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2021' FIRST QUARTER INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK /CCB/, ON A CONSOLIDATED BASIS

Banking group on a consolidated basis include Central Cooperative Bank AD, Sofia and its controlled subsidiaries Central Cooperative Bank AD Skopje (Subsidiary) and AMC CCB Assets Management JSC (Subsidiary) as a reporting entity (the Group).

At the end of the first quarter of 2021, the parent Bank owns 87.35% of the capital of Central Cooperative Bank AD Skopje and investments of BGN 3,200 thousand in the subsidiary AMC "CCB Assets Management" JSC as well.

ASSETS

At the end of the first quarter of 2021, CCB's balance sheet total assets were BGN 7,158,738 thousand. Compared to a year ago, the assets grew by 10.83% or by BGN 699,672 thousand and from the end of the previous quarter they recorded an increase by 3.29% or by BGN 228,320 thousand in absolute terms.

Cash and cash balances with central banks formed 28.91% of the total assets of the Group, against 24.55% a year ago and 27.60% at the end of the previous quarter. Loans and receivables to banks are 2.98% of total assets, against 4.58% a year ago and 2.71% at the end of the previous quarter. Investments in financial assets held for trading, available-for-sale, held-to-maturity, measured at fair value through other comprehensive income and measured at amortized cost include government bonds of Republic of Bulgaria, bonds issued by Government of Republic of Macedonia and NBRM bonds, government bonds of countries in the EU and other European countries, corporate bonds, stocks and compensatory tools which are used to improve the profitability of the Group, and represented 20.23% of its assets against 19.65% a year ago and 20.88% at the end of the previous quarter.

At the end of 2021' first quarter the amount of granted loans and advances reached 39.57% share in the structure of balance sheet assets on consolidated basis, compared to a 42.03% a year ago and 40.18% at the end of the previous quarter.

The tangible assets of Group are 2.37% of total amount of the assets as of the end of the first quarter of 2021.

LIABILITIES

At the end of 2021' first quarter, total liabilities of the Group on a consolidated basis were BGN 6,563,361 thousand. They increased by 11.69% compared to a year ago and increased by 3.45%, compared to the end of previous quarter.

The majority of these liabilities - over 98% - are liabilities due to individuals, businesses and non-financial institutions. The increase, compared to a year ago is 11.54% and compared to the end of the previous quarter they increased by 3.81%. The Group maintains a stable structure of borrowings, which allows independence from external funding in the time of fluctuations on the global financial markets.

The equity of the Group totaled BGN 595,377 thousand and includes shareholders' equity of the parent Bank – BGN 589,936 thousand and minority interest amounted at BGN 5,441 thousand. Compared to a year ago, the equity increased by 2.22% and to the end of the previous quarter, the equity increased by 1.63%.

FINANCIAL RESULTS

At the end of first quarter of 2021, the Group' net profit amounted to BGN 12,496 thousand. There is a increase by 25.30% compared to year ago.

The operating expenses of the Group in the first quarter of 2021 increased by 1.85%, compared to a year ago and reached absolute amount of BGN 29,799 thousand.

At the end of 2021' first quarter, the Bank was able to meet all regulatory compliance requirements and has complied with all applicable minimum regulatory requirements during the period. Historically, adequacy of the capital of CCB has been significantly above the minimal regulatory requirements, moreover the Own funds position was regularly strengthen by retaining the Earnings of the bank. In compliance with Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012, minimal Total capital adequacy ratio for the banks is 8%.

The capital adequacy ratios of CCB on consolidated basis as of 31.03.2021 are:

- Common equity Tier 1 ratio 14.84%;
- Total equity ratio 15.52%;

The liquidity ratio of the Group on consolidated basis as of 30.09.2020 is:

- LCR 416.10%.

I. Information related to significant events that occurred during the reported period of financial 2020, accumulated and its impact on the financial result.

There is a high degree of uncertainty about the second wave of coronavirus pandemic that has taken place all over, the quarantine measures imposed and the actions taken by the various governments, the ECB and national regulators, and therefore the impact of all these events on activity for 2021.

Following the issuance of a certain guidelines by the European Banking Authority, the BNB approved the application of a debt moratorium allowing for the deferral of liabilities of clients affected by the coronavirus pandemic, without affecting the classification of loans in terms of their restructuring. The moratorium has a limited validity period (up to 6 months) and provides an opportunity for clients of banks that have serviced their obligations (performing exposures - overdue up to 90 days) as of March 1, 2020 to use a grace period for loan payments, which increases the final maturity of the instruments. The term in which the clients can claim their rights under the Moratorium is until June 22, 2020. Later on this term was extended to 22.09.2020.

In compliance with Guidelines on management of non-performing and forborne exposures, issued by the European banking authority, Central cooperative bank was actively managing the NPL portfolio of the bank and in the Q4 the all year round process of disposal of historic default portfolios was completed and the NPL ratio was lowered beyond the EBA threshold of 5% on portfolio, sub-portfolio and on individual basis for the bank. Following this approach, the bank will benefit in 2021 in compliance with EBA and BNB Guidelines and best industry practices, maximizing the support of its clients in the tough process of recovering their economic activities in the times of Covid lockdowns and restrictions.

Taking into account the dynamic measures taken by various governments to restrict the movement of people and the changes imposed by it, directly affecting the development of the economic sectors of the Republic of Bulgaria and the EU and other trading partners of the Bulgarian companies, the Bank's management is not able to assess the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the future financial condition and performance of the Bank, but considers that the impact could lead to volatility in market and price risk associated with the bank's financial assets and may have a negative effect on the activity of borrowers and respectively the net results of the bank.

II. Information about major risks and instability during the next quarter.

During the second wave of coronavirus pandemic, partial and/or full lockdowns and declining economic activity, the Group will strive to continue its development while maintaining its results and market share. Potential negative effects would occur if the lockdowns in the EU continue for too long and the economies do not recover by the Q2 2021.

Potential differences between observed and expected results are the major source of risks and uncertainties during the next quarter. Therefore, the most significant risks are detailed in the following list:

- 1. Credit risk** - the possibility that a bank borrower or counterparty will fail to meet its obligations in accordance with agreed terms. Detailed policies are applied in process of lending, concerning the assessment of the creditworthiness of Bank's clients, and the control over the use of the advanced funds and the associated administration. In accordance with the credit risk mitigation policy, CCB accepts different types of collaterals and guarantees depending on the internal rules, the approach applied in the calculation of minimum required capital and the effective banking legislation. Evaluation of the risk exposures in the portfolio is done once per month, by classifying and making provisions for loans in the portfolio. The exposures treated as big exposures are subject to constant supervision and reporting. The Bank has adopted and keeps the credit exposure in the limits set by sector and by regional level. The above limits aim at avoidance of concentration, either geographically or by sector, in loan portfolios, which could lead to an increased credit risk.
- 2. Liquidity risk** - the risk of having difficulties in meeting payment obligations due to a mismatch in maturity and amount between anticipated cash inflows and outflows. The Bank manages its assets and liabilities so as to address regularly and without any delay its daily liquidity obligations, under both normal and potentially adverse market conditions.
- 3. Market risk** - the probability for the Bank to experience losses from fluctuations in stock prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates.

4. **Operational risk** - the probability of direct or indirect losses resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems.

The levels of CCB' risk ratios and indicators are similar to the average values of the Bulgarian bank system. The Bank's management does not expect any adverse negative movement in the above mentioned levels of risks in the next quarter of the year.

III. CCB's Governing Body opinion on the forecasts implementation for this year results, taking into account the results of the current quarter.

CCB's results on a consolidated basis at the end of 2021' first quarter represent the Bank's performance in comparison with the last year corresponding period.

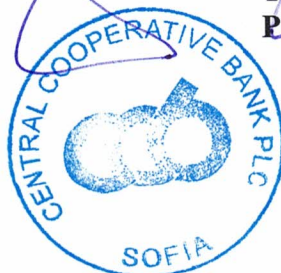
CCB's Management does not have non-public information that might have a significant adverse influence on the Group performance during the year.

IV. Transactions with related parties

The Group concluded transactions with related parties. The Group regards as related parties the persons, where one person can control another or exercise considerable influence on the other person upon taking financial and operative decisions, as well as in the cases, when the two persons are under common control. The Group performed transactions with the following related parties: mother company, companies under common control, key management staff of the Group or of the main shareholder, whereas the performed transactions are related to the granting of loans, the issuance of guarantees, attracting funds, performance of repo transactions, etc. All transactions have been concluded under ordinary commercial conditions in the course of the activity of the Group and do not differ from the market conditions, when the loans were granted, and the guarantees were issued only against sufficient collateral.


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CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK AD

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF 31 MARCH 2021

All amounts are in thousand Bulgarian Levs

	As at 31.03.2021	As at 31.12.2020
ASSETS		
Cash and balances with the Central Bank	2,069,877	1,912,743
Placements with and advances to banks	213,572	188,068
Receivables under repurchase agreements	359,303	359,672
Financial assets, recorded at fair value in the profit or loss	274,354	267,652
Loans and advances to customers, net	2,832,479	2,784,460
Other assets	48,887	49,404
Financial assets, recorded at fair value in other comprehensive income	687,217	716,006
Debt instrument, recorded at amortised value	486,671	463,289
Fixed assets and assets related to use right	169,544	172,184
Investment properties	11,173	11,310
Noncurrent assets, held for sale	31	-
Good will	5,630	5,630
TOTAL ASSETS	7,158,738	6,930,418
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Deposits from banks	48,299	66,052
Amounts owed to other depositors	6,427,054	6,190,947
Issued bonds	25,623	25,451
Provisions for liabilities	993	1,003
Other liabilities	61,392	61,160
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,563,361	6,344,613
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Issued capital	127,130	127,130
Premium reserve	110,470	110,470
Reserves, including retained earnings	326,290	305,339
Revaluation reserve	13,664	16,702
Reserve from recalculation of foreign activity	(106)	(133)
Current year profit	12,488	20,880
Total shareholders' equity of the shareholders of the mother Bank	589,936	580,388
Non-control participation	5,441	5,417
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	595,377	585,805
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	7,158,738	6,930,418

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CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK AD

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

AS OF 31 MARCH 2021

All amounts are in thousand Bulgarian Levs

	As at 31.03.2021	As at 31.03.2020
Interest income	31,501	33,651
Interest expenses	(3,520)	(4,718)
Net interest income	27,981	28,933
Fees and commissions income	15,775	14,719
Fees and commissions expenses	(3,692)	(2,977)
Net fees and commissions income	12,083	11,742
Gains from transactions with securities, net	2,732	7,485
Foreign exchange rate gains, net	242	(7,150)
Other operating income, net	1,112	428
Operating expenses	(29,799)	(29,258)
Impairment and uncollectability income (expenses), net	(486)	(1,192)
Net income/(expenses) for liabilities provisions	12	88
Profit for the period before taxes	13,877	11,076
Taxes	(1,381)	(1,103)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	12,496	9,973
Other comprehensive income		
Components, which are reclassified in the profit or loss		
Debt instruments, evaluated at fair value in other comprehensive income after taxes	(2,538)	2,629
Foreign exchange differences from recalculation of foreign activities	31	-
Components, which are not reclassified in the profit or loss		
Capital instruments, evaluated at fair value in other comprehensive income after taxes	(499)	(49)
Other comprehensive income after taxes	(3,006)	2,580
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AFTER TAXES	9,490	12,553
Share of the profit for non-control participation	8	5
Share of the profit for the mother Bank	12,488	9,968
Share of the total comprehensive income for non-control participation	12	5
Share of the total comprehensive income for the mother Bank	9,478	12,548
Earnings per share for the shareholders of the mother Bank (in BGN)	0.10	0.08
Earnings per share for the shareholders of the mother Bank with decreased value (in BGN)	0.10	0.07

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CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK AD
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
AS OF 31 MARCH 2021

All amounts are in thousand Bulgarian Levs

	As at 31.03.2021	As at 31.03.2020
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Profit before taxes	13,877	11,076
Change in operating assets:		
Decrease in placements with, and advances to, banks with maturities above 90 days	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in receivables under repurchase agreements	390	(44,911)
(Increase)/decrease in financial assets, recorded at fair value in the profit or loss	(4,537)	8,109
Sale/(acquisition) of financial assets, recorded at fair value in other comprehensive income	25,709	(48,936)
Increase in loans and advances to customers	(48,483)	(57,369)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	517	(3,076)
	<u>(26,404)</u>	<u>(146,183)</u>
Change in operating liabilities:		
Increase/(decrease) in deposits from banks	(17,753)	3,794
(Decrease) in loans from banks	-	(162)
Increase in liabilities to other depositors	236,107	57,376
Change in liabilities for provisions	(10)	-
Increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	232	(8,990)
	<u>218,576</u>	<u>52,018</u>
Other noncash transactions, included in the profit before taxes:		
Net (profit)/ loss from investing activity	(2,165)	(6,540)
Decrease in the adjustment for the devaluation of resources and advances to banks	-	(17)
(Decrease)/increase in the adjustment for devaluation of repo transactions	(21)	151
Increase in the adjustment for devaluation of loans and advances to clients	464	703
(Decrease)/increase in the adjustment for the devaluation of financial assets, recorded at amortised value	(2)	150
Increase in the adjustment for the devaluation of financial assets, recorded at fair value in other comprehensive income	45	205
Decrease in provisions for liabilities	(12)	(88)
Depreciation	6,553	6,896
Book value of written-off assets	(225)	-
Effects from the depreciation of a financial liability	172	227
	<u>4,809</u>	<u>1,687</u>
Paid profit tax	-	(40)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>210,858</u>	<u>(81,442)</u>
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of financial assets, recorded at amortised value	(23,380)	(58,445)
Cash outflows for the purchase of fixed assets	(420)	(2,339)
Cash inflows from the sale of fixed assets	233	117
NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(23,567)</u>	<u>(60,667)</u>
Cash flows from financing activity		
Paid leasing liabilities	(3,195)	(2,754)
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITY	<u>(3,195)</u>	<u>(2,754)</u>
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, NET	<u>184,096</u>	<u>(144,863)</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,097,672	2,023,273
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD	<u>2,281,768</u>	<u>1,878,410</u>

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CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK AD
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
AS OF 31 MARCH 2021

All amounts are in thousand Bulgarian Levs

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Issued paid in capital	Premium reserve	Reserves, including retained earnings	Revaluation reserve	Reserves from recalculation of foreign activity	Profit for the current year	Non-control participation	Total
BALANCE AS OF 1 JANUARY 2020	127,130	110,470	267,451	25,802	-	33,682	5,479	570,014
Net profit for the period ended 31 March 2020	-	-	-	-	-	9,968	5	9,973
Other comprehensive income for the period ended 31 March 2020	-	-	-	2,580	-	-	-	2,580
Total comprehensive income for the period ended 31 March 2020	-	-	-	2,580	-	9,968	5	12,553
Transfer of net profit for the year ended 31 December 2019, to retained earnings	-	-	33,682	-	-	(33,682)	-	-
Other movements	-	-	(95)	15	-	-	(12)	(92)
BALANCE AS OF 31 MARCH 2020	127,130	110,470	301,038	28,397	-	9,968	5,472	582,475
BALANCE AS OF 1 JANUARY 2021	127,130	110,470	305,339	16,702	(133)	20,880	5,417	585,805
Net profit for the period ended 31 March 2021	-	-	-	-	-	12,488	8	12,496
Effect of reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the period ended 31 March 2021	-	-	-	(3,037)	27	-	4	(3,006)
Total comprehensive income for the period ended 31 March 2021	-	-	-	(3,037)	27	12,488	12	9,490
Transfer of net profit for the year ended 31 December 2020, to retained earnings	-	-	20,880	-	-	(20,880)	-	-
Other movements	-	-	71	(1)	-	-	12	82
BALANCE AS OF 31 MARCH 2021	127,130	110,470	326,290	13,664	(106)	12,488	5,441	595,377

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EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021 OF CENTRAL COOPERATIVE BANK AD /THE BANK/

The present explanatory notes to the interim consolidated financial statements of Central Cooperative Bank AD, Sofia (the mother bank) concern the activity of Central Cooperative Bank AD, Sofia and the subsidiaries, controlled by it: Central Cooperative Bank AD, Skopje, the Republic of North Macedonia (subsidiary) and CCB Assets Management EAD (subsidiary) as a single reporting unit (the Group).

1. Selected positions from the financial statements

1.1 Financial assets evaluated at fair value in the profit or loss

The group evaluates the financial assets at fair value through the profit or loss, if they are not held within a business model, the aim of which is the financial assets to be held for the collection of the negotiated cash flows, or within a business model, whose aim is achieved by collecting negotiated cash flows and selling financial assets. Also this category applies to instruments, which do not comply with the definitions of principal and interest. The profit or loss from a financial asset, which is evaluated at fair value through the profit or loss, is recognized by the Group in the profit or loss.

At the end of the first quarter of 2021 the financial assets, evaluated at fair value in the profit or loss, are equity investments, debt investments and derivatives. The equity investments include acquired shares in non-financial and financial companies and shares in contractual funds. The debt investments are an issue of convertible privileged shares. The Group takes decisions for the management of these assets based on the fair values of the assets and manages the assets, in order to realize these fair values. The changes in the fair values of these assets are reflected in the profit or loss. The derivatives have been presented at fair value and include transactions for the purchase and sale of currency, forward contracts and currency swaps on the open market, and the changes in their fair value are reflected in the profit or loss.

The structure of these assets at the end of the quarter in thousand BGN is as follows:

<i>Derivatives</i>	3 653
<i>Equity investments</i>	266 871
<i>Debt investments</i>	3 830

1.2. Financial assets, recorded at fair value in other comprehensive income

The financial assets, recorded at fair value in other comprehensive income are acquired interest-bearing government and corporate securities, as well as acquired equity investments in financial and non-financial companies.

The Group evaluates a debt financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income, if the following two conditions are present:

- a) the financial asset is held within a business model, the aim of which is to collect the contractual cash flows and sale of financial assets, and;
- b) according to the contractual conditions of the financial asset cash flows occur on specific dates and they are only payments of principal and interest on the unrepaid amount of the principal.

A profit or a loss from a debt financial asset, evaluated at fair value through other comprehensive income, is recognized by the Group in other comprehensive income, with the exception of the profits or losses from devaluation, profits and losses from FX operations, interest income, till the moment of writing off or reclassification of a financial asset. The Group applies the requirements for devaluation with respect to the financial assets, which are evaluated at fair value through other comprehensive income. The Group recognizes in the profit or loss – as a profit or a loss from devaluation, the amount of the expected credit losses (or recovery), making an adjustment for losses, and this adjustment is recognized in other comprehensive income and does not decrease the book value of the financial asset in the report of the financial statement.

With respect to the equity investments the Group took advantage of the possibility, upon the initial recognition to make an irrevocable choice of specific investments in capital instruments, which are not held for trading, which otherwise would be evaluated at fair value through the profit or loss, to present the subsequent changes in the fair value in other comprehensive income. This evaluation is made by the Group asset by asset (instrument by instrument). The equity instruments are not subject to review for devaluation.

The structure of these assets at the end of the quarter in BGN thousand is as follows:

<i>Equity instruments</i>	13 968
<i>Debt instruments</i>	673 249

1.3. Financial assets evaluated at amortised value

The Group evaluates a financial asset – debt instrument at amortised value, if the following two conditions are present:

- a) the financial asset is held within a business model, the value of which is the assets to be held in order to collect the negotiated cash flows;
- b) according to the contractual conditions of the financial asset cash flows occur on specific dates and they are only payments of principal and interest on the unrepaid amount of the principal.

The amortised value is the initial value of the asset, minus the repayments of the principal, plus or minus the accrued depreciation of the difference between this initial value and the value on maturity, calculated according to the effective interest method and adjusted for each adjustment for losses.

The effective interest method is the method, used upon calculating the depreciated value of the financial asset or financial liability and upon allocation and recognition of the interest periods or the interest expenses in the profit or loss during the respective period.

The financial assets, recorded at amortised value are:

- acquired debt interest-bearing government and corporate securities, the value of which at the end of the quarter is BGN 486 671 thousand.

-loans and advances to clients, created via the direct provision by the Group of funds or services to certain clients with a fixed maturity, the value of which at the end of the quarter is BGN 2 832 479 460 thousand.

The Group recognizes in the profit or loss – as a profit or as a loss from devaluation, the amount of the expected credit losses (or recovery), which occurred in the period, measured via the difference between the adjustment for credit losses as at the date of the review and the date of the previous review. The allocated adjustment for expected credit losses has been presented to decrease the book value of the financial asset in the report of the financial state.

1.4 Receivables under securities repurchase agreements

The receivables under securities repurchase agreements are recorded as financial assets at acquisition price, which is equal to the fair value of the funds placed by the Group, secured by the value of the securities. The due interest related to the granted financing for the term of the agreement is accounted for and recognized as interest income in the period of its occurrence.

The securities, received as collateral under securities repurchase agreements, are not recorded in the financial statements of the Group in the cases, when the risks and the profits from their ownership have not been transferred.

The reflected receivables under securities repurchase agreements at the end of the first quarter of 2021 have been secured by a pledge of Bulgarian government securities and corporate securities.

1.5. Fixed tangible and intangible assets

The fixed tangible and intangible assets are acquired and held by the Group discernible non-financial resource, which is used for the production and/or sale of services, for letting, for administrative or for other purposes. They are recorded at acquisition cost, decreased by the accrued depreciation and the accumulated losses of devaluation.

The depreciation of fixed tangible and intangible assets is calculated according to the linear method, so that the amortization corresponds to the term of use, intended for these assets. The annual depreciation rates are as follows:

Buildings	4%	(25 years)
Inventory	15%	(7 years)
Transport vehicles	15%	(7 years)
Other assets	15%	(7 years)
Specific equipment, cable networks and security systems	4%	(25 years)
Equipment, including hardware and software products	20%	(5 years)

Depreciation does not accrue for land, assets for resale, assets in the process of acquisition, assets in the process of liquidation and the fully amortized assets up to their residual value.

During the first quarter of 2021 a devaluation of inventories, a devaluation of the fixed tangible and intangible assets was not performed, due to the lack of indicators for a potential devaluation of these assets.

1.6. Assets acquired from collateral

Real estates and movables, acquired by the Group as a creditor, associated with granted and non-performing loans are classified as assets acquired from collateral and are recorded initially at acquisition price. The acquisition price of the assets, acquired from collateral, is the amount of all direct expenses associated with the acquisition of the assets, as well as other expenses, incurred in relation to bringing the assets to their present location and state. After their initial recognition, these assets are recorded at the lower of their current book value or their net realisation value. The amount of each devaluation of these assets up to their net realization value is recognized as an expense for the period of devaluation. No depreciation accrues for these assets. In the statement of the financial position these assets are presented as part of the position Other assets.

1.7. Investment properties

The investment properties are acquired and held by the Group real estates /land and buildings/, which the Group will not use in its activity and which the Group holds with the aim of receiving rent income and/or increasing the value of the capital. The investment property is evaluated initially at its acquisition cost. The transaction costs are included in the initial evaluation. As its accounting policy with regard to the investment properties reporting, the Group has adopted the model of acquisition cost in compliance with the requirements of IAS 16. In this regard the investment properties are recorded at acquisition cost, decreased by the accrued depreciation and the accumulated losses from devaluation. The depreciation accrues for the buildings, acquired as investment properties, whereas the linear method is applied. Their annual depreciation rate is 4% (25 years). Depreciation does not accrue for the land, acquired as investment properties.

2. Transactions with related parties

The Group concluded transactions with related parties. The Group regards as related parties the persons, where one person can control another or exercise considerable influence on the other person upon taking financial and operative decisions, as well as in the cases, when the two persons are under common control. The Group performed transactions with the following related parties: mother company, companies under common control, key management staff of the Group or of the main shareholder, whereas the performed transactions are related to the granting of loans, the issuance of guarantees, attracting funds, performance of repo transactions, etc. All transactions have been concluded under ordinary commercial conditions in the course of the activity of the Group and do not differ from the market conditions, when the loans were granted, and the guarantees were issued only against sufficient collateral.

At the end of the first quarter of 2021 the receivables of the Group from companies under common control are to the amount of BGN 71 165 thousand, whereas the predominant part stems from granted loans. At the end of the first quarter of 2021 the liabilities of the Group to companies under common control are to the amount of BGN 41 581 thousand, and the major part thereof comes mainly from obtained deposits. At the end of the first quarter of 2021 the Group does not have receivables from the mother company. At the end of the first quarter of 2021 the Group has liabilities to the mother company to the amount of BGN 88 thousand. At the end of the first quarter of 2021 the receivables of the Group from key management staff of the Group or of the main shareholder are in the amount of BGN 819 thousand, and stem mainly from granted loans. At the end of the first quarter of 2021 the liabilities of the Group to key management staff of the Group or of the main shareholder are in the amount of BGN 4 362 thousand and stem from received deposits.

3. Accounting policy

During the first quarter of 2021 compared to 31 December 2020 the Group did not make changes to its accounting policy.

4. Information about seasonality or cyclic nature of the interim operations

During the first quarter of 2021 no interim operations were performed, stemming from the specific seasonality or cycles. All interim operations during this period stem from the ordinary activity of the Group.

5. Information of unusual in amount and character assets, liabilities, shareholders' equity, income and expenses.

During the first quarter of 2021 there are no new positions with respect to the assets, liabilities, shareholders' equity, income and expenses. The total amount of the assets in the financial statements of the Group as at 31.03.2021 increased compared to the total amount of the assets in the financial statements of the Group as at 31.12.2020 by 3.29 % and reached BGN 7 158 738 thousand. The increase in the assets of the Bank is related to the increase in the funds, attracted from other depositors. Within this quarter no operations of extraordinary character were recorded in the income and other comprehensive income statement, as a result of which the accumulated financial result as at 31.03.2021 stems only from income and expenditure related to the ordinary activity of the Group.

6. Information of issued, repurchased and repaid debt and equity securities.

During the first quarter of 2021 the Group does not have issued, repurchased or repaid debt securities, as well as issued and repurchased equity securities.

7. Information of accrued /paid/ dividend.

During the first quarter of 2021 the Group did not accrue or pay dividend to its shareholders.

8. Events after the date of the financial statements

After the end of the first quarter of 2021 no events occurred, which have a significant influence on the future development of the Group.

9. Information of changes in the conditional assets and liabilities

At the end of the first quarter of 2021 compared to 31.12.2020 there are changes in the amount in the direction of an increase in the conditional assets of the Group concerning the assets, provided by clients as loan collateral. With respect to the conditional liabilities during the period there are changes in the direction of a decrease in their amount compared to 31.12.2020, whereas the decrease concerns guarantees, provided by the Group. As at 31.03.2021 the value of the conditional liabilities of the Group is in the amount of BGN 291 831 thousand.

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