part-time w	orkers. Earnin	gs include seco	ond incomes	
SOURCE : Economics & Statistics	Office, Cayman	Islands Gove	rnment			

Employment and Earnings by Industry											
INDUSTRY	1992 LFS Oct	1993 LFS Oct	1994 LFS Oct	1995 LFS Oct	1996 LFS Oct	October 1996 LFS Average Monthly Salaries in CI\$					
All Industries	15,220	15,995	16,830	18,845	19,370	2,165					
Agric, Fish, Manuf, Constr, Util	2,895	2,790	2,995	2,640	3, 545	2,240					
Wholesale, Retail, Hotel & Rest	4, 160	4,310	4,715	5,555	5, 375	1,815					
Transport, Post & Comm	1,385	1,345	1,205	1,785	1, 125	2,490					
Ins, Financial & Business	2,375	3,610	2,920	3,570	3, 840	3,063					
Public Administration	700	770	1,015	950	890	2,729					
Educ, Health & Social Serv	1,405	1,210	1,410	1,320	1,330	2,383					
Recr, Community & Personal	2, 300	1,960	2,570	3,025	3,265	1,248					
Notes											
¹ Average monthly earnings for all employ SOURCE :Economics & Statistics Office				lude second inc	omes.						

						ADVANCES				
						LENDING TO				100)
	ANALYSIS, BY SECTOR, OF LOANS AND ADVANCEs IN ALL CURRENCIES TO C.I RESIDENTS (CI\$10								100)	
	TRADE	AND COMM	L MERCE							
										TOTAL
PERIOD	AGRIC &	HOTELS	RETAIL	WHOLE-	UTILITIES	CONSTRUC-	REAL	PERSONAL	OTHER	RESIDENTS
END	FISHING	& REST.		SALE		TION	ESTATE			LOANS
1985 DEC	490	17,349	21,972	9,517	1,265	49,517	50,767	55,923	27,738	234,538
1990 DEC	770	52,402	41,060	2,218	6,205	49,647	44,530	210,223	104,153	511,228
1991 DEC	957	66,003	40,942	1,498	7,400	20,947	95,622	221,935	135,749	591,053
1992 DEC	709	73,870	47,067	1,469	15,356	20,411	105,446	269,486	124,662	658,477
1993 DEC	646	79,164	36,426	8,971	20,379	26,329	130,482	326,590	140,277	767,263
1994 MAR	614	77,839	34,818	4,898	18,711	24,664	122,617	333,786	106,407	724,355
JUN	510	76,884	31,577	8,740	18,498	26,120	123,433	347,668	100,326	733,757
SEP	632	76,414	33,135	5,639	14,884	21,916	134,567	363,224	104,800	755,211
DEC	416	79,192	31,449	8,726	14,400	22,956	135,207	361,545	130,951	784,842
1995 MAR	493	64,354	31,378	11,800	21,021	21,284	127,998	362,670	145,500	786,498
JUN	485	68,665	33,556	17,084	20,053	21,148	125,303	359,353	109,691	755,337
SEP	385	73,797	52,366	13,894	21,774	23,456	114,083	380,473	134,456	814,684
DEC	512	74,040	36,122	15,857	19,973	21,382	130,672	377,809	133,610	809,978
1996 MAR	474	75,190	35,418	12,866	22,169	39,529	134,488	384,247	147,068	851,447
JUN	498	74,292	32,407	7,814	23,381	22,628	134,022	393,554	148,559	837,155
SEP	605	75,059	34,603	9,408	23,167	23,533	135,758	412,858	150,151	865,142
DEC	573	74,057	35,702	15,361	25,792	31,952	141,059	421,933	163,918	910,346
1997 MAR	562	69,657	40,674	8,547	22,946	38,627	138,642	429,402	183,248	932,303
JUN	713	66,278	50,569	15,591	35,204	37,932	139,216	435,426	166,522	947,451
SEP	525	48,254	52,302	19,283	40,319	31,967	149,185	435,529	203,748	981,112
DEC	285	49,575	41,033	15,812	72,657	25,142	162,446	472,101	243,395	1,082,446

Cullin	ary of Keven	ue of the C.	I. Governme	111	
					CI\$ Thousands
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Non-Tax Revenue	13,843	18,437	22,224	29,275	24,659
Tax Revenue					
Import Taxes	52,743	55,288	60,892	67,220	77,490
Business Licences	26,162	29,651	31,085	33,063	36,808
Tourist Taxes	6,359	6,982	7,885	10,414	13,363
Stamp Duty	11,612	14,006	16,252	18,253	23,667
Work Permit Taxes	6,369	6,825	9,309	11,445	12,933
Motor Vehicle Taxes	2,913	2,990	3,143	3,444	3,580
Other Taxes	1,019	1,122	1,317	1,373	1,662
Other Taxes	1,019	1,144	1,511	1,515	1,004
Subtotal	107,176	116,863	129,883	145,213	169,503
TOTAL	121,019	135,301	152,108	174,488	194,162
SOURCE :Accounts of the Cayman Islands		100,001	104,100	11 1/ 100	1)1/101
Revenue	and Expend	iture of the (C.I. Governn	nent	
					CI\$ Thousands
Year Recurrent Revenue	Loan Income	Recurrent Expenditure	Statutory Expenditure	Capital Expenditure	Surplus / (Deficit)
1992 121,019	6,828	116,752	7,891	18,114	(14,910)
1992 121,019 1993 135,301	17,493	130,639	10,151	9,608	2,395
<u>1994</u> <u>152,108</u>	4,719	126,163	12,001	18,157	507
<u>1995</u> <u>174,488</u>	1,772	137,961	19,727	23,531	(4,958
1996 194,162 Notes	22,381	156,723	14,827	33,706	11,287
^{1.} Statutory expenditure stood at CI\$7.9 milli	on in 1992				
SOURCE :Accounts of the Cayman Islands	Garammant				
Summa	ary of Cayma	an Islands N	ational Inco	me	
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT					
At current prices (CI\$M)	653.0	701.5	761.6	799.7	843.7
Percent change over previous year	17.0	7.4	8.6	5.0	5.5
Per capita income $(CI\$'000)^1$	22.8(R)	22.9	24.3	24.4	24.5
At 1986 prices (CI\$M)	465.9	488.2	514.1		
Percent change over previous year Notes	13.7	4.8	5.3		
^{1.} Based on mid-year population.					

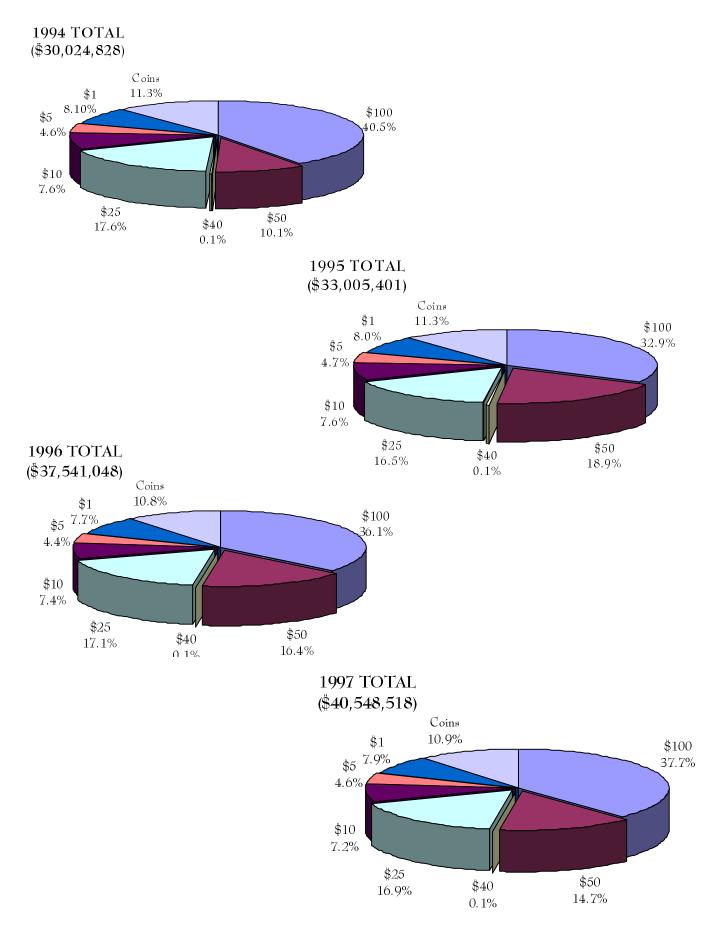
			1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
	Currency in Circu	ılation ¹					
	\$100		10,884	7,987	12,150	10,848	13,564
	\$40/\$50		1,303	5,056	3,085	6,290	6,18
	\$25		4,359	5,386	5,290	5,457	6,41
	\$10		1,818	1,960	2,291	2,512	2,77
	\$5		1,147	1,309	1,380	1,540	1,65
	\$1		1,946	2,193	2,432	2,632	2,90
	25 cents		1,487	1,646	1,845	2,040	2,22
	10 cents		791	856	946	1,025	1,10
	5 cents		289	316	349	384	41
	1 cents		207	233	257	278	30
	Total		24,231	26,942	30,025	33,005	37,54
	+ Demand Deposit	~	41,637	47,053	54,163	58,321	76,00
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	Money Supply (M1)2	65,868	73,995	84,188	91,326	113,54
	Percent Increase		7.8	12.3	13.8	8.5	24
otes							
1	\$100 and \$40 notes we	re introduced in 10)81_\$50_notes	in 1987			
2	Currency in circulation						
JURCE	: Currency Board and Ec	onomics & Statisti	cs Office, Cayn	1an Islands Gov	vernment		
	Exte	ernal Assets a	nd Liabil	ities of A	ll Banks		
				US\$ Millions			
		Year	Assets				
		1976	21,997	22,064			
		1976 1981		107,919			
			21,997				
		1981 1986 1991	21,997 109,572 202,188 427,105	107,919 193,300 423,504			
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	ASSETS									
	CATE	GORY 'A' BANK	S & TRU	ST COMP	ANIES W	7ITH LOC	CAL CURR	ENCYAS	SETS	
		POSITI	<u>on in C</u>	AYMAN IS	SLANDS	CURREN	<u>CY (CI\$00</u>	0)		
PERIOD	NOTES &	BALANCE W/		AND AD				OTHER	CI\$ NET	TOTAL
END	COINS	LOANS & AD	RES. N	ON-RES	TOTAL	MENTS	ASSETS	ASSETS	POSITION	ASSETS
		TO BANKS		1	-					
1985 DEC	3196	1554	82664	151	82815	413	5857	15209	3559	112603
1990 DEC	7867	5046	227043	281	227324	1287	16428	11122	32139	301209
1991 DEC	7461	8466	260279	219	260497	1010	26489	12275	-9808	316198
1992 DEC	6609	10328	297472	173	297645	1877	30786	5335	55181	352580
1993 DEC	6810	8813	317168	9218	326386	8660	31146	8526	55947	390341
1994 MAR	4759	9487	329904	1641	331545	11552	31265	20515	48738	409123
JUN	6274	11756	333076	1353	334429	9513	31577	20509	43537	414058
SEP	5239	12313	344843	6639	351482	11034	32164	19130	48119	431362
DEC	8265	8689	356727	2040	358767	11488	23829	8768	50267	419806
1995 MAR	5266	6565	360317	1446	361763	11863	21557	9237	24896	416251
JUN	5451	8846	348854	407	349261	11426	21414	26986	21219	423384
SEP	6286	8719	366214	1895	368109	11424	22644	17695	18138	434878
DEC	4487	13518	185783	325	186108	102	4870	6559	8742	215643
1996 MAR	5515	12366	377801	1007	378808	9571	26534	12379	-6346	445173
JUN	6787	15995	390367	1320	391687	12071	29993	5972	-46282	462505
SEP	7229	14675	401338	1349	402687	13070	32330	29999	689	499990
DEC	12323	10793	421750	1340	423090	13126	24785	23660	-9983	507776
1997 MAR	6712	22850	425829	1325	427154	1295	25705	36649	-25455	520366
JUN	6783	25013	443855	1324	445179	624	22502	6762	-46612	506862
SEP	7771	9068	463479	1300	464779	14624	22197	13063	-16455	531502
DEC	12397	12152	478655	308	478963	624	22591	8515	-26174	535242

LIABILITIES									
CATEG	ORY 'A' BA	NKS & TRUS	ST COMP	ANIES WITH	H LOCAL CURRENC	Y ASSETS PO	SITION IN		
		CA	AYMAN IS	SLANDS CUR	RENCY (CI\$000)				
PERIOD	DEMAND	DEPOSITS	FIXED	TOTAL	SHAREHOLDERS	OTHER	TOTAL		
END		SAVINGS		DEPOSITS	EQUITY	LIABILITIES	LIABILITIES		
1985 DEC	13,781	17,922	43,378	75,081	21,098	16,424	112,603		
1990 DEC	34,345	41,236	117,227	192,808	87,798	20,603	301,209		
1991 DEC	37,989	44,018	138,613	220,620	84,791	20,595	326,006		
1992 DEC	41,637	48,453	142,076	232,166	55,162	10,069	297,397		
1993 DEC	47,053	52,886	144,551	244,490	61,135	31,783	337,408		
1994 MAR	46,935	56,295	159,667	262,897	62,789	37,833	363,519		
JUN	48,878	58,592	163,037	270,507	66,224	37,110	373,841		
SEP	48,572	59,347	170,583	278,502	68,316	36,425	383,243		
DEC	54,163	59,676	165,144	278,983	81,569	8,987	369,539		
1995 MAR	56,775	59,975	170,615	287,365	80,530	23,459	391,354		
JUN	54,693	62,279	172,405	289,377	91,135	21,653	402,165		
SEP	55,621	61,165	182,237	299,023	90,139	21,653	402,165		
DEC	21,804	29,432	119,693	170,929	17,554	14,083	439,391		
1996 MAR	60,318	64,266	203,253	327,837	100,413	21,553	449,803		
JUN	87,161	77,565	206,009	370,732	94,500	43,667	508,899		
SEP	67,098	68,365	222,586	358,049	112,056	29,295	499,400		
DEC	76,004	70,740	220,258	367,003	116,531	34,285	517,819		
1997 MAR	73,563	77,666	235,288	386,517	121,676	37,539	545,732		
JUN	80,120	78,924	243,607	402,651	127,076	23,642	553,368		
SEP	79,990	78,811	221,607	380,408	131,351	36,104	547,863		
DEC	75,716	79,250	229,234	384,200	138,925	38,234	561,258		

		LO	ANS AN	ND AD	VANCE	s				
	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
	CI\$	Other	CI\$	Other	CI\$	Other	CI\$	Other	CI\$	Other
CAYMAN ISLANDS GOV.	967	27453	3,822	34,822	4,766	31,647	4,793	51,366	5,733	68,954
STATUIORY BODIES	3, 124	0	0	83	14	83	18	0	688	4,068
AGRICULTURE & FISHING	263	383	126	276	302	211	566	7	280	5
HOTELS & REST.	3,988	7,515	3,166	74,630	2,229	71,810	4,865	69,191	1,640	48,469
TRADE & COMMERCE										
(i) - Retail	13,646	6,497	18,834	12,084	16,592	19,530	16,571	19,131	16,169	41,413
(ii) - Wholsale	12,003	9,251	3,848	4,675	2,806	13,051	2,059	13,302	2,791	13,020
UTIILITIES	3,677	16,391	181	14,057	1,406	18,567	2,152	23,640	1,693	70,964
CONSTRUCTION REAL ESTATE	10,053	16,587	8,925	13,284	7,915	13,466	7,832	24,120	16,782	8,360
REAL ESTATE	29,515	100,967	29,629	103,443	28,850	101,823	28,765	112,294	37,536	125,030
INSURANCE ENTERPRISES	762	0	562	0	368	0	58	0	6	0
PERSONAL LOANS										
(i) - Dwelling	138,891	5,877	170,316	63,156	183,793	62,898	210,484	71,129	265,883	80,808
(ii) – Other	78,425	50,496	81,568	142,950	88,129	51,734	96,936	45,712	93,563	45,285
OTHER	21,854	86,128	28,361	57,494	42,378	54,355	46,623	58,732	49,058	162,120
TOTAL RESIDENTS	317,157	448,104	349,338	520,954	379,547	439,173	421,722	488,624	491,862	668,496
TOTAL NON-RESIDENTS	2,742	232,524	2,040	288,763	1,875	643,200	70,911	460,790	1,558	614,497
TOTAL LOANS & ADVANCES	319,899	680,628	351,378	809,717	381,422	1,082,374	492,633	949,414	493,420	1,282,993

CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION



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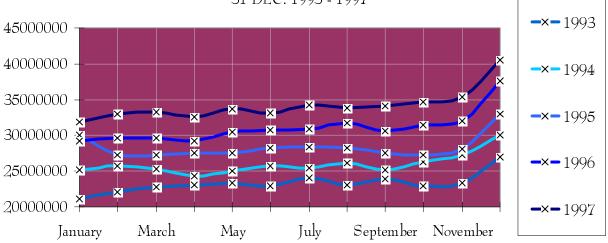


CHART 1 - CURRENCY * IN CIRCULATION BY MONTH 31 DEC. 1993 - 1997



To the Shareholders and Directors of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority

In accordance with the provisions of Section 35 (2) of the Monetary Authority Law (1998 Revision), and Section 45 (1) of the Public Finance and Audit Law (1997 Revision), I have audited the financial statements of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority for the year ended 31 December 1997, as set out on pages 38 to 46. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority as at 31 December 1997, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Accounting Standards and comply with the Monetary Authority Law (1998 Revision).

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N.K. Esdaile Auditor General 26 August 1998

CAYMAN ISLANDS MONETARY AUTHORITY BALANCE SHEET 31 December 1997 In Cayman Islands Dollars

ASSETS	Note	1997
Currency Reserve Assets Short-Term Investments Current and Call deposits Fixed Deposits Total currency reserve assets	3 4 4	\$46,948,772 4,771,174 2,017,333 53,737,279
Other Assets Accounts Receivable Other Receivables and Prepayments Interest Receivable, local deposits Stocks Fixed Assets Total other assets	11 11 11 5 6	$9,734 \\73,871 \\7,376 \\233,341 \\\underline{802,807} \\1,127,129$
TOTAL ASSETS		\$54,864,408
LIABILITIES		
Demand Liabilities, Currency in Circulation Payable to the CI Government Other Liabilities and Payables Lease obligation TOTAL LIABILITIES	7 9b 7 8	\$40,488,518 2,500,000 636,779 218,797 \$43,844,094
RESERVES and CAPITAL		Ψ ΞΟ,ΟΞΞ,Ο /Ξ
General Reserve Currency Issue Reserve <i>Total reserves</i>	9a 9c	6,073,278 697,036 6,770,314
Paid Up Capital Total reserves and capital	9d	4,250,000 11,020,314
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES and CAPITAL		\$54,864,408

Signed on behalf of the Board, 26 August 1998

George McCarthy, CPA, OBE, JP Chairman

Cayman Islands Monetary Authority

The notes on pages 41 to 40 are an integral part of the finacial statements.

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Neville Grant, M.A., MBA Managing Director

Cayman Islands Monetary Authority

CAYMAN ISLANDS MONETARY AUTHORITY INCOME STATEMENT For the year ended 31 December 1997 In Cayman Islands Dollars

INCOME	Note	1997
Government Grant	2	\$3,482,124
Investment Income	2 2	2,554,966
Commission Income		238,928
Numismatic Income		54,950
Other income		12,376
Foreign Currency Loss	2	(478)
Total income		6,342,866
EXPENSES		
Salaries and Bonuses		1,640,459
General and Administrative		294,280
Lease rental	8	233,975
Depreciation	6	172,563
Official travel		113,624
Pension contributions	10	99,364
Management and Custody fees	3	85,270
Audit and Professional fees		62,680
Staff training and Recruitment		54,800
Interest expense	8	30,339
Directors fees		8,000
Total operating expenses		2,795,354
Net income		\$3,547,512

CAYMAN ISLANDS MONETARY AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 31 December 1997 In Cayman Islands Dollars

	1997
Cash flows from operating activities	
CI Government grant received	\$3,482,124
Net proceeds from currency operations	3,721,333
Payments to CI Government	(1,527,269)
Payments to employees	(1,781,795)
Payments to suppliers	(931,878)
Net cash used by operating activities	(2,962,515)
Investing Activities	
Investment income received	2,460,441
Net purchases of investments	(2,294,155)
Acquisition of fixed assets	(709,571)
Net cash provided by investing activities	(543,285)
Financing Activities	(20, 220)
Interest paid	(30,339)
Net cash used in financing activities	(30,339)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,388,891
Movement in cash and cash equivalents	
Balance at 1 January 1997	4,399,616
Increase	2,388,891
Balance at 31 December 1997	\$6,788,507

CAYMAN ISLANDS MONETARY AUTHORITY NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 December 1997 In Cayman Islands Dollars

1. Organisation

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (the "Authority") was established under The Monetary Authority Law, 1996 (the "Law") on 1 January 1997. Under the Law, the primary objectives of the Authority are (a) to issue and redeem currency notes and coins; (b) to promote and maintain monetary stability; (c) to promote and maintain a sound financial system; and (d) to advise the Cayman Islands Government on banking and monetary matters. Prior to 1 January 1997, The Cayman Islands Currency Board (the "Board") was responsible for currency management and the Financial Services Supervision Department ("FSSD") was responsible for financial services' regulation in the Cayman Islands. Under the law, the Board and FSSD were terminated and their assets, liabilities, reserves and responsibilities transferred and vested in the Authority on 1 January 1997.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

- a) <u>Basis of preparation</u>. The financial statements of the Authority are prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards and under the historical cost convention. The reporting currency is Cayman Islands Dollars.
- b) *Investments*. Short-term investments are valued at amortized cost, and long term investments are valued at quoted market value, on a monthly basis. Unrealised gains or losses are recorded in the income statement.
- c) <u>Foreign Currency</u>. Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transactions: gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.
- d) Government Grants. Income grants are deferred and recognised in the income statement over the grant period.
- e) <u>Fixed Assets</u>. Fixed Assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Rental payments under operating leases are charged to the income statement in equal installments over the period of the lease. Interest costs on borrowings to finance leasehold improvements are expensed. Leases where the Authority assumes substantially all the economic benefits and risks of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are recognised as an asset and liability in the balance sheet at amounts equal to the fair value at the inception of the lease of the lease of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. Repairs and maintenance expenses are charged to the income statement when the expenditure occurs.
- f) <u>Stocks</u>. Stocks consist of silver bullion arising from the melt-down of numismatic coins and, the gold and silver bullion content of the following categories of numismatic coins: coins for resale, museum items and coins awaiting melt-down. Stocks are stated at year-end market values for gold and silver bullion.
- g) <u>Numismatic Coins</u>. The total nominal value of numismatic coins outstanding at 31 December 1997 is \$15,071,504. No liability for redeeming numismatic coins is recognised in the financial statements, since the amount of redemption cannot be reasonably estimated and the probability of material redemption is remote. Redemption costs and sales proceeds are recorded in the income statement as incurred.
- h) <u>Cash and cash equivalents</u>. For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents consist of current and call deposits and fixed deposits maturing within 90 days from the date of acquisition.

Cayman Islands Monetary Authority Notes to the Financial Statements 31 December 1997

3. Short-Term Investments

The principal investment objectives of the Authority are security, liquidity and income. The investment portfolio is managed by independent fund managers in accordance with investment guidelines established by the Board of Directors. Management fees are calculated based on the market value of the portfolio and are payable quarterly in arrears. Either party may terminate the agreement with thirty days notice.

Summary of short-term investments	<u>31 December 1997</u>
Certificates of Deposits and Bankers Acceptances Interest rates ranged from 5.63% to 6.13% Maturing from 5/1/98 to 30/6/98	\$29,865,439
Repurchase Agreement Federal Reserve 6.37% maturing 2/1/98	
	17,083,333
Total short-term investments, at amortized cost	\$46,948,772
Market value of short-term investments	\$46,946,342

4. Bank Deposits

The Authority maintains current, call and fixed deposits with domestic and foreign banks. Under the Law, domestic deposits cannot exceed 10% of demand liabilities. At 31 December 1997, domestic deposits represent 7.0% of demand liabilities.

Domestic deposits	Currency	CI\$
Call deposits	KYĎ	\$203,194
Call deposits	USD	643,477
Call deposits	GBP	4,271
Current deposits	KYD	(16,153)
Fixed deposits	KYD	2,017,333
Cash on hand	KYD	205
		\$2,852,327

Interest is paid on local call and fixed deposits at rates ranging from 2.5% to 5.75% per annum.

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Interest of 5% p.a. is paid on foreign call deposits. Deposits with the Federal Reserve are non-interest bearing; however, excess deposit balances are invested daily in repurchase agreements.

5. Stocks

Stocks consist of silver bullion arising from the meltdown of numismatic coins and the gold and silver bullion content of numismatic coins held by the Authority.

Bullion from the melt-down of coins	\$180,573
Coins awaiting melt-down	11,959
Coins for resale	19,535
Museum items	21,274
Total stocks	\$233,341

6. Fixed Assets

& Fixtures	Improv	Equipment	Vehicle	Total
2 007				
	\$ _	\$ 118,924	\$ _	\$ 120,931
181,357	422,915	281,015	24,000	910,547
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183,364	422,915	400,599	24,600	1,031,478
100	_	56,008	_	56,108
30,156	49,421	90,115	2,871	172,563
30,256	49,421	146,123	2,871	228,671
183,364	422,915	400,599	24,600	1,031,478
(30,256)	(49.421)	(146.123)	(2.871)	(228,671)
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153,108	\$ 373,494	\$ 254,476	\$ 21,729	\$ 802,807
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Cayman Islands Monetary Authority Notes to the Financial Statements 31 December 1997

7. Liabilities

<u>Demand Liabilities.</u> Represents the value of circulating currency notes and coins. These liabilities are fully funded by the Currency Reserve assets. Under the Law, the Currency Reserve assets represent external and local assets that: shall only be used to satisfy demand liabilities; shall be segregated from all other assets of the Authority; and shall not be chargeable with any liability arising from any other business of the Authority.

At 31 December 1997, total demand liabilities comprise:

i)	Currency notes in circulation	\$36,065,017
ii)	Currency coins in circulation	4,423,501
	Demand liabilities, Currency in circulation	\$40,488,518

At 31 December 1997, the value of Currency Reserve assets was \$53,737,279 representing 133% of total demand liabilities. After all demand liabilities are extinguished, any surplus Currency Reserve assets would form, in part, the assets of the General Reserve – see note 9.

<u>Other liabilities</u>. At 31 December 1997, other liabilities include unsettled currency redemption payments of \$556,250 due to two local banks. Unsettled redemption payments are normal, temporary liabilities arising from currency operations due to mismatched trade instructions. Both liabilities liquidated on 5 January 1998.

8. Lease Obligations

The Cayman Islands Government leases the premises used by the Authority under a lease agreement dated 15 December 1996. The lease is for an initial period of three years at \$25.00 per sq. foot, with an option for an additional two years at \$26.00 per sq. ft, payable monthly in advance.

The Authority reimburses all costs under this agreement, including the modification costs incurred by the lessor to design the building to the Authority's specifications. These modification costs are being repaid over three years at an interest rate of 11.25% per annum. At 31 December 1997, the unpaid principal balance of modification costs is \$218,797 of which \$103,286 is payable within a year.

9. Reserves and Capital

- a) <u>General Reserve</u>. The Authority maintains a General Reserve in accordance with Section 6(1) of the Law. Under the Law, the General Reserve must be maintained at 15% of demand liabilities to provide additional funding, if necessary, for demand liabilities and obligations arising from other business of the Authority. On 16 March 1998, the Legislative Assembly passed the Monetary Authority (Amendment) (Reserves) Law, 1998 to reduce total reserve requirements from 130% to 115% of demand liabilities.
- b) <u>Reserve Allocation</u>. Under the Law, the net income of the Authority, after provision for all expenditure and reserves, must be allocated such that the Currency Reserve represents at least 100% of demand liabilities and the General Reserve equals 15% of demand liabilities. Any surplus, after complying with these requirements, must be transferred to the General Revenue of the Cayman Islands Government. On 23 July 1998, the Board of Directors resolved to transfer \$2,500,000 to the General Revenue of the Cayman Islands Government. The Executive Council of the Cayman Islands Government has committed to increasing the Paid-Up capital of the Authority to a minimum of \$10 million by the year 2008, by yearly transfers from surplus, after complying with reserve requirements.
- c) <u>Currency Issue Reserve</u>. A three-year supply of bank notes will be reprinted in 1999 at an approximate cost of \$500,000. The total cost of the reprint will be charged to the Currency Issue Reserve.
- d) <u>Capital</u>. The authorised share capital of the Authority is \$100,000,000. The Cayman Islands Government is the sole shareholder and has contributed Paid Up capital of \$4,250,000 as at 31 December 1997.

Reserves and Capital:	Note	General Reserve	Currency Issue Reserve	Paid-Up Capital
Balance at 1 January 1997:	1	\$ 6,965,693	\$ 218,838	\$ 2,788,271
Transfers in:	9	3,547,512	478,198	1,461,729
Transfers out:	9	(4,439,927)	_	_
Balance at 31 December 1997	:	\$ 6,073,278	\$ 697,036	\$ 4,250,000

10. Pensions

The Authority participates in the Public Service Pensions Fund, a defined benefit pension scheme administered by the Cayman Islands Government. Under this scheme, the employer contributes 6%, and the employee contributes 4%, of the employee's salary on a monthly basis. All employees, except employees employed on overseas or local contracts, are eligible for this scheme. Ineligible employees receive contracted officers' cash supplements of 10% of salary in lieu of pension contributions. The Authority paid \$52,009 in contracted officers' supplements during the year. Cayman Islands Monetary Authority Notes to the Financial Statements 31 December 1997

11. Financial Instruments

<u>Credit risk</u>. Financial assets that potentially subject the Authority to credit risk consist principally of current, call and fixed deposits, short-term investments, accounts and interest receivable, and other receivables and prepayments. The Authority's current, call, and fixed deposits are placed with high credit quality institutions. Credit risk with respect to short-term investments, accounts and interest receivable, and other receivables and prepayments is limited because the Authority only transacts business with counterparts it believes to be reputable and capable of performing their contractual obligations. Accordingly, the Authority has no significant concentrations of credit risk.

Interest rate risk. The Authority's short-term investments and deposits are at fixed interest rates and mature within one year. The ranges of interest rates and maturity dates are presented in note 3.

Fair values. The carrying amount of current, call, and fixed deposits, accounts and interest receivable, other receivables and prepayments, demand liabilities, lease obligation, and other liabilities and payables approximated their fair value due to the short-term maturities of these assets and liabilities. The market value of short-term investments is presented in Note 3. The fair values of other assets and liabilities are not materially different from the carrying amounts.

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