## BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA STATUTORY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

	Note	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
REVENUES			
Interest Revenue Net Gains/(Losses) on Securities Fees and commissions Other revenue		154,042 (79,842) 5,068 3,320	125,349 147,857 10,821 2,048
Total Revenue	2	82,588	286,075
EXPENSES Interest Expense General Administrative Expenses		55,071 36,284	73,820 26,752
Total Expenses	2	91,355	100,572
Net Profit/(Loss)		(8,767)	185,503
Net revaluation adjustment in asset revaluation reserve	4	(1,866)	21,803
Net Profit/(Loss) plus net revaluation adjustment in asset revaluation reserve	-	(10,633)	207,306

STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003				
Net Profit/(Loss)	2	(8,767)	185,503	
Transfer to Currency Movements Reserve		(279,661)	(203,540)	
Transfer from/(to) Unrealised Profits Reserve	4	356,434	72,100	
Earnings Available for Distribution to Government	ent	68,006	<u>54,063</u>	

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2003

	Note	2003 K'000	2002 K'000
ASSETS			
Cash and Liquid Assets Domestic Government Securities Foreign Exchange Gold Loans and Advances Property Plant and Equipment Other Assets	5 1(c),6 1(b),7 1(a) 1(e),8 1(f),10 1(g),9	358 667,444 1,645,225 86,093 114,143 18,274 <u>68,585</u>	204 715,353 1,292,126 87,959 175,397 17,170 56,012
Total Assets		2,600,122	2,344,221
LIABILITIES			
Domestic Currency Deposits Foreign Currency Deposits Securities Issued Distribution Payable to Government Other Liabilities Currency in Circulation	11 12 1(i) 2,4,13 14 15	270,990 450,220 421,783 68,006 209,573 511,958	311,548 517,513 156,839 54,063 89,589 472,438
Total Liabilities		1,932,530	1,601,990
Net Assets		667,592	742,231
CAPITAL and RESERVES			
Reserves: Asset Revaluation Reserve Unrealised Profits Reserve Currency Movement Reserve General Reserve Capital	1(h),4	59,391 0 483,201 60,000 65,000	61,257 356,434 203,540 59,000 62,000
Total Capital and Reserve		667,592	742,231

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes.

# NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

### **Note 1. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Central Banking Act 2000 (the "Act") and requirements of International Accounting Standards. In the event of any conflict between the requirements of the Act and the Accounting Standards the Bank (BPNG) is required to comply with the Act.

Unless otherwise stated, the accounting policies and practices followed in these statements are consistent with those followed in the previous year.

All amounts are expressed in Kina unless another currency is indicated. Current market values are used for all BPNG's major assets, including domestic and foreign marketable securities, gold and foreign currency, as well as for premises. In all other cases, a historical cost basis of accounting is used. Revenues and expenses are brought to account on an accrual basis. All revenues, expenses and profits are from ordinary activities of BPNG.

#### a) Gold

Gold holdings are valued at the Kina equivalent of the 3pm fix in the London gold market on the last business day of December.

### b) Foreign Exchange

Foreign Exchange holdings are invested mainly in securities (issued by the governments of the United States and Australia, and by the European Union) and bank deposits (with major OECD foreign commercial banks, central banks and international agencies).

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are converted to Kina equivalents at exchange rates ruling on the last business day of December. Realised and unrealised gains on foreign currency are immediately taken to profit, but in accordance with the Central Banking Act Section 50(1)(b) they are not available for distribution and therefore transferred to reserves.

### **Foreign Government Securities**

Foreign Government Securities comprise coupon and discount securities. Coupon securities have bi-annual interest payments depending on the currency and type of security. Interest earned on discount securities is the difference between the actual purchase cost and the face value of the security. The face value is received at maturity. Interest earned on securities is accrued over the term of the security.

Marketable securities are reported at market values on the last business day of December; realised and unrealised gains and losses arising in changes in market valuations during the year are taken to profit. Earnings on foreign currency investments are converted to Kina using the exchange rate of the day they are received.

### c) Domestic Government Securities

Domestic Government Securities comprise Treasury Bills and other Government Securities with a coupon rate.

Treasury Bills are recorded at their discounted purchase price. Interest earned on Treasury Bills is the difference between the actual purchase cost and face value of the Bill. The face value is received at maturity. Interest earned on Treasury Bills are accrued over the term of the Bill.

### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)**

Other Government securities are coupon securities with interest at a coupon rate. Interests earned on these securities are accrued over the term of the security. These securities are valued at cost as it is the Bank's policy to hold these securities to maturity.

### d) Repurchase agreements

In the course of its financial market operations, BPNG engages in repurchase agreements involving Papua New Guinea Kina securities.

Securities sold and contracted for purchase under repurchase agreements are reported on the balance sheet within the relevant investment portfolio and are valued at cost; the counterpart obligation to repurchase is included in "Other Liabilities". The difference between the sale and purchase price is recognised as interest expense over the term of the agreement.

Securities purchased and contracted for sale under repurchase agreements are reported within the relevant investment portfolio at contract amount. The difference between the purchase and sale price is recognised as interest income over the term of the agreement.

### e) Loans and Advances

Loans and Advances are made principally to staff or advances under an Export Agriculture Support Scheme covered by matching deposits from the Government. The Bank is of the view that given the nature of the lending and commitments it bears little risk in these exposures and has therefore raised no provisions against these loans and advances.

### f) Property, plant and equipment

A formal valuation of all BPNG properties is conducted on a triennial basis with the first such valuation being at 31 December 2001. The valuations are incorporated in the accounts.

Annual depreciation is based on market values and assessments of useful remaining life of assets.

Plant and equipment is recorded at cost less depreciation, which is calculated at rates appropriate to the estimated useful life of the relevant assets. Depreciation rates will be reviewed annually, and adjusted where necessary to reflect the most recent assessments of useful remaining life of assets.

Details of annual net expenditure, revaluation adjustments and depreciation of the assets are included in Note 10.

### g) Other Assets

Inventories are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Unissued currency stocks are carried at cost of acquisition and are amortised over a threeyear period commencing in the year following acquisition.

Stocks of numismatic currency are carried at face value plus incidental costs directly attributable to the acquisition.

Other consumable inventories are taken to expense in the year of purchase.

### h) Reserves

The General Reserve fund was established in 1976 as a reserve to protect the Bank against contingencies and losses arising from its operations in the financial sector and its involvement in foreign currency.

Asset revaluation reserves reflect the impact of changes in the market value of gold and property.

Unrealised gains on foreign exchange and securities are recognised in profit from ordinary activities. Until such gains are realised, they are retained in the Unrealised Profits Reserve.

Realised gains on foreign currency are recognised in profit from ordinary activities. When they are realised they are transferred to the Currency Movements Reserve and are not available for distribution.

During 2002 the Bank adopted the average cost methodology to distinguish between realised and unrealised foreign currency profits.

### i) Securities Issued

Securities issued are recorded at their discounted sale price. Interest paid on these securities is the difference between the actual sale price and the face value of the security. The face value is repaid on maturity. Interest expensed on bank securities is accrued over the term of the security.

### j) Provisions

BPNG maintains provisions for accrued annual leave and long service leave calculated on salaries prevailing at balance date.

### k) Profits

Profits of the Bank are determined and dealt with in accordance with Sections 49 and 50 of the Central Banking Act 2000 as follows:-

- a) Section 50(1)(b) states that net profit arising from foreign currency movements shall not be available to be distributed to the Government or paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund. Accordingly unrealised profits are transferred to the Unrealised Profits Reserve and realised profits to Currency Movements Reserve.
- b) The Board of the Bank is required to determine the net profit of the Bank and then consult with the Minister to determine the amount of profit that is to be placed to the credit of the Bank's Reserve Funds.
- c) The balance of net profit after any transfer in (a) and (b) in accordance with Sections 49(2a) and 50(1) of the Act is paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

	Note	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Note 2. NET PROFITS			
Interest revenue Domestic Government Securities Overseas Investments Other	1(c) _ _	116,151 31,930 5,961 154,042	76,845 44,846 3,658 125,349
Net gains/(losses) on securities Domestic Government securities Overseas Investments Foreign Currency	1 (b)	0 (3,069) (76,773) (79,842)	95 16,321 131,441 147,857
Fees and commissions Management & Licensing Fees Fees on Foreign Exchange Dealings Numismatic Currency	_ _	297 4,526 245 5,068	260 10,494 67 10,821
Other revenue Property rents Other	- -	798 2,522 3,320	758 1,290 2,048
Total	_ _	82,588	286,075
Less: Interest expense Deposit liabilities	_	55,071	73,820
General administrative expenses Staff costs Depreciation of property Depreciation of plant and equipment Premises and equipment	10	13,288 386 441	10,149 357 141 6,677
Consultant's fees Travel	19	6,901 2,112 1,411	1,501 1,346
Board fees and meeting expenses Other	17 -	315 11,430 36,284	236 6,345 26,752
Total	_ _ _	91,355	100,572
Net Profit/(Loss)	<u>-</u>	(8,767)	185,503

Note 3. INTEREST REVENUE AND INTEREST EXPENSE

Analysis for the year ended 31 December 2003

	Average Balance <u>K'000</u>	Interest <u>K'000</u>	Average Interest Rate <u>%</u>
1			
Interest Revenue	007.544	446.454	40.00
Domestic Government Securities	687,544	116,151	16.89
Overseas Investments	1,392,354	31,930	2.29
Other	82,032	5,961	7.27
	<u>2,161,930</u>	154,042	7.13
Interest Expense Deposits from government Securities issued Other deposits	25,959 253,232 693,695	3,577 43,119 8,945	13.78 17.03 1.29
	972,886	55,071	5.66
Analysis for the year ended 31 December 2002 Interest revenue total Interest expense total	2 2,306,830 1,140,998	125,349 73,820	5.43 7.35
	1,165,832	51,529	4.42

Note 4. RESERVES	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Changes in BPNG's various reserves are shown below		
Asset revaluation reserves		
Gold (note 1(a)) Opening balance Net revaluation adjustments As at 31 December 2003  Bank Properties (note 1(f))	59,644 (1,866) 57,778	37,841 21,803 <b>59,644</b>
Opening balance  Net revaluation adjustments As at 31 December 2003	1,613 0 1,613	1,613 0 <b>1,613</b>
Total asset revaluation reserves Opening balance Net revaluation adjustments As at 31 December 2003	61,257 (1,866) 59,391	39,454 21,802 <b>61,257</b>
Currency movements reserve (note 1(h)) Opening balance Net currency movements adjustments As at 31 December 2003	203,540 279,661 483,201	0 203,540 <b>203,540</b>
Unrealised profits reserve (note 1(b)) Opening balance Net revaluation adjustments As at 31 December 2003	356,434 (356,434) 0	428,534 (72,100) <b>356,434</b>
General Reserve Opening balance Transfer from 2002 Profits (note 13) As at 31 December 2003	59,000 1,000 60,000	59,000 0 <b>59,000</b>
Capital Opening balance Additional share capital issue (note 13) As at 31 December 2003	62,000 3,000 65,000	62,000 0 <b>62,000</b>
Total capital and reserves Opening balance Net profit/(loss) plus revaluation adjustment in asset revaluation reserve	742,231 (10,633)	588,988 207,306
Transfer to General Reserves Purchase of additional share capital Distribution to Government of Papua New Guinea As at 31 December 2003	1,000 3,000 (68,006) 667,592	0 0 (54,063) <b>742,231</b>

Note 5. CASH AND LIQUID ASSETS  Other Bank Cheques Held Tellers Holdings	2003 <u>K'000</u> 6 352	<b>2002 K'000</b> 0 204
Total Cash and Liquid Assets	358	204
Note 6. DOMESTIC GOVERNMENT SECURITIES  Inscribed Stock Treasury Bills Total Domestic Government Securities	75,523 591,921 667,444	94,093 621,260 <b>715,353</b>
Note 7. FOREIGN EXCHANGE  Bonds Short Term Deposits Nostro Balances Total Foreign Exchange	872,930 281,368 490,927 1,645,225	542,983 472,462 276,681 <b>1,292,126</b>
Note 8. LOANS & ADVANCES  Domestic Banks – Agricultural Export Commodity Support Domestic Banks – Other (RDB) Loans and Advances to Staff (including housing loans) Advances to Government Other	50,470 5,503 4,975 52,637 558	52,513 0 3,749 118,588 547
Note 9. OTHER ASSETS  Accrued Interest Receivable Government of Papua New Guinea Sundry Debtors	114,143 12,273 40,541 499	9,635 40,541 1,062
Inventories Other Total Other Assets	14,913 358 68,584	4,755 19 <b>56,012</b>

The Bank has shares in the Port Moresby Stock Exchange valued at K410,000.00 as at 31 December 2003 after K20,000.00 loan was converted to shares.

Note 10. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIP. (note 1(f))	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Properties Opening balance Additions Disposals	17,082 1,063 0	16,465 617 0
Depreciation prior to revaluation  Book value prior to revaluations  Net revaluation adjustments (note 4)  As at 31 December	18,145 0 18,145 0 18,145	17,082 0 17,082 0 17,082
Plant and equipment Opening balance Additions Disposals	1,092 1,029 (160)	619 473 0
Accumulated Depreciation Depreciation for the year As at 31 December	1,961 (1,004) (828) (1,832)	(574) (430) (1,004)
Total property, plant and equipment	18,274	17,170

The first triennial independent revaluation of all Bank properties occurred as at 31 December 2001

Note 11. DOMESTIC CURRENCY DEPOSITS	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Banks Exchange Settlement accounts Other Deposits Government and Government Instrumentalities	66,366 87,002 115,922	8,036 184,371 117,672
Other Deposits Total Domestic Currency Deposits	1,700 270,990	1,469 <b>311,548</b>
Note 12. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Loans received from International Monetary Fund (IMF) Allocation of SDR from IMF Other Total Foreign Currency Deposits	404,186 45,903 131 450,220	465,676 50,626 1,211 <b>517,513</b>

Loans received from the International Monetary Fund are repayable over the next three years. All loans received from the IMF are denominated in SDRs.

The loans from IMF are secured by Promissory Notes issued by the Government of Papua New Guinea.

Note 13. DISTRIBUTION PAYABLE TO GOVERNMENT	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Opening Balance Payments in the Year Transfer to General Reserves Additional Share Capital Issued Current Year's Earnings Available for Distribution Total Distribution Payable to Government	54,063 (50,063) (1,000) (3,000) 68,006 68,006	35,595 (35,595) 0 0 54,063 54,063
Note 14. OTHER LIABILITIES	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Amount Outstanding Under Repurchase Agreement Provision for employee entitlements (note 1(j)) Accrued interest on deposits and securities issued Sundry Creditors Other Total Other Liabilities	119,816 1,697 7,087 3,588 77,385 209,573	25,580 1,534 1,135 6,656 54,684 89,589

Other liabilities includes an amount of K65,363,330 (2002 K29,537,516) in unpresented cheques issued to public holders for maturities or interest on rollover of securities issued by the bank.

Note 15. CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Notes Coins	471,225 40.733	433,410 39,028
	511,958	472,438

# Note 16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND OTHER ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

BPNG had no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2003.

At 31 December 2003 BPNG had contract commitments with external counterparties for the provision of certain premises and support services, including security, cleaning and computer system maintenance and support.

### Note 17. REMUNERATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Total fees, allowances, remuneration and other expenses paid to members of the Board, including the Governor and Deputy Governors of BPNG, was **K 910,213** (2002 = K861, 425).

### Note 18. REMUNERATION OF EXECUTIVES

Total employment packages and remuneration for the 10 most highly paid officers of the Bank, including the Governor and Deputy Governors, was **K 1,795,724** (2002 = K1,825,111).

Remuneration Bands		Bands	2003	2002	
			<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	
90,000	-	99,999	0	0	
100,000	-	149,999	6	6	
150,000	-	199,999	2	2	
200,000	-	299,999	1	1	
300,000	-	549,999	1	1	

### Note 19. REMUNERATION OF AUDITOR AND CONSULTANTS

Fees paid or payable to the statutory auditor (the Auditor General) for audit services totaled **K198,000** in 2003 (2002 - K160, 000). They are included in "Consultants' fees" in Note 2. Consultants fees also include legal fees **K1,467,124** (2002 - K813,525) and payments to specialists for "review and advice" services.

A number of consultants are engaged to technically assist the Bank to develop and implement policies and procedures. Major consultancies were in relation to:

- Economic Policy Assistance
- Accounting Policy and Procedure Advisory Services
- Continued Reviews of the Banks and Financial Institutions Act, Life Insurance Act and Superannuation (General Provisions) Act

Total charges paid in 2003 for major consultancies was K446,913 (2002 – K473,607).

### Note 20. SEGMENT REPORTING

BPNG operates as a central bank, predominantly in one geographical area.

### Note 21. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

International Accounting Standard IAS 32 – Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation - requires disclosure of information relating to: both recognised and unrecognised financial instruments, their significance and performance, accounting policy terms and conditions; net fair values and risk information.

A financial instrument is defined as any contract that gives rise to both a financial asset of one enterprise and financial liability or equity instrument of another enterprise. The identifiable financial instruments for BPNG are its domestic government securities, its foreign government securities, securities issued, bank deposits, currency in circulation and deposit liabilities.

**Net fair value** is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Except for domestic government securities BPNG's recognised financial instruments are carried at current market value, which approximates net fair value.

**Financial risk** of financial instruments embodies price risk (currency risk and interest rate risk); credit risk; liquidity risk; and cash flow risk. IAS 32 requires disclosure of interest rate risk and credit risk.

The interest rate and credit risk tables are based on BPNG's settled portfolio as reported in BPNG's balance sheet.

### Interest rate risk

**Interest rate risk** is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The following table shows BPNG's balance sheet restated in compliance with IAS 32.

### Interest rate risk

As at 31 December 2003

	Balance sheet Total K'000	Floating interest rate %	0 to 3 months	Repricing K'000 3 to 12 months	Period 1 to 5 years	over 5 years	Not bearing interest K'000	Weighted average rate %
Assets Gold holdings	86,093						86,093	
Foreign Exchange Deposits & Other Securities	1,645,225	1,0	73,483	27,311	447,844	96,587		1.82
Kina Securities and Advance Government Securities Loans & Advances Sub-total	s 667,444 114,143 <b>781,587</b>		214,343 57,637 <b>271,980</b>	406,411 1,244 <b>407,655</b>	46,690 3,959 <b>50,649</b>	51,303 <b>51,303</b>		15.32 2.34
Property Plant and equipment Cash and Liquid Assets Other Assets Sub-total	18,274 358 68,585 <b>87,217</b>						18,274 358 68,585 <b>87,217</b>	
Total Assets	2,600,122	1,3	345,463	434,966	498,493	147,890	173,310	
Liabilities								
Foreign Liabilities Foreign Currency Deposit	450,220				404,186		46,034	2.42
Foreign Liabilities	450,220 511,958 421,783 270,990 277,579	3	328,499 67,366	93,284	404,186		46,034 511,958 203,624 277,579	2.42 14.37 0.03
Foreign Liabilities Foreign Currency Deposit  Domestic Liabilities Currency in Circulation Securities issued Deposits	511,958 421,783 270,990 277,579 1,482,310	3	67,366 895,865	93,284	404,186		511,958 203,624	14.37
Foreign Liabilities Foreign Currency Deposit  Domestic Liabilities Currency in Circulation Securities issued Deposits Other	511,958 421,783 270,990 277,579	3	67,366	•	404,186	1	511,958 203,624 277,579	14.37
Foreign Liabilities Foreign Currency Deposit  Domestic Liabilities Currency in Circulation Securities issued Deposits Other Sub-total	511,958 421,783 270,990 277,579 1,482,310	3	67,366 895,865	93,284		1	511,958 203,624 277,579 <b>993,161</b>	14.37

### Interest rate risk

As at 31 December 2002

	Balance sheet Total K'000	Floating interest rate %	0 to 3 months	Repricing K'000 3 to 12 months	Period 1 to 5 years	over 5 years	Not bearing interest K'000	Weighted average rate %
Total Assets	2,344,221	1,7	726,091	69,347	332,741	54,697	161,345	5.35
Total Liabilities	1,601,990		164,875		465,676		971,439	4.61
Capital and reserves	742,231							
Total Liabilities and capital	2,344,221							

All recognised financial instruments are shown at net fair value.

All financial instruments are shown at their repricing period, which is equivalent to the remaining term to maturity

### Credit risk

Credit risk in relation to a financial instrument is the risk that a customer, bank or other counter-party will not meet its obligation (or to be permitted to meet them) in accordance with agreed terms.

BPNG's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to each class of recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the balance sheet. BPNG's exposures are to highly rated counter-parties and its credit risk is very low.

### Concentration of credit risk

The following table indicates the concentration of credit risk in BPNG's investment portfolio

Security type	Risk rating of security issuer	Risk rating of counter-parties	% of total assets portfolio at 31/12/03	% of total asset portfolio at 31/12/02
Kina Securities Papua New Guinea Government Securities	В	-	25.67	30.21
Foreign Investments Holdings of Securities Short Term Deposits	AAA P-1	AA+ AA+	33.57 10.82	22.93 19.95

## Note 22. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

This statement of cash flow is included as a statutory requirement and does not add any significant meaning to the financial statements.

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2003

	2003 <u>K'000</u>	2002 <u>K'000</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Interest received	154,042	125,349
Other Income	284,980	232,826
Interest Expense	(55,071)	(73,820)
Administrative Expense	(36,284)	(26,752)
<u>'</u>	347,667	257,603
Cash flows from investment activities		
Net expenditure on property, plant & equipment	(1,104)	(303)
	(1,104)	(303)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Profit Payment to Government	(50,063)	(35,595)
Net Movement in Domestic Government Securities	47,909	36,961
Net Movement in Foreign Exchange	(709,533)	229,951
Net Movement in Loans & Advances	61,254	(118,280)
Net Movement in Domestic Deposits	(40,558)	(135,315)
Net Movement in Securities Issued	264,944	(442,031)
Net Movement in Currency Deposits	(67,293)	60,748
Net Movement in Currency in Circulation	39,520	87,109
Other _	107,411	<u>59,161</u>
	(340,548)	(257,291)
Net increase/(decrease)	154	9
Opening Cash _	204	195
Closing Cash _	358	204

# **DECLARATION BY MANAGEMENT** In our opinion the foregoing Operating Statement and Statement of Financial Position, including the Notes to and forming part thereof, have been drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate for the year ended 31 December 2003. For and on behalf of the Bank of Papua New Guinea. L. Wilson Kamit CBE Benny Popoitai MBE Deputy Governor Governor 11 June 2004

### REPORT OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL

The Honourable Bart Philemon Minister for Finance and Treasury Central Government Office WAIGANI National Capital District

Dear Sir,

### **BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

In accordance with Section 8(4) of the Audit Act 1989 (as amended), I have inspected and audited the accompanying financial statements of the Bank of Papua New Guinea for the year ended 31 December 2003, as set out on pages 2 to 17, submitted by the Bank of Papua New Guinea under Section 63(4) of the Public Finances (Management) Act 1995. The Bank's Board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements and the information contained therein. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Bank's Board.

My audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. My audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements and evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly and in accordance with International Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Bank's financial position and the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### **AUDIT OPINION**

I now report that in my opinion:-

- (a) the financial statements are based on proper accounts and records; and
- (b) the statements are in agreement with those accounts and records and show fairly the state of the affairs of the Bank as at 31 December 2003, and the results of its financial operations and its cashflows for the year then ended.

Yours faithfully,

MARK M. WANI MBE Auditor-General