



# **Bank of Valletta**

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## ***COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT***

The following is a Company Announcement by Bank of Valletta p.l.c. pursuant to Bye-Law 6.05.06(iii).

### **Quote**

Attached please find the Company Announcement containing the Bank of Valletta's Preliminary Profit Statement for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September 2000.

### **Unquote**



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Company Secretary**

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2000**

# Bank of Valletta p.l.c. Preliminary Profit Statement for the year ended 30 September 2000

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS

|  | The Group     |               | The Bank      |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2000          | 1999          | 2000          | 1999          |
|  | Lm'000        | Lm'000        | Lm'000        | Lm'000        |
| Gross interest income                            | 92,637        | 80,715        | 89,857        | 79,103        |
| Movement in provision for interest in suspense   | (2,447)       | (1,886)       | (2,391)       | (1,831)       |
| Interest income                                  | <u>90,190</u> | <u>78,829</u> | <u>87,466</u> | <u>77,272</u> |
| Interest expense                                 | (60,802)      | (51,893)      | (62,782)      | (54,938)      |
| Net interest income                              | <u>29,588</u> | <u>26,936</u> | <u>24,684</u> | <u>22,334</u> |
| Non-interest income                              | 15,536        | 12,161        | 32,335        | 10,890        |
| Non-interest expense                             | (24,812)      | (20,569)      | (22,038)      | (18,508)      |
| Provision for bad and doubtful debts             | (5,806)       | (3,490)       | (5,835)       | (3,604)       |
| Profit from associated companies                 | 3,095         | 794           | -             | -             |
| Provision for impairment in value of investments | (15)          | (30)          | -             | -             |
| Profit before tax                                | <u>17,586</u> | <u>15,802</u> | <u>29,146</u> | <u>11,112</u> |
| Tax on profit                                    | (2,397)       | (3,905)       | (3,589)       | (3,465)       |
| Profit after tax                                 | <u>15,189</u> | <u>11,897</u> | <u>25,557</u> | <u>7,647</u>  |
| Profit attributable to minority interests        | (292)         | (230)         | -             | -             |
| Profit attributable to the shareholders          | <u>14,897</u> | <u>11,667</u> | <u>25,557</u> | <u>7,647</u>  |
| Earnings per share                               | <u>32c3</u>   | <u>25c3</u>   | <u>55c3</u>   | <u>16c6</u>   |

**BALANCE SHEET EXTRACTS**

|  | The Group        |                  | The Bank         |                  |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | 2000             | 1999             | 2000             | 1999             |
|  | Lm'000           | Lm'000           | Lm'000           | Lm'000           |
| Total shareholders' funds                                    |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Balance b/f  | 82,858           | 72,562           | 62,035           | 56,608           |
| Profit attributable to the shareholders                      | 14,897           | 11,667           | 25,557           | 7,647            |
| Dividends, net of income tax                                 | -2,785           | (2,630)          | -2,785           | (2,630)          |
| Retranslation of opening investment<br>in subsidiary company | 920              | 769              | -                | -                |
| Deferred tax on previous revaluation surplus                 | 80               | (162)            | 77               | (148)            |
| Revaluation of property, net of deferred tax                 | -                | 652              | -                | 558              |
| Release of depreciation on previous<br>revaluation surplus   | 5                | -                | 5                | -                |
| Balance c/f  | <u>95,975</u>    | <u>82,858</u>    | <u>84,889</u>    | <u>62,035</u>    |
| Total assets   | <u>1,580,177</u> | <u>1,387,998</u> | <u>1,549,000</u> | <u>1,363,657</u> |
| Net loans and advances to customers                          | <u>687,018</u>   | <u>604,098</u>   | <u>662,143</u>   | <u>572,556</u>   |
| Amounts owed to customers                                    | <u>1,128,520</u> | <u>1,028,212</u> | <u>965,035</u>   | <u>885,618</u>   |

The above figures have been extracted from the Bank of Valletta Group's audited accounts for the year ended 30 September 2000. These figures are being published in terms of bye-law 6.05.06 (iii) of the Malta Stock Exchange.

The Bank of Valletta Group has registered a profit of Lm 17.59 million before tax for the year under review (1999: Lm 15.80 million). Total provisions made for doubtful debts and interest in suspense amounted to Lm 8.25 million (1999: Lm 5.38 million).

Group total assets at 30 September 2000 amount to Lm 1.58 billion, an increase of 13.9% over 1999. Customer deposits rose by 9.8% to reach Lm 1.13 billion. Advances to customers, net of provisions, stand at Lm 687.02 million, up by 13.7 % over the 1999 balance. Shareholders' funds amount to Lm 95.98 million, an increase of 15.8% when compared to 1999.

The Group solvency ratio, which is computed in accordance with the Banking Directive on the Solvency Ratio of Credit Institutions, issued by the Central Bank of Malta in terms of the Banking Act 1994, is 17.75% (1999: 16.80%).

A gross dividend of 9c0 per share (1999: 8c5) is being proposed.

**Notice is hereby given that 7 November 2000 is the "effective date" for the purposes of Article 2 (f) of the Articles of Association of the Company.**

**All shareholders on the Company's register at the Central Securities Depository of the Malta Stock Exchange following trading on 7 November 2000 will:**

**i) receive notice of and be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting of the Company scheduled for December 2000, and**

**ii) be paid the dividend as approved by the Annual General Meeting.**