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BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICIALS AND REGISTERED OFFICE.

CHAIRMAN

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mr. S. K. Apea

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REGISTERED OFFICE: Ghana Commercial Bank

Thorpe Road/High Street,

Accra.



	1991	1990	%
	¢' Million	⊄' Million	Change
Profit before Tax	3,549.0	3,985.7	(11.0)
Total Assets	330,120.8	260,008.6	27.0
Stated Capital	2,500.0	2,000.0	25.0
Total Reserve & Income Surplus	39,402.7	32,500.9	21.2
Current & Deposits Accounts	231,359.9	164,835.8	40.4
Total Loans & Advances	24,488.3	20,906.9	17.1
Number of Branch Offices	145	146	(0.7)
Number of Employees	3,850	4,058	(5.1)



Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I am pleased to present to you the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of Ghana Commercial Bank for the financial year ended December 31, 1991.



Despite the growing competition within the banking system the year 1991 has been another year of satisfactory operating results for the Bank accompanied by continued expansion and growth in the volume of business. Before presenting the operating results, I would like to give a brief description of the environment in which banking business was conducted during the year.

S. K. Apea, Chairman

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

The Economic Scene

In many respects, the Ghanaian economy fared well during the year 1991 with the main driving forces being the agricultural, mining and construction sectors. Agriculture performed well mainly as a result of generally favourable weather conditions. Thus there was considerable improvement in food supply.

The mining sector which exhibited a splendid performance in 1990 continued to expand. Gold output, in particular, showed a strong growth as the largest mining company, Ashanti Goldfields Corporation, recorded its highest production in several years. In addition, the new mining companies increased their output. The construction sector was boosted by the large public sector investment outlay for the year. However, the manufacturing sector continued to face competition from imported goods thus slowing down its growth significantly.

On the whole, total output of goods and services measured by the gross domestic product (GDP) is estimated to have expanded by 5 per cent in real terms. Consequently, real income per capita increased by 2.4 per cent.

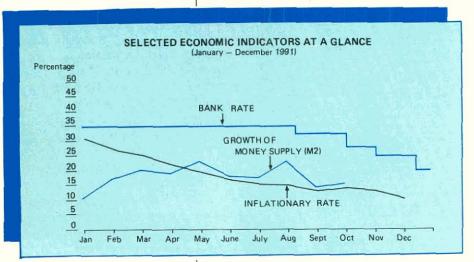
One significant development in the economy during the year was the decline in inflation.

The national annual average rate of change in prices as measured by the consumer price index declined from 37.0 per cent at the end of December, 1990 to 18 per cent by the end of December, 1991. This decline reflected the marked improvement in food supply and the stabilisation of local fuel prices after the first quarter of the year as a result of the fall in the world price of crude oil.

Another contributory factor to the decline in inflation was the slow growth in money supply. By the end of



1991, money supply (M2) broadly defined as currency outside banks, demand deposits and quasi-money increased by 15.0 per cent as against a growth rate of 18.0 per cent recorded for the corresponding period a year ago.



The slow down in the monetary expansion was the result of a restrictive monetary policy pursued by the Central Bank aimed at reducing the inflation rate and maintaining a relatively stable exchange rate during the year. In the foreign exchange market, the local currency, the Cedi, depreciated from £344.70 to one US dollar in December, 1990 to £390.00 at the end of December, 1991 thus showing a depreciation of 13.3 per cent as against 12.9 per cent in the previous year.

Total export earnings for 1991 amounted to US\$992.7 million, representing an increase of 13.4 per cent over the level recorded in 1990. Cocoa, the major export commodity, contributed US\$352.6 million, gold US\$300.7 million, timber US\$126.4 million and other exports including the non-traditional commodities US\$212.4 million.

On the import side, the cost of crude oil fell below expectation as a result of the sharp fall in oil prices on the international market. Coupled with an improvement in the capital account, the overall balance of payment surplus was US\$130 million as compared to US\$95 million in 1990.

With regard to government finances, total revenue for 1991 amounted to ©390.4 billion while total expenditure stood at ©351.6 billion. Thus there was a budget surplus of ©38.8 billion.

In the course of the year, the banks were provided with an opportunity to invest in high yielding income assets as an encouragement for them to step up their mobilisation efforts. To this end, the structure of reserve requirements of banks was revised in July, 1991.

The cash reserve ratio was reduced from 22.0 per cent to 18 per cent while the secondary reserve requirement was increased from 20 per to 24 per cent. In addition, the Central Bank introduced new financial instruments of three and five year maturities.

To reflect the fall in inflation rate, the Bank of Ghana rediscount rate (Bank Rate) was reduced from 35 per cent at the beginning of the year to 32.0 per cent in August, 1991. In October 1991, it was again reduced to 28 per cent and by the end of the year it had fallen to 20 per cent.

In response, the banks reduced their lending rates while keeping their borrowing rates virtually unchanged thus implying a narrowing of the interest rate spread.



Other measures introduced to promote deposit mobilisation by banks included the payment of interest at the rate of 5.0 per cent per annum on the deposits of banks with Bank of Ghana which qualify as cash reserves and the absorption of brokerage fees of banks in connection with the purchase by the public of treasury bills and Bank of Ghana bills. The former measure was introduced in July, 1991 while the latter took effect from January, 1991.

Bank charges were liberalised as part of the measures to promote competition within the financial sector. With the exception of commission on turnover (COT), banks are now free to determine their own charges.

The financial system was further broadened with the establishment of a second discount house — The Securities Discount Company — which commenced business in June, 1991.

Technical Assistance

As part of the restructuring of this Bank, the Government, the sole share-holder, signed an agreement with the State Bank of India to provide management and technical support to the Bank. Consequently, a team of five officials from the State Bank of India arrived at the beginning of the year under review to assist in the areas of credit management, accounts, treasury, inspection, audit and foreign operations.

International Syndication

In the course of the year, the Bank, for the first time, participated in an international trade finance facility for Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC) which totalled US\$75 million. This was a significant mile-stone in the history of the Bank and it is hoped that the Bank will continue to participate in such international syndication of loans in the future.

OPERATING RESULTS

It is now my pleasure to inform you that the Bank concluded the year of operation with a pre-tax profit of £3,549.0 million. This showed a decrease of 10.9 per cent compared with the previous year's profit of £3,985.6 million. Pre-tax return on capital was, therefore, 8.4 per cent.

This year's profit was made after making a provision of £ 9,930.4 million. This included a provision in respect of interest due from Bank of Ghana as a result of financing imports by our London office. There was no repayment during the year under review.

A net profit after tax of ¢2,270.6 million was achieved as compared to ¢1,881.9 million in the 1990 financial year. The return on capital employed, therefore, remained at 5.4 per cent.

Net interest income which rose by 31.0 per cent from £12,769.1 million to £16,738.8 million was the main source of growth in the Bank's profit. Income from commission and fees increased by 14.7 per cent from £2,911.9 million to £3,341.0 million. Other operating income from exchange transactions, dividend from investment and rent went down from £4,727.2 million to £2,945.8 million.

Operating expenses resulted in a slight increase of 7.4 per cent from £8,941.3 million to £9,611.7 million inspite of our continued efforts in controlling



costs. In particular, our staff cost rose slightly from £5,181.8 million to £5,300.6 million partly as a result of further lay-offs at the beginning of the year under review. Other operating costs including travelling expenses, rent and rates, printing, postage and insurance increased by 14.6 per cent from £3,759.5 million to £4,311.0 million.

Appropriations

After making an allowance of £1,278.4 million for taxation, an amount of £2,270.6 million became available for appropriation. Out of this, a dividend of £1.0 billion has been declared: £500 million is to be paid in cash and another £500 million is to be issued as shares to the sole shareholder.

Shareholders' Funds

Shareholders' funds went up by £7,401.9 million from £34,500.8 million to £41,902.7 million. As a result of the bonus share issue, the stated capital rose from £2,000.0 million to £2,500.0 million. Exchange reserves showed an increase of £5,804.4 million to £23,794.7 million, while income surplus was up by £1,097.4 million to £15,535.7 million.

Capital Adequacy

I am happy to announce that the capital adequacy issue which had been a problem for the Bank for sometime has been resolved. The capital adequacy ratio for the year under rereview is 12.97 per cent. This may be compared with the minimum requirement of 6 per cent stipulated in the Banking Law, 1989, (PNDCL 225).

International Ranking

Another significant development during the year was the announcement that the Bank has been rated the seventh strongest bank in Africa and the strongest in sub-saharan Africa in the December, 1991 issue of THE BANKER.

Outlook

The Bank is poised to meet the new challenges that may be unfolded in the changing banking environment. The Medium Term Plan for the Bank (1992 — 1994), to be implemented soon is meant to fulfil this task.

Conclusion

Distinguished ladies and gentlemen, I would like to conclude by informing you that the significant increase in business and profit could not have been achieved without the enormous effort by the entire staff and Management. In this regard, I should like to express my sincere thanks to them for their continued contribution to the Bank's achievement and progress throughout the year.

I also wish to thank my fellow Board members for their co-operation and support.

Finally, I wish to record my deep appreciation to our numerous customers and correspondent banks worldwide for their co-operation and confidence shown in the Bank.

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K. N. Owusu, Managing Director

Introduction

For Ghana Commercial Bank, the year 1991 was another challenging year as the banking industry plunged deeper into a liberalized environment. However, the Bank continued to consolidate its position as the leading commercial bank in the country by maintaining its market share. This was largely achieved by providing improved customer services in the most cost effective manner and streamlining of operational procedures. Another welcome development was the improvement in the planning and budgeting systems during the year. It is hoped that these systems will provide future direction for the Bank.

Three Divisions were redesignated, as part of the on-going institutional restructuring. The Research Division now becomes Planning and Research Division and is to take charge of the corporate planning aspects of the Bank; the Personnel Division is now Human Resource and Development Division with the view to having a comprehensive training programme for staff; and the Branch Control Division has been absorbed into the Secretariat of the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) (Domestic Operations).

To decentralise authority and bring management closer to the operational units, nine area managers were appointed to replace the existing area supervisors. In addition, a Chief Manager (special duties) was appointed to supervise the operations of the High Street Branch which handles the largest share of our branch operations. These area managers will be responsible within their zones for planning, business development,

customer service and the granting of loans up to a set limit among others. Their offices have also been strengthened with experienced personnel in the areas of general banking, personnel, audit, inspection, planning, budgeting and credit administration.

Deposit Growth

The year under review witnessed a significant growth in the Bank's deposits. At the end of 1991, total deposits amounted to © 231,359,9 million indicating an increase of 40.4 per cent over the previous year's level. Much of the growth was concentrated in savings deposits which recorded a marked increase of 79.4 per cent, from ©74,323.1 million to ©133,303.5 million. Current account deposits increased by 9.7 per cent from ©67,522.6 million to ©74,075.0 million during the period.

Time deposits also went up by 11.5 per cent from £18,200.6 million to £20,288.4 million while certificate of deposits fell by 22.9 per cent from £4,789.3 million to £3,692.8 million.

An analysis of total deposits excluding deposits of financial institutions indicates that, individuals and private enterprises accounted for 57.9 per cent of the total deposits while the share of government departments and other public organisations were 42.1 per cent.

Loans and Advances

The Banks lending activities continue to show growth. Total outstanding loans and advances of the Bank increased by 17.1 per cent from ¢ 20,906.8 million to ¢ 24,488.3 million at the end of December, 1991.

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This was a considerable increase compared to a rise of 13.5 per cent recorded in the previous year.

An analysis of the Bank's loans portfolio by type of customers showed that the bulk of the lending business

> was concentrated in the private sector. Outstanding loans and advances to this sector accounted for a little more than half of the loan portfolio during the period under review. About half of the loans and advances to the private sector went to private companies. Loans to the public institutions constituted 39.6 per cent, while joint state/ private enterprises took 8.0 per cent.

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the year. For instance, advances for commercial activities rose by 10.6 per cent from £9,630.1 million to £10,452.8 million, while advances to the service sector went up from £3,430.5 million to £4,073.3 million.

Medium-term loans showed a considerable growth during the year. It was up by \$\&circ\$34.0 million from \$\&circ\$66.8 million in 1990 to \$\&circ\$100.8 million by the end of the year.

A total of US\$1.34 million was also approved under the Funds for Small and Medium Enterprises Development (FUSMED) scheme. To date, a total amount of US\$6.53 million has been channelled through the Bank to 23 customers. Seventy-five per cent of the loans went to the manufacturing sector while the rest went to the service sector particularly to the hotel industry.





Serving customers at one of our branches — Counter service is an important aspect of our activities — improving this is being given special attention

A further analysis of loans and advances by type of economic activity indicates that credit to the agricultural sector decreased from £4,030.7 million to £2,839.5 million.

Financial assistance to support activities in the industrial sector also increased from a level of £10,334.1 million in December, 1990, to £10,784.0 million representing a rise of 4.4 per cent. Loans and advances to the mining and quarring sector contributed substantially to this growth with an increase of 88.5 per cent, from £1,450.9 million to £2,735.0 million. However, credit to the manufacturing sector registered a fall of 13.1 per cent.

Credit to all other sectors also engaged the attention of the Bank during

Right Picture—
The Bank has been assisting timber firms in processing timber into veneer, plywood and other timber products for both the local and international markets.



Agricultural Financing

The Bank also granted ¢411.5 million for agricultural crops. Further efforts were made to recover outstanding Commerbank Farmers Societies' (CFS) loans. Nine durbars were held. with farmers to educate them on the need to repay their outstanding loans. The durbars were also aimed at finding out the problems facing the farmers

During the year, the Bank introduced a pilot cocoa farmers maintenance loan scheme. The scheme will initially cover cocoa farmers who process their Akuafo Cheques through our branches. The loan is to be used to carry out seasonal farm maintenance activities such as weeding and spraying. By the end of the year, a total amount of ¢11 million had been given to farmers under the scheme. Depending on the outcome, this will be spread throughout the cocoa growing areas.

The Bank participated in joint agricultural projects. In collaboration with the European Community (EC),

the Bank is promoting

swamp rice cultivation at Dunkwa-on-Offin in the Central Region and Tepa and Konongo in the Ashanti Region. The Bank also signed an agreement with the Central Bank under which loans made by the Bank to productive ventures in the rural areas may be reimbursed. It is hoped that this agreement will further help

the Bank to support agricultural and industrial development in the rural areas.

International Business

International business continued to show satisfactory progress with an increase of 39 per cent in the total volume of business.

Imports in respect of both collections and letters of credit handled by the Bank increased by 51.5 per cent from ¢ 18,878.2 million to ¢ 27,000 million. Both cash pre-payment for exports and export letters of credit increased by 54 per cent from ¢3,344.0 million to ¢5,150.6 million.

Business involving foreign cheque purchases and sales of foreign exchange slowed down considerably. On the other hand, remittances recorded a slight increase. Unlike in the past, these services are now being routed through customers' foreign accounts which increased from 3,839 to 4,677 during the year.

Forex Bureau

The Forex Bureau continues to serve an increasing number of customers. During the year, the Forex Bureau operated from four outlets in Accra, Tema and Kumasi. An equivalent of ¢5,959.1 million in foreign exchange was purchased while ¢6,152.5 million was sold during the year.

Branch Development

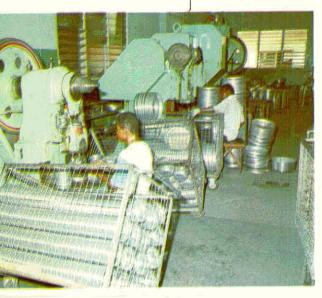
The Bank's branch network decreased in number during the year with the closure of Kenyase No.2 branch in the Brong Ahafo Region in September, 1991. In the same month, however, an

The Bank continues to advance credit to both small and largescale farmers to boost agricultural production. The oil palm plantation below is a typical example.



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the newly built Accra International Conference Centre. This agency, however, opens for business during international conferences only. Presently, the Bank has 145 branches with 9 agencies which is about 45 per cent of the total number of branches in the country.

agency was opened at of the Bank for various reasons. At the same time, 38 people were recruited to occupy various specialised positions. At the end of the year 1991, therefore, the number of employees was 3.850 as compared to 4.058 at the end of 1990. It is worth-noting that given the significant increase in the volume of business against a background of a fall in staff strength, the productivity of staff increased during the year.

Training and Career Development

Training of staff received priority attention during the year. The programme was focussed on the provision of technical skills. It was also to develop staff for higher responsibilities in their current jobs and future ones.

To this end, a new and systematic training programme for the Bank was formulated and approved by Management. In addition, a policy on study leave with or without pay was formulated



Personnel

The number of employees with the Bank decreased during the year 1991. A total number of 143 employees were laid-off in the first quarter of the year as part of the redundancy exercise while another 168 left the services



Supporting a manufacturing firm in the aluminium industry to make use of aluminium ingots produced in the country.



One of the series of seminars organised during the year to improve technical skills.

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and approved by Management.

During the year, 668 employees, participated in the Bank's training programme which covered courses for cashiers,

STAFF POSITION (1986 – 1991)

No of Staff 6000

4000

2000

1000

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senior clerks, secretaries, junior and senior managers. The Bank also sponsored a number of employees abroad for various courses.

Retirement

Towards the end of the year, Mr. E.W. K. Adzofu, an Executive Director

(Administration) retired from the Bank after eighteen and a half years of service. Mr. Adzofu no doubt made invaluable contribution to the progress of the Bank particularly in the last years as an Executive Director. On behalf of Management and staff, I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Adzofu for his immense contribution to the Bank and wish him a happy retirement.

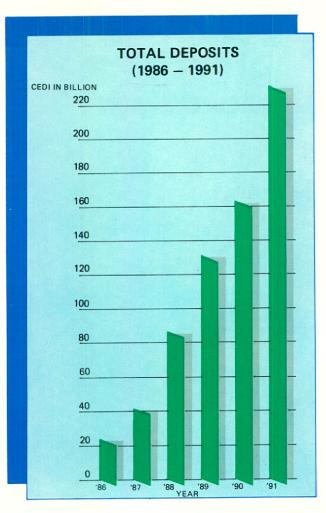
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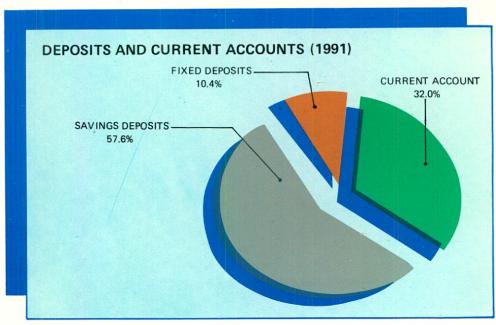
The renovation work on the Bank's Clinic in Accra which commenced in the previous financial year was completed and subsequently re-opened. The clinic which continues to be staffed with well-qualified personnel caters for both staff and dependants.

In October, 1991, the Bank's Ladies Club organised a successful sponsored-walk in Accra which yielded a substantial amount of money. It is envisaged that part of the money will be given to charity and the rest used to fund a tree planting programme.

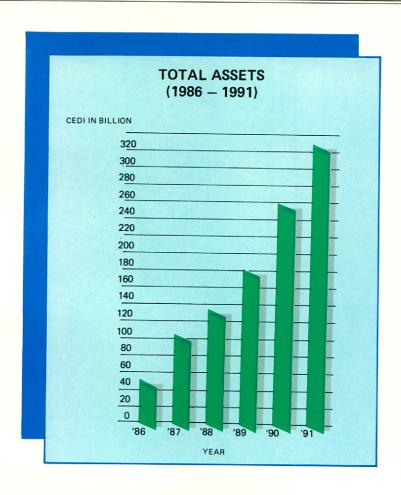
MANAGING DIRECTOR

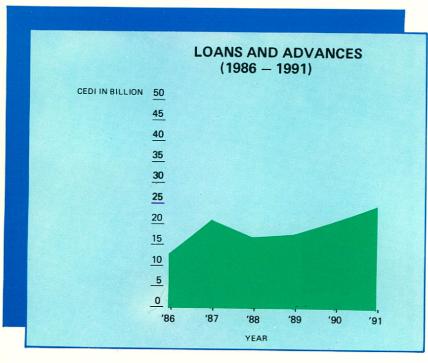














CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1991

		THE	BANK	THE G	ROUP	
	NOTES	1991	1990	1991	1990	
ASSETS		¢′000	¢'000	¢′000	¢′000	
Cash And						
Short-Term Funds		138,633,434	128,432,253	140,976,322	130,649,207	
Investments		123,133,964	76,499,610	123,133,964	76,499,610	
Advances	(11)	22,626,539	19,157,449	24,488,361	20,906,875	
Other Assets	(40)	05 077 004	07.400.004	00 044 700	07 071 107	
Account	(13)	35,977,981	27,133,094	36,244,702	27,071,107	
		320,371,918	251,222,406	324,843,349	255,126,799	
Investments in						
Subsidiaries	(14)	346,982	145,700	200	200	
Fixed Assets	(15)	5,073,627	4,676,072	5,277,275	4,881,583	
TOTAL ASSETS		325,792,527	256,044,178	330,120,824	260,008,582	
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LIABILITIES						
Depositis & Current			104 057 000	004 050 054	104 005 014	
Accounts	(16)	227,643,231	161,657,239	231,359,951	164,835,811	
Creditors &	(17)	EE 600 100	59,405,368	56,858,105	60,671,921	
Accruals	(17)	55,608,109			_	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		283,251,340	221,062,607	288,218,056	225,507,732	
Stated Capital	(18)	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,500,000	2,000,000	
Capital Surplus	(19)	72,291	72,291	72,291	72,291	
Exchange Reserve	(20)	23,794,708	17,990,248	23,794,708	17,990,248	
Income Surplus	(21)	16,174,188	14,919,032	15,535,769	14,438,311	
SHAREHOLDERS' F	UNDS	42,541,187	34,981,571	41,902,768	34,500,850	
		THE PERSON				
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5 &					
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		325,792,527	256,044,178	330,120,824	260,008,582	
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S. K. APEA K. N. OWUSU

CHAIRMAN MANAGING DIRECTOR

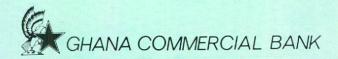
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DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR
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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

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NOT	ES <u>1991</u>	1990	1991	1990	
	¢′000	¢′000	¢′000	¢′000	
INTEREST INCOME (2	28,566,415	22,790,263	28,889,341	23,107,935	
INTEREST EXPENSE (3) (12,026,041)	(10,262,820)	(12,150,460)	(10,338,760)	
NET INTEREST INCOME COMMISSIONS	16,540,374	12,527,443	16,738,881	12,769,175	
AND FEES OTHER OPERATING	3,319,510	2,885,485	3,341,061	2,911,979	
INCOME (4	2,606,207	4,724,635	2,945,836	4,727,299	
TOTAL INCOME PROVISION FOR BAD	22,466,091	20,137,563	23,025,778	20,408,453	
& DOUBTFUL DEBTS (12 PROVISION FOR CONTINGENT	(9,608,735)	(6,963,080)	(9,638,743)	(6,882,455)	
LIABILITIES OPERATING	(291,662)	(624,276)	(291,662)	(624,276)	
EXPENSES (5)	(9,064,740)	(8,465,248)	(9,611,738)	(8,941,374)	
NET OPERATING PROFIT OTHER INCOME (6)	3,500,954 47,195	4,084,959 1,044	3,483,635 65,421	3,960,348 25,331	
PROFIT BEFORE					
TAX TAXATION (7)	3,548,149	4,086,003	3,549,056	3,985,679	
PROFIT AFTER (7)	(1,189,846)	(2,060,000)	(1,278,448)	(2,103,702)	
TAXATION	2,358,303	2,026,003	2,270,608	1,881,977	
DIVIDEND (8)	(500,000)	0	(500,000)	. 0	
TRANSFER TO INCOME SURPLUS ACCOUNT	<u>1,858,303</u>	2,026,003	1,770,608	1,881,977	



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

	THE 1991	BANK 1990	THE G	1990
	¢'000	¢′000	¢′000	¢.000
ADDITIONS TO CAPITAL		19,233,778	1,097,458	19,089,752
Retained Profit	1,255,156 6,304,460	8,234,836	6,304,460	7,756,990
Other Items	0,304,400			
	7,559,616	27,468,614	7,401,918	26,846,742
APPLICATION OF CAPITA	I RESOURCE	FS		
Fixed Assets less Depreciation		79,188	395,692	101,924
Investments in Subsidiary	004.000	(050 077)	0	0
Companies	201,282	(250,977)	0	0
Additions to Working Resources	6,960,779	27,640,403	7,006,226	26,744,818
	7,559,616,	27,468,614	7,401,918	26,846,742
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ADDITIONS TO WORKING				
From Capital Resources	6,960,779	27,640,403	7,006,226	26,744,818
Deposits and Current Account	65,985,992	31,934,231	66,524,140	32,899,079
Other Liabilities	(3,797,259)	17,124,365	(3,813,816)	18,630,822
	69,149,512	76,698,999	69,716,550	78,274,719
APPLICATION OF WORK	ING RESOUR	CES		
Cash and Short-Term Funds	10,201,181	39,746,841	10,327,115	40,488,221
Investments	46,634,354	33,484,411	46,634,354	33,484,411
Advances	3,469,090	1,564,277	3,581,486	2,488,348
Other Assets	8,844,887	1,903,470	9,173,595	1,813,739
	69,149,512	76,698,999	69,716,550	78,274,719



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Bank and which have been used in preparing these accounts are as follows:-

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of leasehold properties.

(b) Consolidation

The consolidated accounts of the group comprise the account of the Ghana Commercial Bank for the year ended 31 December 1991 and the accounts of its subsidiaries (i) G. C. B. Forex Bureau (ii) Banque Commerciale du Ghana, Togo for year ended 30 September 1991.

In accordance with the regulations of the Banque Centrale du Togo, the accounts of Togo subsidiary are prepared to 30 September 1991.

The group accounts for the subsidiaries by consolidating fully their assets, liabilities and results for the year.

The accounts of Developments Finance Holding Limited have not been consolidated because the activities of the company are dissimilar from those of the other companies within the group, the consolidated financial statements would be misleading and that information for the holding company's shareholders and other users of the statements would be better provided by presenting separate financial statements of the subsidiary.

(c) Foreign Currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into cedis at exchange rates ruling at the Bank's year end. Gains and losses resulting from the translation of the opening net assets of overseas branches and subsidiaries are taken direct to reserves. All other gains and losses resulting from foreign currency translation or exchange are included in the profit for the year.

(d) Interest Income

The recognition of interest income ceases when the payment of interest or principal is in doubt, and does so automatically if principal or interest payments are 90 or more days late. Any interest previously accrued but not received on a loan placed on a non-accrual basis is reversed. Interest is included in income thereafter only when it is received. Loans are returned to the accruals basis only when doubt about collectability is removed and when the outstanding arrears of interest and principal are received.

- (e) Fee Income Loan fees are credited to income over the life of the applicable loan.
- (f) Investments Investments are held for purposes of both trading and investment. Trading investments are included in the balance sheet at year end market value. Realised gains and losses and unrealised valuation adjustments are included in other operating income.



Other investments are included in the balance sheet at the lower of cost and market value. Gains and losses on the sales of investments securities are shown separately in other operating income or expenses.

Bills discounted and securities with a fixed redemption date which are purchased with the intention of being held to maturity are stated at amortised cost. The premium or discount is amortised over the period to redemption and disclosed separetely in interest income.

(g) Advances

Advances are stated in the balance sheet at the amount of principal and interest outstanding less any provision for bad and doubtful debts and interest held in suspense. Advances are analysed between the total amount outstanding and provisions in a note to the financial statements.

(h) Provisions for Bad and Doubtful Debts Provisions for bad and doubtful debts are made, having regard to both specific and general risks. The specific element of the provisions relates to those loans that have been individually reviewed and specifically identified as bad or doubtful. The general element of the provisions relates to those existing losses that, although not yet specifically identified, are knwon from experience to be present at any year end in the Bank's portfolio of loans and advances. In determining the level of the provisions required, management considers numer-

Provisions made during the year (less amounts released and recoveries of loans previously written off) are charged as a separate amount in the profit and loss account. Loans are written off when the extent of any loss has been confirmed.

ous factors including, but not limited to, domestic economic conditions, the composition position of the loan portfolio and prior bad debt experience.

(i) Fixed Assets

Premises and equipment owned by the Bank are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation

Depreciation is computed using the straight line method so as to write off the cost over the estimated useful lives at the following rates -

Office & Residential Buildings	5%
Printing Machines	20%
Safes & Strong Room Doors	20%
Computers	25%
Furniture and Equipment	33.33%
Other Motor Vehicles	33.33%
Bullion Vans	25%

Fixed assets costing not more than \$\mathcal{C}20,000.00\$ or less are written off in the year of purchase.

Maintenance and repairs are charged to the profit and loss account when incurred and improvements are capitalised.



(j) Taxation

The Bank provides for income taxes at the current rates on the taxable profits of the Bank.

Deferred taxation is not upheld in the accounts.

(k) Retirement Benefits

- (i) The Bank has a non-contributory defined pension scheme for those employees with 15 years service and above. The bank's non-contributory pension scheme ceased to apply to members who qualify for pension but did not retire from the service of the bank on or before 31 December 1990.
- (ii) There is a defined contributory provident fund scheme for all employees who have completed a full year's service with the Bank. The contribution of the employee is 10% of his basic salary whilst the bank's contribution is 12.5%.

THI	EBANK	THE GROUP		
	1990	1991	1990	
¢′000	¢′000	¢′000	¢'000	
3,548,149	4,086,003	3,549,056	3,985,679	
24,301	9,045	0	0	
29,204	57,191	44,868	65,338	
5,983	11,014	6,545	13,478	
594,283	574,854	654,362	639,166	
	1991 ¢'000 3,548,149 24,301 29,204	2,204 57,191 5,983 11,014	1991 1990 1991 & '000 \$\frac{1}{C}'000 \$\frac{1}{C}'000 3,548,149 4,086,003 3,549,056 24,301 9,045 0 29,204 57,191 44,868 5,983 11,014 6,545	

8. DIVIDEND

A dividend of &5.00 (1990 - &nil) per share on 100,000,000 ordinary shares amounting to &500,000,000 (1990 - &nil) is proposed.

9. CASH AND SHORT TERM FUNDS

	THE	BANK	THE GROUP	
	1991	1990	1991	1990
	¢′000	¢′000	¢'000	Ø'000
Cash in Hand	5,988,014	4,932,337	6,411,101	6,269,713
Balances with		,,002,007	0,111,101	0,203,713
Bank of Ghana	11,347,782	7,347,919	12,529,790	7,347,919
Balances with banks (include	ding	.,0.,,5.10	12,020,700	7,547,519
items in course of collectio				
and money at call.	22,168,572	29,652,585	22,906,365	30,532,163
Money at short notice	99,129,066	86,499,412	99,129,066	
			99,129,000	86,499,412
	138,633,434	128,432,253	140,976,322	130,649,207

Balances with banks include current with banks and loans to banks, at call or maturing on the next banking day. Money at short notice includes loans to banks and the Consolidated Discount House repayable in less than one month from the year and date.



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	10.	INVESTMENTS				-tath\				
		(The valuation of unlisted investments is based on a realistic estimate of net worth).								
		Book Value	THE	BANK	THE GROUP					
			1991	<u>1990</u> ₡′000	<u>1991</u> €′000	1990 € '000				
		Government Securities Unlisted Securities	76,889,782 53,170	24,879,043 944,428	76,889,782 53,170	24,879,043 944,428				
			76,942,952	25,823,471	76,942,952	25,823,471				
		Placing with Other Banks Bills Discounted	43,641,012 2,550,000	46,926,139 3,750,000	43,641,012 2,550,000	46,926,139 3,750,000				
			123,133,964	76,499,610	123,133,964	76,499,610				
	11.	ADVANCES		DANK	THE	GROUP				
		Analysis by type of custo		1990	1991	1990				
			<u>1991</u> ₡′000	¢'000	¢'000	¢,000				
				7,436,190	8,918,198	8,760,024				
A DICTION		Individuals Other Private Enterprise	7,696,168 7,999,356	9,150,881	9,797,988	10,603,464				
		Joint Private and State Enterprise Government Depart-	2,597,703	671,046	2,601,388	673,376				
200		ments and Agencies/ Public Enterprises Staff	12,630,246 1,242,535	9,304,547 1,708,169	13,005,246 1,340,360	9,639,547 1,779,240				
		Staff	32,166,008	28,270,833	35,663,180	31,455,651				
	12.	PROVISION FOR BAD								
-				BANK		GROUP				
	(i)	Provision at beginn-	<u>1991</u> ₡′000	<u>1990</u> ₡′000	<u>1991</u> ₡′000	<u>1990</u> ₡′000				
	(1)	ing of the year Increase (Decrease)	12,599,325	21,134,630	14,034,717	22,883,749				
		in provisions Recovery Written back	9,608,735 (1,581)	(8,643,911) 0	9,638,743 (3,021)	(9,391,908) 0				
		London Office provision Adjustments	n - 50,354	108,606	221,744	542,876				
			22,256,833	12,599,325	23,892,183	14,034,717				
		Claims on non-perform- ing loans not yet applie		8,223,002	0	8,223,002				
			22,256,833	20,822,327	23,892,183	22,257,719				
		Distributed as follows:								
		Advances	9,539,469	9,113,384	11,174,819	10,548,776				
		Other Assets Account	12,717,364	11,708,943	12,717,364	11,708,943				
			22,256,833	20,822,327	23,892,183	22,257,719				



TEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991								
(**)	¢′000	¢′	000	¢′000	¢′000			
(ii) Provision for the year is								
up of:- London interest from Bank of Ghana		0.00						
Other Loans/Overdrafts	1,008,421 8,600,314		3,992	1,008,421	8,063,992			
other Edular Overdiants		(16,70		8,630,322	(17,455,900)			
	9,608,735	(8,64	3,911)	9,638,743	(9,391,908)			
Additional provision was	made in respec	t of inter	est due	from Bank of	Ghana as			
result of financing imports by	our London B	ranch. E	Bank of	Ghana has ack	nowledged			
their indebtedness but there v	vas no repayme	ent durin	g that y	rear.				
16. DEPOSITS AND CURRI	ENT ACCOUN	TS						
Current Account	72,216,236	64,99	2,643	74,075,076	67,522,617			
	132,187,438	73,79	4,968	133,303,526	74,323,159			
Time Deposits	19,546,677	18,08	0,248	20,288,469	18,200,655			
Certificates of Deposit	3,692,880	4,78	9,380	3,692,880	4,789,380			
	227,643,231	161,65	7,239	231,359,951	164,835,811			
18. STATED CAPITAL								
	THE BANK			THE GROUP				
	1991	1990	-	1991	1990			
	¢′000	¢'00		¢′000	¢'000			
Authorised:	NUMBER	AMO		NUMBER	AMOUNT			
Ondings of Ch	¢'000	V.	000	¢,000	¢′000			
Ordinary Shares (at £20.00 per Share)	4 500 000							
Issued and Fully Paid	1,500,000	30,000	,000	1,500,000	30,000,000			
Ordinary Shares								
(at ¢20.00 per Share)								
Issued for Cash	15,050	301,0	200	15,050	301,000			
Issued By Transfer From				13,030	301,000			
Income Surplus	46,500	930,0	000	21,500	430,000			
Issued By Capitalization								
of Reserves	950	19,0	000	950	19,000			
Issued By Transfer From Capital Surplus	62,500	1.050	000	00.500				
ouplas		1,250,	_	62,500	1,250,000			
	125,000	2,500,0	000	100,000	2,000,000			
CAPITAL SURPLUS	1991			1990				
At hoginains of	¢′000			Z'000				
At beginning of year	72,291		7	72,291				
EXCHANGE RESERVE Balance as at 1.1.91	17,990,248		0.75	F 440				
Gains during the year	5,804,460			55,412				
D-1	0,007,700		0,23	34,836				

The balance on the exchange reserve account is the gain resulting from the translation of opening net assets of the overseas branch and foreign subsidiary.

17,990,248

23,794,708

Balance carried forward



	INCOME, SURPLUS, RESERVE FUND &									
	GENERAL RE	SERVE		Т	HE BAN	IK				
		lr	come	Reser		General	1991	1990		
		S	urplus	Fund		Reserve	Total	Total		
		¢	'000	¢′000)	¢′000	¢′000	¢′000		
X 158	At beginning o		1,562	14,786,2	211	38,259	14,919,032	(4,314,746)		
	Prior Year Adju (note 22)		3,147)		0		(103,147)	17,207,775		
		(8	3,585)	14,786,2	211	38,259	14,815,885	12,893,029		
100	Retained Profi	t 1,560	3,515	294,7	788	0	1,858,303	2,026,003		
	Transfer to State Capital	(500	,000)		0	0	(500,000)	0		
	Transfer to State Capital	1,054	1,930	15,080,9	999	38,259	16,174,188	14,919,032		
				т	HE GRO	OUP				
N. Carlotte		Income	Re		General		1991	1990		
		Surplus ¢'000	Fu		Reserve 2'000	Others ¢'000	Total ¢′000	Total €'000		
	At beginning	214,748			38,259	(456,88		(4,173,595)		
	of year Prior Year	214,740	14,04	2,100	30,200	(100,00	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			
	Adjustment (note 22)	(103,147)		0	0		0 (103,147)			
	Retained	111,601	14,64	2,185	38,259	(456,88	31) 14,335,164	13,034,180		
		,475,820	294	4,788	0		0 1,770,608	1,881,977		
	State Capital	(500,000)		0	0		0 (500,000)	0		
	Exchange Adjustment					/mc a=	0) 470 000	\ (477.040)		
	- Others	0		0	0	(70,00				
		1,087,421	14,93	6,973	38,259	(526,88	15,535,769	14,438,311		
	PRIOR YEAR	ADJUSTM	ENTS	ТН	E BANK	(THE G	ROUP		
				1991	1	990	1991	1990		
	Provision for	Rad Dobts		¢′000	¢	000	¢′000	¢′000		
	taken over by	Bank of Gh		0	12,7	39,348	0	12,739,348		
	Part payment bad debts by	Bank of Gha		0	4,4	68,427	0	4,468,427		
	Depreciation	Adjustment		76 704		0	76,794	0		
	 London Exchange Les 	e - London		76,794 (179,941)	0	(179,941)	0		
	Exchange Les	5 - London		(103,147		207,775	(103,147)	17,207,775		



CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

The Bank enters into various commitments in the normal course of banking business, which are not reflected in the accompanying balance sheet.

	THE	BANK	THE GROUP		
	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	
	¢′000	₡′000	¢′000	₡′000	
(a) Letters of Credit	17,291,312	16,274,531	17,381,318	16,472,247	
Guarantees and Indemnities	43,614,669	9,569,634	43,704,876	9,775,112	
Acceptances	623,801	1,572,628	623,801	2,147,812	
	61,529,782	27,416,793	61,709,995	28,395,171	

(b) Commitments for capital expenditure at the balance sheet date not provided for in the accounts amounted to €2,650,000 (1990— €1.089,000)

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD. P. D. ARTHUR

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF GHANA COMMERCIAL BANK ON THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

We have audited the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards and have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary. The Bank has kept proper books of account and the financial statements are in agreement therewith. We have received proper and adequate returns from branches not visited by us. All transactions were within the powers of the Bank. In our opinion the financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of fixed assets, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank at 31st December, 1991 and of its profit and the statement of changes in financial position for the year ended and comply with the Ghana Commercial Bank Decree, 1972 (N.R.C.D. 115) and the Banking Law 1989.

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