

JSC Silk Road Bank

Financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2015

Together with independent auditor's report

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the shareholders and Board of Directors of JSC Silk Road Bank

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of JSC Silk Road Bank ("the Bank"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2015, and the statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the fairness of these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing audit procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The audit procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management of the audited entity, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bank as at 31 December 2015, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.


EY Georgia LLC

6 May 2016

Statement of financial position**As of 31 December 2015***(Thousands of Georgian Lari)*

	Notes	2015	2014
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	10,173	51,163
Obligatory reserve with the NBG	6	2,446	9,084
Loans to customers	7	13,110	21,056
Investments securities:	8		
- available-for-sale		20	20
- held-to-maturity		4,353	5,323
- loans and receivables		2,829	-
Investment property	9	12,289	13,635
Property and equipment	10	17,972	15,672
Intangible assets	10	48	110
Other assets	12	780	1,166
Total assets		64,020	117,229
Liabilities			
Amounts due to credit institutions	13	2,317	135
Amounts due to customers	14	21,371	47,009
Other borrowed funds	15	-	35,459
Deferred income tax liabilities	11	3,114	2,170
Other liabilities	12	438	794
Total liabilities		27,240	85,567
Equity			
Share capital	16	30,000	30,000
Land and buildings revaluation reserve		5,861	3,313
Retained earnings / (Accumulated losses)		919	(1,651)
Total equity		36,780	31,662
Total liabilities and equity		64,020	117,229

Signed and authorised for release on behalf of the Management Board of the Bank



Alexander Dzneladze
Chief Executive Officer

6 May 2016




Natia Merabishvili
Chief Financial Officer

The accompanying notes on pages 6 to 39 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of profit or loss**For the year ended 31 December 2015***(Thousands of Georgian Lari)*

	Notes	2015	2014
Interest income			
Loans to customers		3,301	8,123
Investment securities		526	489
Amounts due from credit institutions		280	238
		<u>4,107</u>	<u>8,850</u>
Interest expense			
Other borrowed funds		–	(2,637)
Amounts due to customers		(955)	(2,057)
Amounts due to credit institutions		(19)	(46)
		<u>(974)</u>	<u>(4,740)</u>
Net interest income		3,133	4,110
Loan impairment reversal	7	2,398	3,843
Net interest income after loan impairment reversal		<u>5,531</u>	<u>7,953</u>
Net fee and commission income	18	445	886
Net gains/(losses) from foreign currencies:			
- dealing		1,408	990
- translation differences		(545)	90
Net gains on investment property revaluation	9	2,780	519
Net losses from disposal of investment property		(21)	(1,139)
Other income	19	1,073	7,280
Non-interest income		<u>5,140</u>	<u>8,626</u>
Personnel expenses		(3,205)	(4,951)
Other operating expenses	20	(3,359)	(3,661)
Depreciation and amortisation	10	(897)	(1,099)
Other impairment and provisions charge		(263)	(146)
Non-interest expenses		<u>(7,724)</u>	<u>(9,857)</u>
Profit before income tax		2,947	6,722
Income tax (expense)/benefit	11	(477)	206
Net profit for the year		<u>2,470</u>	<u>6,928</u>

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Statement of comprehensive income**For the year ended 31 December 2015***(Thousands of Georgia Laris)*

	Notes	2015	2014
Profit for the year		2,470	6,928
Other comprehensive income not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:			
Revaluation gain on land and buildings	10	3,115	294
Income tax relating to components of other comprehensive income	11	(467)	(44)
Net other comprehensive income not to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods, net of tax		2,648	250
Total comprehensive income for the year		5,118	7,178

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Statement of changes in equity**For the year ended 31 December 2015***(Thousands of Georgian Laris)*

	<i>Share capital</i>	<i>Revaluation reserve for land and buildings</i>	<i>Retained earnings/ (Accumulated losses)</i>	<i>Total equity</i>
31 December 2013	30,000	3,384	(8,900)	24,484
Profit for the year	–	–	6,928	6,928
Other comprehensive income for the year	–	250	–	250
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	250	6,928	7,178
Depreciation and transfer of revaluation reserve, net of tax	–	(321)	321	–
31 December 2014	30,000	3,313	(1,651)	31,662
Profit for the year	–	–	2,470	2,470
Other comprehensive income for the year	–	2,648	–	2,648
Total comprehensive income for the year	–	2,648	2,470	5,118
Depreciation of revaluation reserve, net of tax	–	(100)	100	–
31 December 2015	30,000	5,861	919	36,780

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Statement of cash flows**For the year ended 31 December 2015***(Thousands of Georgian Lari)*

	<i>Notes</i>	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		4,780	10,264
Interest paid		(1,237)	(18,153)
Fees and commissions received		810	1,246
Fees and commissions paid		(365)	(360)
Net realised gains from dealing in foreign currencies		1,408	990
Other income received		1,103	1,192
Personnel expenses paid		(3,406)	(4,924)
Other operating expenses paid		(3,221)	(2,979)
Cash flows used in operating activities before changes in operating assets and liabilities		(128)	(12,724)
<i>Net (increase)/decrease in operating assets</i>			
Obligatory reserve with the NBG		8,452	10,270
Loans to customers		9,800	29,460
Other assets		111	(149)
<i>Net increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities</i>			
Amounts due to credit institutions		1,810	(613)
Amounts due to customers		(30,430)	2,806
Other liabilities		(18)	(15)
Net cash (used in) / from operating activities		(10,403)	29,035
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of investment securities		(2,795)	(4,424)
Proceeds from sale and redemption of investment securities		1,056	5,737
Proceeds from sales of investment property		8,396	704
Purchase of intangible assets		(39)	–
Purchase of property and equipment		(313)	(152)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		65	297
Net cash from investing activities		6,370	2,162
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of other borrowed funds		(41,059)	(6,079)
Repayment of subordinated loans		–	(2,789)
Net cash used in financing activities		(41,059)	(8,868)
Effect of exchange rates changes on cash and cash equivalents		4,102	1,405
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents		(40,990)	23,734
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	5	51,163	27,429
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	5	10,173	51,163

In 2015, the Bank acquired investment properties of GEL 4,292 (2014: GEL 1,325) in non-cash transactions by repossession of assets from non-performing borrowers (Note 9).

(Thousands of Georgian Lari)

1. Principal activities

JSC Silk Road Bank (the “Bank”) is a Georgian joint stock company.

The Bank accepts deposits from the public and extends credit, transfers payments in Georgia and abroad, exchanges currencies and provides other banking services to its corporate and retail customers. The Bank’s registered legal address is 2, Zaarbrukeni Square, Tbilisi, Georgia. The Bank is regulated by the National Bank of Georgia (the “NBG”; the central bank of Georgia) and conducts the business under license number 238.

As at 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014, the shareholders of the Bank are as follows:

<i>Shareholder</i>	2015, %	2014, %
Silk Road Finance Group (Georgia)	99.99	99.99
Other	0.01	0.01
Total	100.00	100.00

The Bank is ultimately controlled by Mr Giorgi Ramishvili, a Georgian national.

2. Basis of preparation

General

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) under the historical cost convention except for land and buildings, investment property and investment securities available-for-sale, which are carried at fair value.

These financial statements are presented in thousands of Georgian Lari (“GEL”), unless otherwise indicated. GEL is a functional currency as the majority of the Bank’s transactions are denominated or funded in GEL. Transactions in other currencies are treated as transactions in foreign currencies.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Changes in accounting policies and adoption of new or revised standards and interpretations

The Bank has adopted the following amended IFRS and IFRIC which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015:

Amendments to IAS 19 Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions

IAS 19 requires an entity to consider contributions from employees or third parties when accounting for defined benefit plans. Where the contributions are linked to service, they should be attributed to periods of service as a negative benefit. These amendments clarify that, if the amount of the contributions is independent of the number of years of service, an entity is permitted to recognise such contributions as a reduction in the service cost in the period in which the service is rendered, instead of allocating the contributions to the periods of service. The Bank does not apply defined Benefit Plans, thus this amendment is not relevant for the Bank.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Changes in accounting policies and adoption of new or revised standards and interpretations (continued)

Annual improvements 2010-2012 cycle

These improvements are effective from 1 July 2014 and the Bank has applied these amendments for the first time in these financial statements. They include:

IFRS 2 Share-based Payment

This improvement is applied prospectively and clarifies various issues relating to the definitions of performance and service conditions which are vesting conditions, including:

- ▶ a performance condition must contain a service condition;
- ▶ a performance target must be met while the counterparty is rendering service;
- ▶ a performance target may relate to the operations or activities of an entity, or to those of another entity in the same group;
- ▶ a performance condition may be a market or non-market condition;
- ▶ if the counterparty, regardless of the reason, ceases to provide service during the vesting period, the service condition is not satisfied. The Bank does not have any share-based payments, thus this amendment is not relevant for the Bank.

IFRS 3 Business Combinations

The amendment is applied prospectively and clarifies that all contingent consideration arrangements classified as liabilities (or assets) arising from a business combination should be subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss whether or not they fall within the scope of IFRS 9 (or IAS 39, as applicable). This is consistent with the Group's current accounting policy, and thus this amendment does not impact the Group's accounting policy. The Bank does not have any business combinations, thus this amendment is not relevant for the Bank.

IFRS 8 Operating Segments

The amendments are applied retrospectively and clarify that:

- ▶ an entity must disclose the judgments made by management in applying the aggregation criteria in paragraph 12 of IFRS 8, including a brief description of operating segments that have been aggregated and the economic characteristics (e.g., sales and gross margins) used to assess whether the segments are 'similar';
- ▶ the reconciliation of segment assets to total assets is only required to be disclosed if the reconciliation is reported to the chief operating decision maker, similar to the required disclosure for segment liabilities.

This amendment had no impact on the Bank's financial statements. It is not relevant for the Bank.

IFRS 13 Short-term Receivables and Payables – amendments to IFRS 13

This amendment to IFRS 13 clarifies in the Basis for Conclusions that short-term receivables and payables with no stated interest rates can be measured at invoice amounts when the effect of discounting is immaterial. This is consistent with the Bank's current accounting policy, and thus this amendment does not impact the Bank's accounting policy.

IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 38 Intangible Assets

The amendment is applied retrospectively and clarifies in IAS 16 and IAS 38 that the asset may be revalued by reference to observable data on either the gross or the net carrying amount. In addition, the accumulated depreciation or amortisation is the difference between the gross and carrying amounts of the asset. The amendment had no impact on the Bank's financial position or performance. The Bank recorded the revaluation of land and buildings on the net carrying amount. Refer to Note 11.

IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures

The amendment is applied retrospectively and clarifies that a management entity (an entity that provides key management personnel services) is a related party subject to the related party disclosures. In addition, an entity that uses a management entity is required to disclose the expenses incurred for management services. This amendment is not relevant for the Bank as it does not receive any management services from other entities.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Changes in accounting policies and adoption of new or revised standards and interpretations (continued)

Annual improvements 2011-2013 cycle

These improvements are effective from 1 July 2014 and the Bank has applied these amendments for the first time in these financial statements. They include:

IFRS 3 Business Combinations

The amendment is applied prospectively and clarifies for the scope exceptions within IFRS 3 that:

- ▶ joint arrangements, not just joint ventures, are outside the scope of IFRS 3.

This scope exception applies only to the accounting in the financial statements of the joint arrangement itself. The Bank is not a joint arrangement, thus the amendment is not relevant for the Bank.

IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement

The amendment is applied prospectively and clarifies that the portfolio exception in IFRS 13 can be applied not only to financial assets and financial liabilities, but also to other contracts within the scope of IFRS 9 (or IAS 39, as applicable). The Bank does not apply the portfolio exception in IFRS 13.

IAS 40 Investment Property

The description of ancillary services in IAS 40 differentiates between investment property and owner-occupied property (i.e., property, plant and equipment). The amendment is applied prospectively and clarifies that IFRS 3, and not the description of ancillary services in IAS 40, is used to determine if the transaction is the purchase of an asset or business combination. In previous periods, the Bank has relied on IFRS 3, not IAS 40, in determining whether an acquisition is of an asset or is a business acquisition. Thus, this amendment does not impact the accounting policy of the Bank.

Meaning of 'Effective IFRSs' – amendments to IFRS 1

The amendment clarifies in the Basis for Conclusions that an entity may choose to apply either a current standard or a new standard that is not yet mandatory, but permits early application, provided either standard is applied consistently throughout the periods presented in the entity's first IFRS financial statements. This amendment to IFRS 1 had no impact on the Bank, since the Bank is an existing IFRS preparer.

Standards issued but not yet effective

The standards and interpretations that are issued, but not yet effective, up to the date of issuance of the Bank's financial statements which may have impact on the Bank's financial statements are disclosed below. The Bank intends to adopt this standard, when it becomes effective. Management does not expect application of other new standards and interpretations to have significant impact on financial statements.

IFRS 9 Financial Instruments

In July 2014, the IASB issued the final version of IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* which reflects all phases of the financial instruments project and replaces IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* and all previous versions of IFRS 9. The standard introduces new requirements for classification and measurement, impairment, and hedge accounting.

IFRS 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, with early application permitted. Retrospective application is required, but comparative information is not compulsory. Early application of previous versions of IFRS 9 (2009, 2010 and 2013) is permitted if the date of initial application is before 1 February 2015. The adoption of IFRS 9 will have an effect on the classification and measurement of the Bank's financial assets, but no impact on the classification and measurement of the Bank's financial liabilities. The Bank expects a significant impact on its equity due to adoption of IFRS 9 impairment requirements, but it will need to perform a more detailed analysis which considers all reasonable and supportable information, including forward-looking elements to determine the extent of the impact.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Standards issued but not yet effective (continued)

IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

IFRS 15 was issued in May 2014 and establishes a new five-step model that will apply to revenue arising from contracts with customers. Revenue arising from lease contracts within the scope of IAS 17 *Leases*, insurance contracts within the scope of IFRS 4 *Insurance Contracts* and financial instruments and other contractual rights and obligations within the scope of IAS 39 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement* (or IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments*, if early adopted) is out of IFRS 15 scope and is dealt by respective standards.

Under IFRS 15 revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which an entity expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. The principles in IFRS 15 provide a more structured approach to measuring and recognizing revenue.

The new revenue standard is applicable to all entities and will supersede all current revenue recognition requirements under IFRS. Either a full or modified retrospective application is required for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018 with early adoption permitted. The Bank is currently assessing the impact of IFRS 15 and plans to adopt the new standard on the required effective date.

IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts

IFRS 14 is an optional standard that allows an entity, whose activities are subject to rate-regulation, to continue applying most of its existing accounting policies for regulatory deferral account balances upon its first-time adoption of IFRS. Entities that adopt IFRS 14 must present the regulatory deferral accounts as separate line items on the statement of financial position and present movements in these account balances as separate line items in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. The standard requires disclosures on the nature of, and risks associated with, the entity's rate-regulation and the effects of that rate-regulation on its financial statements. IFRS 14 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. Since the Bank is an existing IFRS preparer, this standard would not apply.

IFRS 16 Leases

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 *Leases* with an effective date of annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019. IFRS 16 results in lessees accounting for most leases within the scope of the standard in a manner similar to the way in which finance leases are currently accounted for under IAS 17 *Leases*. Lessees will recognise a "right of use" asset and a corresponding financial liability on the balance sheet. The asset will be amortised over the length of the lease and the financial liability measured at amortised cost. Lessor accounting remains substantially the same as in IAS 17. The Bank is currently assessing the impact of IFRS 16 on its financial statements.

Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes

In January 2016, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 12 *Income Taxes*. The amendments clarify how to account for deferred tax assets related to debt instruments measured at fair value and clarify recognition of deferred tax assets for unrealised losses, to address diversity in practice. Entities are required to apply the amendments for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017. Earlier application is permitted. These amendments are not expected to have any impact on the Bank.

Amendments to IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests

The amendments to IFRS 11 require that a joint operator accounting for the acquisition of an interest in a joint operation, in which the activity of the joint operation constitutes a business must apply the relevant IFRS 3 principles for business combinations accounting. The amendments also clarify that a previously held interest in a joint operation is not remeasured on the acquisition of an additional interest in the same joint operation while joint control is retained. In addition, a scope exclusion has been added to IFRS 11 to specify that the amendments do not apply when the parties sharing joint control, including the reporting entity, are under common control of the same ultimate controlling party.

The amendments apply to both the acquisition of the initial interest in a joint operation and the acquisition of any additional interests in the same joint operation and are prospectively effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with early adoption permitted. These amendments are not expected to have any impact to the Bank.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Standards issued but not yet effective (continued)

Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation

The amendments clarify the principle in IAS 16 and IAS 38 that revenue reflects a pattern of economic benefits that are generated from operating a business (of which the asset is part) rather than the economic benefits that are consumed through use of the asset. As a result, a revenue-based method cannot be used to depreciate property, plant and equipment and may only be used in very limited circumstances to amortise intangible assets. The amendments are effective prospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with early adoption permitted. These amendments are not expected to have any impact to the Bank given that the Bank has not used a revenue-based method to depreciate its non-current assets.

Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41 Agriculture: Bearer Plants

The amendments change the accounting requirements for biological assets that meet the definition of bearer plants. Under the amendments, biological assets that meet the definition of bearer plants will no longer be within the scope of IAS 41. Instead, IAS 16 will apply. After initial recognition, bearer plants will be measured under IAS 16 at accumulated cost (before maturity) and using either the cost model or revaluation model (after maturity). The amendments also require that produce that grows on bearer plants will remain in the scope of IAS 41 measured at fair value less costs to sell. For government grants related to bearer plants, IAS 20 *Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance* will apply. The amendments are retrospectively effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with early adoption permitted. These amendments are not expected to have any impact to the Bank.

Amendments to IAS 27 Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements

The amendments will allow entities to use the equity method to account for investments in subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates in their separate financial statements. Entities already applying IFRS and electing to change to the equity method in its separate financial statements will have to apply that change retrospectively. For first-time adopters of IFRS electing to use the equity method in its separate financial statements, they will be required to apply this method from the date of transition to IFRS. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with early adoption permitted. These amendments are not expected to have any impact to the Bank.

Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28 Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture

The amendments address the acknowledged inconsistency between the requirements in IFRS 10 and IAS 28 in dealing with the loss of control of a subsidiary that is contributed to an associate or a joint venture. The amendments clarify that an investor recognises a full gain or loss on the sale or contribution of assets that constitute a business, as defined in IFRS 3, between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The amendments are indefinitely postponed.

Amendments to IAS 1 Disclosure Initiative

The amendments to IAS 1 *Presentation of Financial Statements* clarify, rather than significantly change, existing IAS 1 requirements. The amendments clarify:

- ▶ the materiality requirements in IAS 1;
- ▶ that specific line items in the statement(s) of profit or loss and OCI and the statement of financial position may be disaggregated;
- ▶ that entities have flexibility as to the order in which they present the notes to financial statements;
- ▶ that the share of OCI of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method must be presented in aggregate as a single line item, and classified between those items that will or will not be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss.

Furthermore, the amendments clarify the requirements that apply when additional subtotals are presented in the statement of financial position and the statements of profit or loss and OCI. These amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with early adoption permitted. These amendments are not expected to have any impact on the Bank.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Standards issued but not yet effective (continued)

Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28 Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception

The amendments address issues that have arisen in applying the investment entities exception under IFRS 10. The amendments to IFRS 10 clarify that the exemption from presenting consolidated financial statements applies to a parent entity that is a subsidiary of an investment entity, when the investment entity measures all of its subsidiaries at fair value.

Furthermore, the amendments to IFRS 10 clarify that only a subsidiary of an investment entity that is not an investment entity itself and that provides support services to the investment entity is consolidated. All other subsidiaries of an investment entity are measured at fair value. The amendments to IAS 28 allow the investor, when applying the equity method, to retain the fair value measurement applied by the investment entity associate or joint venture to its interests in subsidiaries. These amendments must be applied retrospectively and are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with early adoption permitted. These amendments are not expected to have any impact on the Bank.

Annual improvements 2012-2014 cycle

These improvements are effective on or after 1 January 2016 and are not expected to have a material impact on the Bank. They include:

IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations – Changes in Methods of Disposal

Assets (or disposal groups) are generally disposed of either through sale or through distribution to owners. The amendment to IFRS 5 clarifies that changing from one of these disposal methods to the other should not be considered to be a new plan of disposal, rather it is a continuation of the original plan. There is therefore no interruption of the application of the requirements in IFRS 5. The amendment also clarifies that changing the disposal method does not change the date of classification. The amendment must be applied prospectively to changes in methods of disposal that occur in annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with earlier application permitted.

IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Servicing Contracts

IFRS 7 requires an entity to provide disclosures for any continuing involvement in a transferred asset that is derecognised in its entirety. The Board was asked whether servicing contracts constitute continuing involvement for the purposes of applying these disclosure requirements. The amendment clarifies that a servicing contract that includes a fee can constitute continuing involvement in a financial asset. An entity must assess the nature of the fee and arrangement against the guidance for continuing involvement in paragraphs IFRS 7.B30 and IFRS 7.42C in order to assess whether the disclosures are required. The amendment must be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with earlier application permitted. The amendment is to be applied such that the assessment of which servicing contracts constitute continuing involvement will need to be done retrospectively. However, the required disclosures would not need to be provided for any period beginning before the annual period in which the entity first applies the amendments.

IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures – Applicability of the Offsetting Disclosures to Condensed Interim Financial Statements

In December 2011, IFRS 7 was amended to add guidance on offsetting of financial assets and financial liabilities. In the effective date and transition for that amendment IFRS 7 states that an entity shall apply those amendments for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013 and interim periods within those annual periods. The interim disclosure standard, IAS 34, does not reflect this requirement, however, and it is not clear whether those disclosures are required in the condensed interim financial report.

The amendment removes the phrase 'and interim periods within those annual periods', clarifying that these IFRS 7 disclosures are not required in the condensed interim financial report. The amendment must be applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with earlier application permitted.

IAS 19 Employee Benefits – Regional Market Issue Regarding Discount Rate

The amendment to IAS 19 clarifies that market depth of high quality corporate bonds is assessed based on the currency in which the obligation is denominated, rather than the country where the obligation is located. When there is no deep market for high quality corporate bonds in that currency, government bond rates must be used.

The amendment must be applied for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with earlier application permitted.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies

Standards issued but not yet effective (continued)

IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting – Disclosure of Information ‘Elsewhere in the Interim Financial Report’

The amendment states that the required interim disclosures must either be in the interim financial statements or incorporated by cross-reference between the interim financial statements and wherever they are included within the greater interim financial report (e.g., in the management commentary or risk report). The Board specified that the other information within the interim financial report must be available to users on the same terms as the interim financial statements and at the same time. If users do not have access to the other information in this manner, then the interim financial report is incomplete. The amendment should be applied retrospectively for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, with earlier application permitted.

Fair value measurement

The Bank measures financial instruments, such as available-for-sale securities and non-financial assets such as investment property, at fair value at each balance sheet date. Also, fair values of financial instruments measured at amortised cost are disclosed in Note 22.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- ▶ in the principal market for the asset or liability; or
- ▶ in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible by the Bank. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest. A fair value measurement of a non-financial asset takes into account a market participant's ability to generate economic benefits by using the asset in its highest and best use or by selling it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The Bank uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- ▶ Level 1 – quoted (unadjusted) market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- ▶ Level 2 – valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable.
- ▶ Level 3 – valuation techniques for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable.

For assets and liabilities that are recognised in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Bank determines whether transfers have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorization (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Financial assets

Initial recognition

Financial assets in the scope of IAS 39 are classified as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, or available-for-sale financial assets, as appropriate. When financial assets are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value, plus, in the case of investments not at fair value through profit or loss, directly attributable transaction costs. The Bank determines the classification of its financial assets upon initial recognition and subsequently can reclassify financial assets in certain cases as described below.

Date of recognition

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date i.e. the date that the Bank commits to purchase or sell the asset. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the period generally established by regulation or convention in the marketplace.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Financial assets (continued)

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are not entered into with the intention of immediate or short-term resale and are not classified as trading securities or designated as investment securities available-for-sale. Such assets are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of profit or loss when the loans and receivables are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

Held-to-maturity investments

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity are classified as held-to-maturity when the Bank has the positive intention and ability to hold them to maturity. Investments intended to be held for an undefined period are not included in this classification. Held-to-maturity investments are subsequently measured at amortized cost. Gains and losses are recognized in the statement of profit or loss when the investments are impaired, as well as through the amortization process.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are those non-derivative financial assets that are designated as available-for-sale or are not classified in any other category. After initial recognition available-for-sale financial assets are measured at fair value with gains or losses being recognised in other comprehensive income until the investment is derecognised or until the investment is determined to be impaired at which time the cumulative gain or loss previously reported in other comprehensive income is reclassified to the statement of profit or loss. However, interest calculated using the effective interest method is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, amounts due from the NBG, excluding obligatory reserves, and amounts due from credit institutions that mature within ninety days of the date of origination and are free from contractual encumbrances.

Mandatory reserve deposit with the NBG

Mandatory reserve deposits with the NBG are carried at amortised cost and represent interest bearing mandatory reserve deposits which are not available to finance the Bank's day to day operations and hence are not considered as part of cash and cash equivalents for the purposes of the statement of cash flows. Mandatory reserve is included in amounts due from credit institutions.

Derivative financial instruments

In the normal course of business, the Bank enters into derivative financial instruments such as currency swaps. These financial instruments are recorded at fair value and the fair values are estimated based on spot market prices, due to short term maturities of the financial instruments. Derivatives are carried as assets when their fair value is positive and as liabilities when it is negative. Gains and losses resulting from these instruments are included in the statement of comprehensive income as net gains/(losses) from foreign currencies dealing.

Borrowings

Issued financial instruments or their components are classified as liabilities, where the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Bank having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder, or to satisfy the obligation other than by the exchange of a fixed amount of cash or another financial asset for a fixed number of own equity instruments. Such instruments include amounts due to credit institutions, amounts due to customers, other borrowed funds and subordinated debt. After initial recognition, borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in the statement of profit or loss when the borrowings are derecognised as well as through the amortisation process.

Leases

i. Operating – Bank as lessee

Leases of assets under which the risks and rewards of ownership are effectively retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Lease payments under an operating lease are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term and included into other operating expenses.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Leases (continued)

ii. Operating – Bank as lessor

The Bank presents assets subject to operating leases in the statement of financial position according to the nature of the asset. Lease income from operating leases is recognised in the statement of profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term as other income. The aggregate cost of incentives provided to lessees is recognised as a reduction of rental income over the lease term on a straight-line basis. Initial direct costs incurred specifically to earn revenues from an operating lease are added to the carrying amount of the leased asset.

Measurement of financial instruments at initial recognition

When financial instruments are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value, adjusted, in the case of instruments not at fair value through profit or loss, for directly attributable fees and costs.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is normally the transaction price. If the Bank determines that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price, then:

- ▶ if the fair value is evidenced by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability (i.e., a Level 1 input) or based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets, the Bank recognises the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price as a gain or loss;
- ▶ in all other cases, the initial measurement of the financial instrument is adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price. After initial recognition, the Bank recognises that deferred difference as a gain or loss only when the inputs become observable, or when the instrument is derecognized.

Offsetting of financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statement of financial position when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The right of set-off must not be contingent on a future event and must be legally enforceable in all of the following circumstances:

- ▶ the normal course of business;
- ▶ the event of default; and
- ▶ the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the entity and all of the counterparties.

These conditions are not generally met in master netting agreements, and the related assets and liabilities are presented gross in the statement of financial position.

Impairment of financial assets

The Bank assesses at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (an incurred 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the borrower or a group of borrowers is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation and where observable data indicate that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

Amounts due from credit institutions and loans to customers

For amounts due from credit institutions and loans to customers carried at amortised cost, the Bank first assesses individually whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Bank determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risks characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of financial assets (continued)

If there is an objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the assets' carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future expected credit losses that have not yet been incurred). The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in the statement of profit or loss. Interest income continues to be accrued on the reduced carrying amount based on the original effective interest rate of the asset. Loans together with the associated allowance are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realised or has been transferred to the Bank. If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a future write-off is later recovered, the recovery is credited to the statement of profit or loss.

The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. If a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate. The calculation of the present value of the estimated future cash flows of a collateralised financial asset reflects the cash flows that may result from foreclosure less costs for obtaining and selling the collateral, whether or not foreclosure is probable.

For the purpose of a collective evaluation of impairment, financial assets are grouped on the basis of the Bank's internal product monitoring system that considers credit risk characteristics such as asset type, industry, geographical location, collateral type, past-due status and other relevant factors.

Future cash flows on a group of financial assets that are collectively evaluated for impairment are estimated on the basis of historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics similar to those in the group.

Held-to-maturity financial investments

For held-to-maturity investments the Bank assesses individually whether there is objective evidence of impairment. If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

If, in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, any amounts formerly charged are credited to the statement of profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial investments

For available-for-sale financial investments, the Bank assesses at each reporting date whether there is objective evidence that an investment is impaired.

In the case of equity investments classified as available-for-sale, objective evidence would include a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the investment below its cost. Where there is evidence of impairment, the cumulative loss – measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss on that investment previously recognised in the statement of profit or loss – is reclassified from other comprehensive income to the statement of profit or loss. Impairment losses on equity investments are not reversed through the statement of profit or loss; increases in their fair value after impairment are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Renegotiated loans

Where possible, the Bank seeks to restructure loans rather than to take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and the agreement of new loan conditions.

The accounting treatment of such restructuring is as follows:

- ▶ if the currency of the loan has been changed the old loan is derecognised and the new loan is recognised;
- ▶ if the loan restructuring is not caused by the financial difficulties of the borrower the Bank uses the same approach as for financial liabilities described below;
- ▶ if the loan restructuring is due to the financial difficulties of the borrower and the loan is impaired after restructuring, the Bank recognizes the difference between the present value of the new cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate and the carrying amount before restructuring in the provision charges for the period. In case loan is not impaired after restructuring the Bank recalculates the effective interest rate.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of financial assets (continued)

Once the terms have been renegotiated, the loan is no longer considered past due. Management continuously reviews renegotiated loans to ensure that all criteria are met and that future payments are likely to occur. The loans continue to be subject to an individual or collective impairment assessment, calculated using the loan's original or current effective interest rate.

Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognised where:

- ▶ the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired;
- ▶ the Bank has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset, or retained the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and
- ▶ the Bank either (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

Where the Bank has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor transferred control of the asset, the asset is recognised to the extent of the Bank's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Bank could be required to repay.

Where continuing involvement takes the form of a written and/or purchased option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on the transferred asset, the extent of the Bank's continuing involvement is the amount of the transferred asset that the Bank may repurchase, except that in the case of a written put option (including a cash-settled option or similar provision) on an asset measured at fair value, the extent of the Bank's continuing involvement is limited to the lower of the fair value of the transferred asset and the option exercise price.

Financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires.

Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

Credit related commitments

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank gives credit related commitments, consisting of letters of credit, and financial guarantees. Financial guarantees represent irrevocable assurances to make payments in the event that a customer cannot meet its obligations to third parties and carry the same credit risk as loans. Financial guarantees are initially recognised in the financial statements at fair value, in 'Other liabilities', being the amount of fees received. Subsequent to initial recognition, the Bank's liability under each guarantee is measured at the higher of the amortised fee and the best estimate of expenditure required to settle any financial obligation arising as a result of the guarantee.

Any increase in the liability relating to financial guarantees is taken to the statement of profit or loss. The amount of fee received is recognised in the statement of profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the life of the guarantee.

Taxation

The current income tax expense is calculated in accordance with the regulations of Georgia.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated in respect of temporary differences using the liability method. Deferred income taxes are provided for all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values for financial reporting purposes, except where the deferred income tax arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Taxation (continued)

A deferred tax asset is recorded only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Georgia also has various operating taxes that are assessed on the Bank's activities. These taxes are included as a component of other operating expenses.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment, except for land and buildings, is carried at cost, excluding the costs of day-to-day servicing, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment. Such cost includes the cost of replacing part of equipment when that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met.

The carrying values of equipment are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Following initial recognition at cost, land and buildings are carried at a revalued amount, which is the fair value at the date of the revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. Valuations are performed frequently enough to ensure that the fair value of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount.

Accumulated depreciation as at the revaluation date is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Any revaluation surplus is credited to the revaluation reserve for property and equipment included in other comprehensive income, except to the extent that it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in the statement of profit or loss, in which case the increase is recognised in the statement of profit or loss. A revaluation deficit is recognised in the statement of profit or loss, except that a deficit directly offsetting a previous surplus on the same asset is directly offset against the surplus in the revaluation reserve for property and equipment.

An annual transfer from the revaluation reserve for property and equipment to retained earnings is made for the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the assets and depreciation based on the assets original cost. Upon disposal, any revaluation reserve relating to the particular asset being sold is transferred to retained earnings.

Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	50
Furniture and fixtures	4-10
Computers and office equipment	4-10
Motor vehicles	5
Other	4-10

The asset's residual values, useful lives and methods are reviewed, and adjusted as appropriate, at each financial year-end.

Costs related to repairs and renewals are charged when incurred and included in other operating expenses, unless they qualify for capitalization.

Investment property

Investment property is land or building or a part of a building held to earn rental income or for capital appreciation and which is not used by the Bank or held for sale in the ordinary course of business.

Investment properties are measured initially at cost, including transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, investment properties are stated at fair value, which reflects market conditions at the reporting date. Gains or losses arising from changes in the fair values of investment properties are included in the statement of profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Fair value of the Bank's investment property is determined on the base of various sources including reports of independent appraisers, who hold a recognized and relevant professional qualification and who have recent experience in valuation of property of similar location and category.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Investment property (continued)

Investment properties are derecognised either when they have been disposed of or when they are permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from their disposal. The difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset is recognised in the statement of profit or loss in the period of derecognition.

Earned rental income is recorded in statement of profit or loss within other operating income.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. External costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares, other than on a business combination, are shown as a deduction from the proceeds in equity. Any excess of the fair value of consideration received over the par value of shares issued is recognised as additional paid-in capital.

Contingencies

Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the statement of financial position but are disclosed unless the possibility of any outflow in settlement is remote. A contingent asset is not recognised in the statement of financial position but disclosed when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

Recognition of income and expenses

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Bank and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Interest and similar income and expense

For all financial instruments measured at amortised cost and interest bearing securities classified available-for-sale, interest income or expense is recorded at the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or a shorter period, where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. The calculation takes into account all contractual terms of the financial instrument and includes any fees or incremental costs that are directly attributable to the instrument and are an integral part of the effective interest rate, but not future credit losses. The carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability is adjusted if the Bank revises its estimates of payments or receipts. The adjusted carrying amount is calculated based on the original effective interest rate and the change in carrying amount is recorded as interest income or expense.

Once the recorded value of a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been reduced due to an impairment loss, interest income continues to be recognised using the original effective interest rate applied to the new carrying amount.

Fee and commission income

The Bank earns fee and commission income from a diverse range of services it provides to its customers. Fees earned for the provision of services over a period of time are accrued over that period. These fees include commission income agency fees and other fees. Loan commitment fees for loans that are likely to be drawn down and other credit related fees are deferred (together with any incremental costs) and recognised as an adjustment to the effective interest rate on the loan.

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3. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Foreign currency translation

The financial statements are presented in Georgian Lari, which is the Bank's functional and presentation currency. Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency, converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the functional currency rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Gains and losses resulting from the translation of foreign currency transactions are recognised in the statement of profit or loss as gains less losses from foreign currencies – translation differences. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates as at the dates of the initial transactions. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined.

Differences between the contractual exchange rate of a transaction in a foreign currency and the NBG exchange rate on the date of the transaction are included in gains less losses from dealing in foreign currencies.

4. Significant accounting judgments and estimates

In the process of applying the Bank's accounting policies, management has used its judgments and made estimates in determining the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The most significant use of judgments and estimates are as follows:

Allowance for loan impairment

The Bank regularly reviews its loans and receivables to assess impairment. The Bank uses its judgement to estimate the amount of any impairment loss in cases where a borrower is in financial difficulties and there are few available sources of historical data relating to similar borrowers. Similarly, the Bank estimates changes in future cash flows based on the observable data indicating that there has been an adverse change in the payment status of borrowers in a group, or national or local economic conditions that correlate with defaults on assets in the group. Management uses estimates based on historical loss experience for assets with credit risk characteristics and objective evidence of impairment similar to those in the group of loans and receivables. In addition, the management monitors market value of collateral on a regular basis. Management uses its experienced judgment or independent opinion to adjust the fair value to reflect current circumstances. The amount and type of collateral required depends on the assessment of credit risk of the counterparty. The Bank uses its judgement to adjust observable data for a group of loans or receivables to reflect current circumstances.

In 2015, the Bank changed its approach to estimation of collective loan loss allowance by aggregating certain portfolios that have similar credit risk characteristics and decrease of historical loss period from 5 to 2 years, which resulted in GEL 2,053 reversal of allowance for loan impairment in statement of profit or loss for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The amount of allowance for loan impairment recognized by the Bank was GEL 2,506 as at 31 December 2015 (2014: GEL 8,732) (Note 7).

Determination of fair value of property and equipment and investment property

The Bank carries its investment properties at fair value, with changes in fair value being recognized in the statement of profit or loss. In addition, it measures land and buildings at revalued amounts with changes in fair value being recognised in other comprehensive loss.

The Bank's investment properties and land and buildings are located in Georgia. The Georgian real estate market has not been active historically; furthermore, the market activity decreased significantly over 2015. Thus, in absence of active real estate market, determination of fair value of the Bank's investment properties and land and buildings is highly subjective and involves significant judgment.

The Bank engages independent valuator to assess the fair value of investment property owned and the land and buildings. For land and building and investment property market approach method was used. Under market approach the market value of the subject property is estimated by comparing it to other similar properties that have recently been sold, been listed for the sale, or for which offers have been made. The valuator obtains an indication of the subject property's value by adjusting the prices of the comparable properties to account for their differences from the subject property. Real estate valuers compare the legal, economic, locational and physical characteristics of the property they are appraising to those corresponding characteristics of similar sales, listings, or pending sales (Notes 9, 10).

(Thousands of Georgian Lari)

5. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash on hand	5,295	11,807
Current accounts with other credit institutions	1,697	1,777
Time deposits with credit institutions up to 90 days	1,676	30,079
Current accounts with the NBG	1,505	7,500
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>10,173</u>	<u>51,163</u>

6. Obligatory reserve with the NBG

Credit institutions are required to maintain an interest earning cash deposit (obligatory reserve) with the NBG at 10% and at 15% (2014: 10% and at 15%) of the previous month average of funds in GEL and foreign currencies, respectively, attracted from customers by the credit institution. The Bank's ability to withdraw such deposit is restricted by statutory legislation.

In 2015 and 2014 the obligatory reserve on USD account bears Interest at the rate of U.S. Federal Reserve System less 0.5% p.a.; on EUR account – the rate of the European Central Bank less 0.5% p.a.

7. Loans to customers

Loans to customers comprise:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Residential mortgages	6,235	11,832
Corporate lending	5,683	8,758
Credit cards	1,070	2,496
Small business lending	729	2,404
Consumer lending	697	2,153
Auto loans	80	725
Other	1,122	1,420
Gross loans to customers	<u>15,616</u>	<u>29,788</u>
Less: allowance for impairment	(2,506)	(8,732)
Loans to customers, net	<u>13,110</u>	<u>21,056</u>

Allowance for impairment of loans to customers

A reconciliation of the allowance for impairment of loans to customers by class is as follows:

	<i>Corporate lending</i>	<i>Residential mortgages</i>	<i>Small business lending</i>	<i>Consumer lending</i>	<i>Credit cards</i>	<i>Auto loans</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
At 1 January 2015	2,529	3,057	486	714	706	566	674	8,732
Net charge/(reversal) for the year	(938)	(1,668)	(100)	(40)	128	71	149	(2,398)
Recoveries	–	31	–	55	30	25	18	159
Amounts written off	(1509)	(418)	(102)	(440)	(558)	(621)	(339)	(3,987)
At 31 December 2015	<u>82</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>2,506</u>
Individual impairment	78	999	284	286	299	41	500	2,487
Collective impairment	4	3	–	3	7	–	2	19
	<u>82</u>	<u>1,002</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>289</u>	<u>306</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>2,506</u>
Gross amount of loans, individually determined to be impaired, before deducting any individually assessed impairment allowance	<u>1,567</u>	<u>3,152</u>	<u>692</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>6,925</u>

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7. Loans to customers (continued)**Allowance for impairment of loans to customers (continued)**

	<i>Corporate lending</i>	<i>Residential mortgages</i>	<i>Small business lending</i>	<i>Consumer lending</i>	<i>Credit cards</i>	<i>Auto loans</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
At 1 January 2014	8,022	1,643	905	568	540	188	787	12,653
Charge/(reversal) for the year	(5,522)	1,497	(419)	125	166	397	(87)	(3,843)
Recoveries	29	13	–	21	–	15	34	112
Amounts written off	–	(96)	–	–	–	(34)	(60)	(190)
At 31 December 2014	2,529	3,057	486	714	706	566	674	8,732
Individual impairment	2,072	2,432	398	710	699	556	663	7,530
Collective impairment	457	625	88	4	7	10	11	1,202
	2,529	3,057	486	714	706	566	674	8,732
Gross amount of loans, individually determined to be impaired, before deducting any individually assessed impairment allowance	4,304	5,094	1,806	734	789	612	1,043	14,382

Interest income accrued on loans and advances, for which individual impairment allowances have been recognized, for the year ended 31 December 2015 comprised GEL 978 (2014: GEL 1,564).

In accordance with the Georgian legislation, loans may only be written off with the approval of the Board of Directors and, in certain cases, with the respective decision of the Court.

Collateral and other credit enhancements

The amount and type of collateral required depends on an assessment of the credit risk of the counterparty. Guidelines are implemented regarding the acceptability of types of collateral and valuation parameters.

The main types of collateral obtained are as follows:

- ▶ for commercial lending, charges over real estate properties, inventory, and cash held in bank;
- ▶ for retail lending, mortgages over residential properties.

The Bank also obtains guarantees from parent companies for loans to their subsidiaries.

Management monitors the market value of collateral, requests additional collateral in accordance with the underlying agreement, and monitors the market value of collateral obtained during its review of the adequacy of the allowance for loan impairment.

Concentration of loans to customers

As at 31 December 2015, the Bank had a concentration of loans represented by GEL 6,437 due from the ten largest third party borrowers (41% of gross loan portfolio) (2014: GEL 8,142 or 27.3%). An allowance of GEL 389 (2014: GEL 2,484) was recognised against these loans. Included in total loans to customers is an exposure to a single greatest borrower of GEL 1,203 (2014: GEL 1,371) that bears an annual interest rate of 12% (2014: 18%).

Loans have been extended to the following types of customers:

	2015	2014
Individuals	9,201	18,608
Commercial legal entities	6,415	11,180
	15,616	29,788

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7. Loans to customers (continued)**Concentration of loans to customers (continued)**

Loans are made within Georgia in the following industry sectors:

	2015	2014
Individuals	9,201	18,608
Retail	1,817	2,868
Construction	1,599	4,352
Communication	1,234	–
Financial	994	989
Energetics	452	202
Agricultural	149	140
Food industry	40	973
Manufacturing	–	1,420
Other	130	236
Gross loans and advances to customers	15,616	29,788

8. Investment securities

Available for sale securities comprise investments in unquoted shares of Georgian companies with carrying value of GEL 20 (2014: GEL 20).

Held-to-maturity securities comprise:

	2015	2014
Government Treasury bonds of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	4,353	4,347
Government T-bills of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	–	976
Held-to-maturity securities	4,353	5,323

Investment securities classified as loans and receivables comprise:

	2015	2014
Government Treasury bonds of the Ministry of Finance of Georgia	2,829	–
Investment securities classified as loans and receivables	2,829	–

9. Investment property

	2015	2014
Opening balance at 1 January	13,635	13,634
Additions	4,292	1,325
Disposals	(8,418)	(1,843)
Net gains from revaluation	2,780	519
31 December	12,289	13,635

Investment property is represented by several properties which the Bank took possession in satisfaction of non-performing loans, and holds for long-term appreciation in value.

As at 31 December 2015 the Bank engaged an independent appraiser to determine the fair value of these properties. The appraiser is an industry specialist in valuing these types of investment properties.

The fair value of the property was determined based on the active market data. The market approach was used to determine the fair value and the income approach was used to validate the obtained value estimates. More details about the fair value of investment property are disclosed in Note 22.

Rental income arising from investment properties comprised GEL 122 (2014: GEL 427).

During year 2015 the Bank sold investment property with a net book value of GEL 8,074 to an entity under common control for a consideration of GEL 9,215 including VAT.

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10. Property and equipment and intangible assets

	<i>Land and buildings</i>	<i>Computers and communication equipment</i>	<i>Furniture, fixtures and office equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Leasehold improvements</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost or revalued amount							
31 December 2014	13,850	1,779	1,597	265	1,322	1,131	19,944
Additions	203	15	25	–	–	35	278
Transfers	115	–	–	–	(115)	–	–
Disposals	(60)	(5)	(176)	(57)	(480)	(12)	(790)
Write-offs	–	(122)	(75)	–	–	(158)	(355)
Effect of revaluation*	2,744	–	–	–	–	–	2,744
31 December 2015	16,852	1,667	1,371	208	727	996	21,821
Accumulated depreciation							
31 December 2014	–	1,223	1,251	219	760	819	4,272
Depreciation charge	351	125	86	18	101	113	794
Transfers	89	–	–	–	(89)	–	–
Disposals	(100)	(5)	(154)	(57)	(271)	(7)	(594)
Write-offs	–	(119)	(65)	–	–	(99)	(283)
Effect of revaluation*	(340)	–	–	–	–	–	(340)
31 December 2015	–	1,224	1,118	180	501	826	3,849
Net book value							
31 December 2014	13,850	556	346	46	562	312	15,672
31 December 2015	16,852	443	253	28	226	170	17,972

* The total revaluation effect of GEL 3,084 comprises revaluation gain of GEL 3,115 recognized in other comprehensive income and revaluation loss of GEL 31 recognized within Other operating expenses.

	<i>Land and buildings</i>	<i>Computers and communication equipment</i>	<i>Furniture, fixtures and office equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Leasehold improvements</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cost or revalued amount							
31 December 2013	14,185	1,772	1,608	265	1,322	1,294	20,446
Additions	97	37	11	–	–	7	152
Disposals	(382)	–	–	–	–	(3)	(385)
write-offs	–	(30)	(22)	–	–	(167)	(219)
Effect of revaluation	(50)	–	–	–	–	–	(50)
31 December 2014	13,850	1,779	1,597	265	1,322	1,131	19,944
Accumulated depreciation							
31 December 2013	–	1,218	1,145	201	563	719	3,846
Depreciation charge	346	37	128	18	197	213	939
Disposals	(2)	–	–	–	–	(3)	(5)
Write-offs	–	(32)	(22)	–	–	(110)	(164)
Effect of revaluation	(344)	–	–	–	–	–	(344)
31 December 2014	–	1,223	1,251	219	760	819	4,272
Net book value							
31 December 2013	14,185	554	463	64	759	575	16,600
31 December 2014	13,850	556	346	46	562	312	15,672

The Bank engaged an independent appraiser to determine the fair value of its buildings. Fair value is determined by reference to market-based evidence. The date of the revaluation was 31 December 2015. More details about the fair value of buildings are disclosed in Note 22.

If the buildings were measured using the cost model, the carrying amounts would be as follows:

	2015	2014
Cost	19,997	19,740
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(4,617)	(4,189)
Net carrying amount	15,380	15,551

Intangible assets of GEL 48 (2014: GEL 110) are represented mostly by licenses and computer software. Amortization of intangible assets for the year ended 31 December 2015 amounted to GEL 103 (2014: GEL 160).

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11. Taxation

Both in 2015 and 2014 income taxes fully comprised of deferred tax charges and benefits. As at 31 December 2015 and 2014 and for the years then ended, the Bank did not recognize any current tax expense and respective liability as it had sufficient amount of tax losses carried forward to utilize against its taxable profits for the respective periods.

The effective income tax rate differs from the statutory income tax rates. A reconciliation of the income tax expense based on statutory rates with actual is as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Profit before tax	2,947	6,722
Statutory tax rate	15%	15%
Theoretical income tax expense at the statutory rate	(442)	(1,008)
Non-deductible expenditures	(35)	(33)
Tax exempt income	–	76
Expiration of tax losses carried forward	(101)	
Change in unrecognised deferred tax assets	101	1,171
Income tax (expense)/benefit	(477)	206

Deferred tax assets and liabilities as of 31 December and their movements for the respective years comprise

	<u>Origination and reversal of temporary differences</u>			<u>Origination and reversal of temporary differences</u>			
	<u>2013</u>	<u>In the income statement</u>	<u>In other comprehensive income</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>In the income statement</u>	<u>In other comprehensive income</u>	<u>2015</u>
Tax effect of deductible temporary differences							
Tax losses carried forward	2,153	(1,171)	–	982	(101)	–	881
Other assets	–	6	–	6	2	–	8
Other liabilities	92	(44)	–	48	(42)	–	6
Gross deferred tax assets	2,245	(1,209)	–	1,036	(141)	–	895
Unrecognized deferred tax asset	(2,153)	1,171	–	(982)	101	–	(881)
Net deferred tax assets	92	(38)	–	54	(40)	–	14
Tax effect of taxable temporary differences							
Investment property	(307)	(47)	–	(354)	(1,728)	–	(2,082)
Property and equipment	(2,352)	300	(44)	(2,096)	1,580	(467)	(983)
Allowance for loan impairment	249	(23)	–	226	(289)	–	(63)
Other assets	(14)	14	–	–	–	–	–
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,424)	244	(44)	(2,224)	(437)	(467)	(3,128)
Net deferred tax liabilities	(2,332)	206	(44)	(2,170)	(477)	(467)	(3,114)

As at 31 December 2015 the Bank has tax losses carried forward amounting to GEL 3,099 and GEL 2,777 that will expire on 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2018 respectively. Deferred tax assets have not been recognized in respect of those losses as there is uncertainty whether the Bank will be able to generate taxable profit in the future.

12. Other assets and liabilities

Other assets comprise:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Financial assets		
Derivative assets	78	139
Receivable from operating lease	63	92
Other	88	104
Total financial assets	229	335
Non-financial assets		
Prepaid operational taxes	384	99
Prepaid expenses	160	724
Other	7	8
Total non-financial assets	551	831
Other assets	780	1,166

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12. Other assets and liabilities (continued)

Other liabilities comprise:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>
Financial liabilities		
Creditors	356	518
Unsettled transactions on money transfers	10	5
Total financial liabilities	<u>366</u>	<u>523</u>
Non-financial liabilities		
Unused vacations	72	271
Total non-financial liabilities	<u>72</u>	<u>271</u>
Total other liabilities	<u>438</u>	<u>794</u>

The Bank enters into derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. The table below shows the fair values of derivative financial instruments, recorded as assets, together with their notional amounts. The notional amount, recorded gross, is the amount of a derivative's underlying asset, reference rate or index and is the basis upon which changes in the value of derivatives are measured. The notional amounts indicate the volume of transactions outstanding at the year end and are not indicative of the credit risk.

	<u>2015</u>			<u>2014</u>		
	<u>Notional amount</u>	<u>Fair values</u>		<u>Notional amount</u>	<u>Fair value</u>	
		<u>Asset</u>	<u>Liability</u>		<u>Asset</u>	<u>Liability</u>
Foreign exchange contracts						
Forwards and swaps – domestic	5,270	78	–	2,661	139	–

13. Amounts due to credit institutions

Amounts due to credit institutions comprise:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Term deposits	2,200	–
Current accounts	117	135
Amounts due to credit institutions	<u>2,317</u>	<u>135</u>

As at 31 December 2015, amounts due to credit institutions include term deposits of GEL 2,200 that mature in January 2016 due to a Georgian bank.

14. Amounts due to customers

The amounts due to customers include the following:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Time deposits	13,871	22,654
Current accounts	7,500	24,355
Amounts due to customers	<u>21,371</u>	<u>47,009</u>

As at 31 December 2015 amounts due to customers of GEL 8,929 (42%) were due to ten largest customers (2014: GEL 27,453 (58%)).

*(Thousands of Georgian Lari)***14. Amounts due to customers (continued)**

Amounts due to customers include accounts with the following types of customers:

	2015	2014
Individuals:		
- Term deposits	8,695	17,193
- Current accounts	2,038	1,425
Total due to individuals	10,733	18,618
Commercial legal entities:		
- Current/settlement accounts	5,462	22,930
- Term deposits	5,176	5,461
Total due to commercial legal entities	10,638	28,391
Total amounts due to customers	21,371	47,009
Held as security against guarantees issued	180	108

An analysis of customer accounts by economic sector follows:

	2015	2014
Individuals	10,733	18,618
Trade and service	4,452	3,512
Finance sector	2,586	22,261
Transportation & communication	1,693	1,318
Construction	557	246
Energetics	198	-
Public service organisations	33	107
Agriculture	9	77
Mining	3	118
Other	1,107	752
Amounts due to customers	21,371	47,009

15. Other borrowed funds

In 2015, the Bank fully repaid other borrowed funds due to Caspian Finance Limited (a related party).

16. Equity**Share capital**

As at 31 December 2015 and 2014, share capital of the Bank comprised 30,000 of authorized fully paid shares with nominal value GEL 1 thousand each.

The share capital of the Bank was contributed by the shareholders in Georgian Lari and they are entitled to dividends and any capital distribution in Georgian Lari.

Dividends

In accordance with the Georgian legislation, dividends may only be declared to the shareholders of the Bank from the net income as shown in the Bank's financial statements prepared in accordance with the NBG requirements. The NBG shall be informed regarding declaration of dividends and also is authorized to suspend or restrict payment of dividends, if a commercial bank has violated regulatory requirements of the NBG. No dividends were declared or paid in 2015 and 2014.

Revaluation reserve

The revaluation reserve for land and buildings is used to record increases in the fair value of the land and buildings and decreases to the extent that such decrease relates to an increase on the same asset previously recognised in equity.

*(Thousands of Georgian Lari)***17. Commitments and contingencies**

As of 31 December the Bank's commitments and contingencies comprised the following:

	2015	2014
Credit related commitments		
Undrawn loan commitments	1,301	1,575
Guarantees	661	2,262
	1,962	3,837
Operating lease commitments		
Not later than 1 year	174	75
Later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	617	1,787
Capital expenditure commitments	86	–
	877	1,862
Commitments and contingencies (before deducting collateral)	2,839	5,699
Less – cash held as security guarantees issued (Note 14)	(180)	(108)
Commitments and contingencies	2,659	5,591

18. Net fee and commission income

Net fee and commission income comprises:

	2015	2014
Settlements operations	612	970
Guarantees and letter of credit issued	140	162
Cash operations	34	80
Currency conversion operations	20	30
Other	4	5
Fee and commission income	810	1,247
Cash operations	(152)	(148)
Plastic card operations	(145)	(138)
Settlements operations	(41)	(45)
Other	(27)	(30)
Fee and commission expense	(365)	(361)
Net fee and commission income	445	886

19. Other income

	2015	2014
Income from fines and penalties	635	337
Refunded court fees	270	311
Rental income from investment property (Note 9)	122	427
Forgiven interest expense	–	6,178
Other	46	27
Total other income	1,073	7,280

*(Thousands of Georgian Lari)***20. Other operating expenses**

Other operating expenses comprise:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Occupancy and rent	985	1,103
Legal and consultancy	966	894
Office supplies	397	487
Operating taxes	306	261
Security	277	368
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	30	83
Insurance	25	73
Loss on revaluation of property and equipment	31	–
Repair and maintenance of property and equipment	4	47
Penalties incurred	–	20
Other	338	325
Other operating expenses	<u>3,359</u>	<u>3,661</u>

21. Risk management

The Bank is required to manage financial risks that arise as a consequence of its operations to deliver its policy objectives as well as in the course of managing the Bank's statement of financial position. These risks primarily include credit risk, liquidity risk and funding management, market risk, prepayment risk and operational risk.

Risk is inherent in the Bank's activities but it is managed through a process of ongoing identification, measurement and monitoring, subject to risk limits and other controls. This process of risk management is critical to the Bank's continuing profitability and each individual within the Bank is accountable for the risk exposures relating to his or her responsibilities.

The independent risk control process does not include business risks such as changes in the environment, technology and industry. They are monitored through the Bank's strategic planning process.

Risk management structure

The Supervisory Board is ultimately responsible for identifying and controlling risks; however, there are separate independent bodies responsible for managing and monitoring risks. Currently risk is monitored by the following units with the Management Board –

- ▶ credit risk is managed by the Credit Risk Committees;
- ▶ liquidity risk is managed by ALCO;
- ▶ market risk is managed by ALCO;
- ▶ operational risk is managed by the Operational Risk Management Department.

Internal Audit

Risk management processes throughout the Bank are audited by the internal audit function that examines both the adequacy of the procedures and the Bank's compliance with the procedures. Internal Audit discusses the results of all assessments with management, and reports its findings and recommendations to the supervisory board.

Risk mitigation

The Bank actively uses collateral to reduce its credit risks.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that the Bank will incur a loss because its customers, clients or counterparties failed to discharge their contractual obligations. Exposure to credit risk arises as a result of the Bank's lending and other transactions with counterparties giving rise to financial assets.

The Bank structures the levels of credit risk it undertakes by placing limits on the amount of risk accepted in relation to one borrower, or groups of borrowers.

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21. Risk management (continued)**Credit risk (continued)**

The Bank established 1 level of credit committees (2014: 5 levels) which are responsible for approving credit limits for individual borrowers. Review and approval limits for each credit committee differs per loan type.

Loan applications originated by the relevant client relationship managers are passed on to the relevant credit committee for approval of credit limit. Exposure to credit risk is also managed, in part, by obtaining collateral and corporate and personal guarantees.

Due to relatively small size of the Bank's operations during the year credit risk exposure is monitored by the Management board.

Credit-related commitments risks

The Bank makes available to its customers guarantees which may require that the Bank make payments on their behalf. Such payments are collected from customers based on the terms of the guarantees. They expose the Bank to similar risks to loans and these are mitigated by the same control processes and policies.

Credit quality per class of financial assets

The credit quality of financial assets is managed by the Bank internal credit review process.

All neither past due nor impaired loans to customers are classified in three quality groups presented in the tables below:

- ▶ a financial asset that is neither past due nor impaired at the reporting date, also historically has never been either past due or impaired and is secured by deposit, real estate or by other collaterals is assessed as a financial asset of high grade;
- ▶ a financial asset that is neither past due nor impaired at the reporting date, also historically has never been either past due or impaired is assessed as a financial asset of standard grade;
- ▶ a financial asset that is neither past due nor impaired at the reporting date, but historically used to be past due is assessed as a financial asset with sub-standard grade.

Obligatory reserve with the NBG and government securities are assessed as high grade.

The table below shows the credit quality by class of credit risk bearing assets:

	Notes	<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>			<i>Past due but not impaired</i>	<i>Individually impaired</i>	<i>Total</i>
		<i>High grade</i>	<i>Standard grade</i>	<i>Sub-standard grade</i>			
		2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
Obligatory reserve with the NBG	6	2,446	–	–	–	–	2,446
Loans to customers	7						
Residential mortgages		729	–	1,764	590	3,152	6,235
Corporate lending		2,883	–	914	319	1,567	5,683
Credit cards		7	485	208	68	302	1,070
Small business lending		4	–	8	25	692	729
Consumer lending		67	152	158	33	287	697
Auto loans		–	–	–	–	80	80
Other		–	66	111	100	845	1,122
		3,690	703	3,163	1,135	6,925	15,616
Debt investment securities	8						
Held to maturity		4,353	–	–	–	–	4,353
Loans and receivables		2,829	–	–	–	–	2,829
Total		13,318	703	3,163	1,135	6,925	25,244

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21. Risk management (continued)**Credit risk (continued)**

	Notes	<i>Neither past due nor impaired</i>			<i>Past due but not impaired 2014</i>	<i>Individually impaired 2014</i>	<i>Total 2014</i>
		<i>High grade 2014</i>	<i>Standard grade 2014</i>	<i>Sub-standard grade 2014</i>			
Obligatory reserve with the NBG	6	9,084	–	–	–	–	9,084
Loans to customers	7						
Corporate lending		2,741	–	2,963	1,034	5,094	11,832
Residential mortgages		474	989	2,593	398	4,304	8,758
Small business lending		32	1,231	415	29	789	2,496
Consumer lending		282	–	149	167	1,806	2,404
Credit cards		615	296	470	38	734	2,153
Auto loans		49	–	62	2	612	725
Other		–	129	145	103	1,043	1,420
		4,193	2,645	6,797	1,771	14,382	29,788
Debt investment securities	8						
Held to maturity		5,323	–	–	–	–	5,323
Total		18,600	2,645	6,797	1,771	14,382	44,195

Aging analysis of past due but not impaired loans per class of financial assets

	<i>Less than 30 days 2015</i>	<i>31 to 60 days 2015</i>	<i>61 to 90 days 2015</i>	<i>Total 2015</i>
Loans to customers				
Residential mortgages	193	281	116	590
Corporate lending	319	–	–	319
Credit cards	29	39	–	68
Small business lending	–	12	13	25
Consumer lending	26	7	–	33
Auto loans	–	–	–	–
Other	34	66	–	100
Total	601	405	129	1,135

	<i>Less than 30 days 2014</i>	<i>31 to 60 days 2014</i>	<i>61 to 90 days 2014</i>	<i>Total 2014</i>
Loans to customers				
Corporate lending	840	172	22	1,034
Residential mortgages	315	83	–	398
Small business lending	26	3	–	29
Consumer lending	–	140	27	167
Credit cards	30	8	–	38
Auto loans	2	–	–	2
Other	30	–	73	103
Total	1,243	406	122	1,771

For the purpose of these financial statements a loan is considered overdue when the borrower fails to make any payment due under the loan agreement at the reporting date. In this case the aggregate amount of all amounts due from borrower under the respective loan agreement including accrued interest and commissions is recognised as overdue.

Loans and advances to customers have been assessed for impairment on the collective basis. Details of loan loss allowance of loan portfolio are disclosed in Note 7.

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21. Risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Impairment assessment

The main considerations for the loan impairment assessment include whether any payments of principal or interest are overdue by more than 90 days or there are any known difficulties in the cash flows of counterparties, or infringement of the original terms of the contract. The Bank addresses impairment assessment in two areas- individually assessed allowances and collectively assessed allowances.

Individually assessed allowances

The Bank determines the allowances appropriate for each individually significant loan on an individual basis. Items considered when determining allowance amounts include its ability to improve performance once a financial difficulty has arisen, the availability of other financial support and the realisable value of collateral, and the timing of the expected cash flows. The impairment losses are evaluated at each reporting date, unless unforeseen circumstances require more careful attention.

Collectively assessed allowances

Allowances are assessed collectively for losses on loans to customers that are not past due of more than 90 days and for individually significant loans where there is not yet objective evidence of individual impairment. Allowances are evaluated on each reporting date for each portfolio based on overdue day's buckets.

The collective assessment takes account of impairment that is likely to be present in the portfolio even though there is no yet objective evidence of the impairment in an individual assessment. Impairment losses are estimated by taking into consideration historical losses on the portfolio and expected losses on the collectively assessed loans based on realisable collateral value. The impairment allowance is then reviewed by the management to ensure alignment with the Bank's overall policy.

Financial guarantees and letters of credit are assessed and provisions are made in a similar manner as for loans.

Almost all of Bank's financial assets and liabilities are concentrated in Georgia.

Liquidity risk and funding management

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank will be unable to meet its payment obligations when they fall due under normal and stress circumstances. To limit this risk, the Bank's Management manages assets with liquidity in mind, and monitors future cash flows and liquidity on a daily basis. This incorporates an assessment of expected cash flows and the availability of high grade collateral which could be used to secure additional funding if required.

The Bank maintains a portfolio of state securities that can be pledged to the NBG to obtain financing in the event of demand.

The liquidity position is assessed and managed by the Bank based on certain liquidity ratio established by National Bank of Georgia. The NBG requires banks to maintain liquidity ratio of more than 30%. As at 31 December 2015 and 2014 the ratio was as follows:

	2015	2014
LK "Average Liquidity Ratio" (average monthly volume of liquid assets / average monthly volume of liabilities)	75.28%	56.10%

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21. Risk management (continued)**Liquidity risk and funding management (continued)***Analysis of financial liabilities by remaining contractual maturities*

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Bank's financial liabilities at 31 December based on contractual undiscounted repayment obligations. Repayments which are subject to notice are treated as if notice were to be given immediately.

Financial liabilities as at 31 December 2015	On demand and less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	Total
Amounts due to credit institutions	2,321	–	–	–	2,321
Amounts due to customers	10,285	793	7,754	3,189	22,021
Other financial liabilities	317	–	49	–	366
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	12,923	793	7,803	3,189	24,708

Financial liabilities as at 31 December 2014	On demand and less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 12 months	1 to 5 years	Total
Amounts due to credit institutions	135	–	–	–	135
Amounts due to customers	30,292	1,767	13,281	2,622	47,962
Other borrowed funds	35,459	–	–	–	35,459
Other financial liabilities	369	–	154	–	523
Total undiscounted financial liabilities	66,255	1,767	13,435	2,622	84,079

Undrawn loan facilities and guarantees issued of GEL 1,962 (2014: 3,837) are due on demand.

The Bank expects that not all of the contingent liabilities or commitments will be drawn before expiry of the commitments.

The maturity analysis does not reflect the historical stability of current accounts. Their liquidation has historically taken place over a longer period than indicated in the tables above. These balances are included in amounts due on demand and less than one month in the tables above.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate due to changes in market variables such as interest rates, foreign exchanges, and equity prices. Except for the concentrations within foreign currency and prepayment risks, the Bank has no significant concentration of market risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The Management Board has set limits on positions by currency based on the NBS regulations. Positions are monitored on a daily basis.

The tables below indicate the currencies to which the Bank had significant exposure at 31 December 2015 and 2014 on its non-trading monetary assets and liabilities and its forecast cash flows. The analysis calculates the effect of a reasonably possible movement of the currency rate against the Lari, with all other variables held constant on the statement of profit or loss (due to the fair value of currency sensitive non-trading monetary assets and liabilities). The effect on equity does not differ from the effect on the statement of profit or loss. A negative amount in the table reflects a potential net reduction in statement of profit or loss or equity, while a positive amount reflects a net potential increase.

Currency	Change in currency rate in % 2015	Effect on profit before tax 2015	Change in currency rate in % 2014	Effect on profit before tax 2014
USD	15%/(11%)	4/(3)	7.32%/(7.32%)	33/(33)

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21. Risk management (continued)**Market risk (continued)***Interest rate risk*

All of the interest-bearing loans and borrowings have fixed rates and do not expose the Bank to interest rate risk.

Prepayment risk

Prepayment risk is the risk that the Bank will incur a financial loss because its customers and counterparties repay or request repayment earlier or later than expected. The effect on loss before tax for one year and on equity, assuming 10% of repayable financial instruments were to prepay at the beginning of the year excluding the effect of any prepayment penalty income, with all other variables held constant would be GEL 315 (2014: GEL 651).

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of loss arising from systems failure, human error, fraud or external events. When controls fail to perform, operational risks can cause damage to reputation, have legal or regulatory implications, or lead to financial loss. The Bank cannot expect to eliminate all operational risks, but through a control framework and by monitoring and responding to potential risks, the Bank is able to manage the risks. Controls include effective segregation of duties, access, authorisation and reconciliation procedures, staff education and assessment processes, including the use of internal audit.

22. Fair value measurement

The Bank's Board of directors determines the policies and procedures for recurring fair value measurement, such as investment property and buildings.

External valuers are involved for valuation of significant assets, such as investment property and buildings. Involvement of external valuers is decided upon annually by the Board of directors. Selection criteria include market knowledge, reputation, independence and whether professional standards are maintained. Valuers are normally rotated every three years. The Board of directors decides, after discussions with the Bank's external valuers, which valuation techniques and inputs to use for each case.

At each reporting date, the Board of directors analyses the movements in the values of assets and liabilities which are required to be re-measured or re-assessed as per the Bank's accounting policies. For this analysis, the Board of directors in conjunction with Bank's external valuers verifies the major inputs applied in the latest valuation by agreeing the information in the valuation computation to contracts and other relevant documents.

Fair value hierarchy

For the purpose of fair value disclosures, the Bank's has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability. The following tables show analysis of assets and liabilities measured at fair value or for which fair values are disclosed by level of the fair value hierarchy:

	<i>Fair value measurement using</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)</i>	<i>Significant observable inputs (Level 2)</i>	<i>Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)</i>	
At 31 December 2015				
Assets measured at fair value				
Investment securities available-for-sale	–	–	20	20
Investment property	–	–	12,280	12,289
Property and equipment – land and buildings	–	–	16,852	16,852
Derivative financial assets	–	78	–	78
Assets for which fair values are disclosed				
Cash and cash equivalents	–	10,173	–	10,173
Amounts due from credit institutions	–	2,446	–	2,446
Loans to customers	–	–	14,043	14,043
Investment securities: held-to-maturity	–	4,827	–	4,827
Investment securities: loans and receivables	–	2,842	–	2,842
Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed				
Amounts due to credit institutions	–	2,317	–	2,317
Amounts due to customers	–	21,560	–	21,560

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22. Fair value measurement (continued)**Fair value hierarchy (continued)**

<i>At 31 December 2014</i>	<i>Fair value measurement using</i>			<i>Total</i>
	<i>Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)</i>	<i>Significant observable inputs (Level 2)</i>	<i>Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)</i>	
Assets measured at fair value				
Investment securities available-for-sale	–	–	20	20
Investment property	–	–	13,635	13,635
Property and equipment – land and buildings	–	–	13,850	13,850
Derivative financial assets	–	139	–	139
Assets for which fair values are disclosed				
Cash and cash equivalents	51,163	–	–	51,163
Amounts due from credit institutions	–	–	9,084	9,084
Loans to customers	–	–	21,056	21,056
Investment securities held-to-maturity	–	–	5,497	5,497
Liabilities for which fair values are disclosed				
Amounts due to credit institutions	–	–	135	135
Amounts due to customers	–	–	47,095	47,095
Other borrowed funds	–	–	35,459	35,459

During the years ended 31 December 2015 and 2014, there have been no transfers between levels of fair value hierarchy for assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

Fair value of financial assets and liabilities not carried at fair value

Set out below is a comparison by class of the carrying amounts and fair values of the Bank's financial instruments that are not carried at fair value in the statement of financial position, except for assets for which fair value approximates carrying value – those assets that are liquid or have a short term maturity (less than three months).

	<i>Carrying value 2015</i>	<i>Fair value 2015</i>	<i>Unrecognised gain 2015</i>	<i>Carrying value 2014</i>	<i>Fair value 2014</i>	<i>Unrecognised gain 2014</i>
Financial assets						
Loans to customers	13,110	14,043	933	21,056	21,056	–
Investment securities: held-to-maturity	4,353	4,827	474	5,323	5,497	174
Investment securities: loans and receivables	2,829	2,842	13	–	–	–
Financial liabilities						
Amounts due to customers	21,371	21,560	189	47,009	47,095	86
Other borrowed funds	–	–	–	35,459	35,459	–
Total unrecognised change in unrealised fair value			1,609			88

The following describes the methodologies and assumptions used to determine fair values for those financial instruments which are not already recorded at fair value in the consolidated financial statements.

Assets for which fair value approximates carrying value

For financial assets and financial liabilities that are liquid or have a short term maturity (less than three months), it is assumed that the carrying amounts approximate to their fair value. This assumption is also applied to demand deposits and savings accounts without a specific maturity.

Financial assets and financial liabilities carried at amortized cost

The fair value of unquoted instruments, loans to customers, customer deposits, amounts due from credit institutions and amounts due to credit institutions and other financial assets and liabilities, is estimated by discounting future cash flows using rates currently available for similar financial instruments on similar terms, credit risk and remaining maturities.

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22. Fair value measurement (continued)**Fair value hierarchy (continued)**

The following tables show descriptions of significant unobservable inputs to level 3 valuations of investment properties and revalued properties and equipment as at 31 December 2014:

	Fair value, GEL	Valuation technique	Significant unobservable inputs	Range (weighted average)	Sensitivity of the input to fair value
Investment property	13,635				
Land	1,809	Market approach	Price per square metre	0.2-242 (50) Georgian Lari	Increase (decrease) in the price per square metre would result in increase (decrease) in fair value
Residential properties	10,325	Market approach	Price per square metre	5.8-2,331 (922) Georgian Lari	Increase (decrease) in the price per square metre would result in increase (decrease) in fair value
Non-residential properties	1,501	Market approach	Price per square metre	83.3-2,571 (848) Georgian Lari	Increase (decrease) in the price per square metre would result in increase (decrease) in fair value
Revalued land and premises	13,850				
Land	11,950	Market approach	Price per square metre	3,600-8,000 (5,533) Georgian Lari	Increase (decrease) in the price per square metre would result in increase (decrease) in fair value
Office buildings	1,900	Market approach	Price per square metre	1,264 - 5,297 (3,120) Georgian Lari	Increase (decrease) in the price per square metre would result in increase (decrease) in fair value

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23. Maturity analysis of financial assets and liabilities

The table below shows an analysis of financial assets and liabilities according to when they are expected to be recovered or settled. See Note 22 "Risk management" for the Bank's contractual undiscounted repayment obligations.

	2015			2014		
	<i>Within one year</i>	<i>More than one year</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Within one year</i>	<i>More than one year</i>	<i>Total</i>
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	10,173	–	10,173	51,163	–	51,163
Amounts due from credit institutions	2,446	–	2,446	9,084	–	9,084
Loans to customers	3,413	9,697	13,110	12,439	8,617	21,056
Investment securities:						
available-for-sale	–	20	20	–	20	20
held-to-maturity	2,553	1,800	4,353	944	4,379	5,323
loans and receivables	–	2,829	2,829	–	–	–
Other financial assets	226	3	229	332	3	335
Total	18,811	14,349	33,160	73,962	13,019	86,981
Financial liabilities						
Amounts due to credit financial institutions	2,321	–	2,321	135	–	135
Amounts due to customers	18,465	2,906	21,371	44,663	2,346	47,009
Other borrowed funds	–	–	–	35,459	–	35,459
Other financial liabilities	366	–	366	523	–	523
Total	21,152	2,906	24,058	80,780	2,346	83,126
Net	(2,341)	11,443	9,102	(6,818)	10,673	3,855
Cumulative gap	(2,341)	9,102	9,102	(6,818)	3,855	3,855

The Bank's capability to discharge its liabilities relies on its ability to realize an equivalent amount of assets within the same period of time. The gap between assets and liabilities within one year in the table above does not reflect the historical stability of current accounts. Their liquidation has historically taken place over a longer period than indicated in the table above.

24. Related party disclosures

In accordance with IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures*, parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions. In considering each possible related party relationship, attention is directed to the substance of the relationship, not merely the legal form.

Related parties may enter into transactions which unrelated parties might not, and transactions between related parties may not be effected on the same terms, conditions and amounts as transactions between unrelated parties.

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24. Related party disclosures (continued)

The volumes of related party transactions, outstanding balances at the year end, and related expense and income for the year are as follows:

As at 31 December 201 and 2014 outstanding balances on related party transactions are as follows:

	2015			2014		
	<i>The Parent</i>	<i>Entities under common control</i>	<i>Key management personnel</i>	<i>The Parent</i>	<i>Entities under common control</i>	<i>Key management personnel</i>
	Loans outstanding at 31 December, gross	-	-	47	-	-
Less: allowance for impairment at 31 December	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans outstanding at 31 December, net	-	-	47	-	-	51
Amounts due to customers at 31 December	258	2,426	142	208	19,669	45
Other assets	-	-	-	-	475	-
Other liabilities	-	-	29	-	-	62
Other borrowed funds (Note 15)	-	-	-	-	35,459	-
Commitments and guarantees issued	-	-	13	-	-	28

The income and expense arising from related party transactions are as follows:

	For the year ended 31 December					
	2015			2014		
	<i>The Parent</i>	<i>Entities under common control</i>	<i>Key management personnel</i>	<i>The Parent</i>	<i>Entities under common control</i>	<i>Key management personnel</i>
Interest income on loans to customers	-	-	8	-	1,371	-
Loan impairment charge	-	-	1	-	-	143
Interest expense on amounts due to customers	-	2	-	-	-	1
Interest expense on amounts due to credit institutions	-	-	-	33	-	-
Interest expense on other borrowed funds	-	-	-	-	2,637	-
Other operating income	-	-	-	-	6,178	-
Other operating expenses	-	89	-	-	150	-

Compensation of key management personnel was comprised of the following:

	2015	2014
Salaries and other short-term benefits	469	613
Total key management compensation	469	613

As at 31 December 2015 other liabilities to key management personnel comprised of unpaid vacation of GEL 29 in 2015 (2014: GEL 53).

Key management personnel as at 31 December 2015 comprised 5 members of the Supervisory Board (2014: 5) and 4 members of the Management Board (2014: 4) of the Bank.

For details about investment property disposal transaction with related party, please, refer to Note 9.

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25. Capital adequacy

The Bank maintains an actively managed capital base to cover risks inherent in the business. The adequacy of the Bank's capital is monitored using, among other measures, the ratios established by the NBG in supervising the Bank.

The primary objectives of the Bank's capital management are (i) to ensure that the Bank complies with externally imposed capital requirements set by the NBG, (ii) to safeguard the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern and (iii) to maintain sufficient capital base to achieve a capital adequacy ratio of at least 12%. Compliance with capital adequacy ratios set by National Bank of Georgia is monitored monthly with reports outlining their calculation reviewed and signed by the Bank's General Director and Chief Accountant subsequently submitted to the NBG.

The Bank manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in the light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of its activities. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Bank may return capital to shareholders or issue capital securities. No changes were made in the objectives, policies and processes from the previous years.

The NBG capital adequacy ratio

The NBG requires banks to maintain a minimum total capital adequacy ratio of 12% (2014 – 12%) of risk-weighted assets and Tier 1 Capital adequacy ratio of 8% (2014 – 8%). As at 31 December 2015 and 2014, the Bank's capital adequacy ratios on this basis were as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Core capital	23,795	12,282
Supplementary capital	1,300	7,282
Total regulatory capital	25,095	19,564
Risk-weighted assets	48,195	82,427
Capital adequacy ratio	52.07%	23.73%
Tier 1 capital adequacy ratio	49.37%	14.90%

Regulatory capital consists of core capital, which comprises share capital and retained earnings excluding current year profit. Certain adjustments are made to IFRS-based results and reserves, as prescribed by the NBG. The other component of regulatory capital is Supplementary capital, which includes current year profit and general reserves created for loans to customers per the NBG regulation.

Starting from 30 June 2014 the NBG requires that all banks comply with Basel II regulations in their capital adequacy assessment. This implies the minimum ratio of 10.50% for total regulatory capital coefficient, minimum 7.00% of the core Tier 1 capital coefficient and minimum 8.50% for Tier 1 capital coefficient. As at 31 December 2015 and 2014, the Bank's capital adequacy ratios on the Basel II basis were as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Share capital	30,000	30,000
Prior years accumulated deficit	(6,157)	(3,024)
Less: intangible assets, net	(48)	(110)
Current year profit	1,091	5,499
Core tier 1 capital	24,886	32,365
Tier 1 capital	24,886	32,365
Supplementary capital	210	272
Total regulatory capital	25,096	32,637
Risk weighted assets	62,743	108,495
Capital adequacy ratio	40.0%	30.08%
Core Tier 1 capital / Tier 1 capital adequacy ratio	39.7%	29.83%

Regulatory capital consists of core Tier 1 capital, which comprises share capital and retained earnings including current year profit. Certain adjustments are made to IFRS-based results and reserves, as prescribed by the NBG. The other component of regulatory capital is Supplementary capital, which includes general reserves created for loans to customers per the NBG regulation.