# BANK OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA STATUTORY ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <u>K'000</u>
REVENUES			
Interest Revenue Net Gains/ (Losses) on Securities Fees and commissions Other revenue	_	123,806 (28,135) 8,057 1,500	154,042 (79,842) 5,068 3,320
Total Revenue	2 _	105,228	82,588
EXPENSES			
Interest Expense		72,646	55,071
General Administrative Expenses	_	43,927	36,284
Total Expenses	2 _	116,573	91, <u>355</u>
Net Profit/ (Loss)		(11,345)	(8,767)
Net revaluation adjustment in asset revaluation reserve	4 _	8	(1,866)
Net Profit/ (Loss) plus net revaluation adjustment in asset revaluation reserve		(11,337)	(10,633)

STATEMENT OF DISTRIBUTION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004				
Net Profit/ (Loss)	2	(11,345)	(8,767)	
Transfer from/ (to) Currency Movements Reserve		44,656	(279,661)	
Transfer from/ (to) Unrealised Profits Reserve	4	(15,748)	356,434	
Profit Available for Distribution		17,563	68,006	

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	2004 K'000	2003 K'000
ASSETS		11.000	<u></u>
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	273 702,028 1,975,055 86,101 57,671 19,504 14,436	358 667,444 1,645,225 86,093 114,143 18,274 68,585
Total Assets		2,855,068	2,600,122
LIABILITIES			
Domestic Currency Deposits Foreign Currency Deposits Securities Issued Profit Available for Distribution Other Liabilities Currency in Circulation Total Liabilities	11 12 1(i) 2,4,13 14 15	445,208 245,321 891,491 17,563 67,484 531,309 2,198,376	270,990 450,220 421,783 68,006 209,573 511,958 <b>1,932,530</b>
Net Assets		656,692	667,592
CAPITAL and RESERVES			
Reserves: Asset Revaluation Reserve Unrealised Profits Reserve Currency Movement Reserve General Reserve Capital	1(h), 4	59,399 15,748 438,545 69,000 <u>74,000</u>	59,391 0 483,201 60,000 65,000
Total Capital and Reserve		656,692	667,592

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 2004

### **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. Interests 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	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <u>K'000</u>
Note 2. NET PROFITS			
Interest revenue Domestic Government Securities Overseas Investments Other	1(c) - -	77,132 45,069 1,605 123,806	116,151 31,930 5,961 154,042
Net gains/ (losses) on securities Domestic Government securities Overseas Investments Foreign Currency	1 (b)	15 758 (28,908) (28,135)	0 (3,069) (76,773) (79,842)
Fees and commissions Management & Licensing Fees Fees on Foreign Exchange Dealings Numismatic Currency	<u>-</u>	4,361 3,682 14 8,057	297 4,526 245 5,068
Other revenue Property rents Other	<u>-</u> -	794 706 1,500	798 2,522 3,320
Total	_ _	105,228	82,588
Less: Interest expense Deposit liabilities	_	72,646	55,07 <u>1</u>
General administrative expenses Staff costs Depreciation of property Depreciation of plant and equipment	10	15,486 368 606	13,288 386 441
Premises and equipment Consultant's fees	19	7,223 1,725	6,901 2,112
Travel Board fees and meeting expenses Currency Distribution expenses Other	17 	1,202 547 6,636 10,134 43,927	1,411 315 5,370 6,060 36,284
Total	-	116,573	91,355
Net Profit/ (Loss)	-	(11,345)	(8,767)

# Note 3. INTEREST REVENUE AND INTEREST EXPENSE

Analysis for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Average Balance	Interest	Average Interest Rate
	<u>K'000</u>	<u>K'000</u>	<u></u>
Interest Revenue			
Domestic Government Securities	643,933	77,132	11.98
Overseas Investments	1,823,050	45,069	2.47
Other	63,829	1,605	2.51
	2,530,812	123,806	4.89
Interest Expense			
Deposits from government	109,845	1,284	1.17
Securities issued	601,135	60,966	10.14
Other deposits	562,542	10,308	1.83
	1,273,521	72,558	5.70
Analysis for the year ended 31 December 2003			
Interest revenue total	2,306,830	154,042	7.13
Interest expense total	972,886	55,071	5.66
	1,333,944	98,971	7.42

	2004 K'000	2003 K'000
Note 4. RESERVES	<u>K 000</u>	<u>K 000</u>
Changes in BPNG's various reserves are shown below		
Asset revaluation reserves		
Gold (note 1(a))		
Opening balance	57,778	59,644
Net revaluation adjustments  As at 31 December 2004	<u>8</u>	(1,866) 57,779
AS at 31 December 2004	57,786	<u>57,778</u>
Bank Properties (note 1(f))		
Opening balance	1,613	1,613
Net revaluation adjustments	0	0
As at 31 December 2004	1,613	1,613
Total asset revaluation reserves		
Opening balance	59,391	61,257
Net revaluation adjustments	8	(1,866)
As at 31 December 2004	59,399	<u>59,391</u>
Currency movements reserve (note 1(h))		
Opening balance	483,201	203,540
Net currency movements adjustments	(44,656)	279,661
As at 31 December 2004	438,545	483,201
Houselined weefte manning (note 4/h)		
Unrealised profits reserve (note 1(b)) Opening balance	0	356,434
Net revaluation adjustments	15,748	(356,434)
As at 31 December 2004	15,748	0
General Reserve	CO 000	F0 000
Opening balance Transfer from 2003 Profits (note 13)	60,000 9,000	59,000 1,000
As at 31 December 2004	69,000	60,000
Capital		
Opening balance	65,000	62,000
Additional share capital issue (note 13)  As at 31 December 2004	9,000 74,000	3,000 <b>65,000</b>
7.6 dt 61 2000mb01 2001	,000	30,000
Total capital and reserves	667 500	740 004
Opening balance Net profit/ (loss) plus revaluation adjustment in asset	667,592	742,231
revaluation reserve	(11,337)	(10,633)
Transfer to General Reserves	9,000	1,000
Purchase of additional share capital	9,000	3,000
Profit Available for Distribution	(17,563)	(68,006)
As at 31 December 2004	656,692	667,592

Note 5. CASH AND LIQUID ASSETS	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <u>K'000</u>
Other Bank Cheques Held Tellers Holdings Total Cash and Liquid Assets	0 273 273	6 352 <b>358</b>
Note 6. DOMESTIC GOVERNMENT SECURITIES		
Inscribed Stock Treasury Bills Total Domestic Government Securities	74,971 627,057 702,028	75,523 591,921 667,444
Note 7. FOREIGN EXCHANGE		
Bonds Short Term Deposits Nostro Balances Total Foreign Exchange	1,408,249 296,221 270,585 1,975,055	872,930 281,368 490,927 <b>1,645,225</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 Loans and Advances – Other (Cocoa Board) Other Total Loans and Advances	24,090 0 5,476 1,338 26,220 547 57,671	50,470 5,503 4,975 52,637 0 558 114,143
Note 9. OTHER ASSETS		
Accrued Interest Receivable Government of Papua New Guinea Sundry Debtors Inventories Other Total Other Assets	3,487 0 499 9,027 1,423 14,436	12,273 40,541 499 14,913 358 68,584

The Bank has shares in the Port Moresby Stock Exchange valued at K410,000.00 as at 31 December 2004.

Note 10. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIP. (note 1(f))	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <u>K'000</u>
Properties Opening balance Additions Disposals	18,145 1,339 (606)	17,082 1,063 <u>0</u>
Depreciation prior to revaluation  Book value prior to revaluations  Net revaluation adjustments (note 4)	18,878 0 18,878 0	18,145 0 18,145 0
As at 31 December  Plant and equipment Opening balance	18,878 1,961	18,145
Additions Disposals	1,396 (121) 3,236	1,092 1,029 (160) <b>1,961</b>
Accumulated Depreciation Depreciation for the year As at 31 December	(1,832) (778) (2,610)	(1,004) (828) (1,832)
Total property, plant and equipment	19,504	18,274

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

Note 11. DOMESTIC CURRENCY DEPOSITS	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <u>K'000</u>
Banks Exchange Settlement accounts Other Deposits Government and Government Instrumentalities Other Deposits Total Domestic Currency Deposits	230,837 101,193 105,439 7,739 445,208	66,366 87,002 115,922 1,700 <b>270,990</b>
Note 12. FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <u>K'000</u>
Loans received from International Monetary Fund (IMF) Allocation of SDR from IMF Other Total Foreign Currency Deposits	200,317 44,993 11 245,321	404,186 45,903 131 450,220

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. PROFIT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <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	68,006 (50,006) (9,000) (9,000) 17,563	54,063 (50,063) (1,000) (3,000) 68,006
Total Available for Distribution  Note 14. OTHER LIABILITIES	17,563 2004 <u>K'000</u>	68,006 2003 <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	0 2,429 3,711 6,117 55,227 67,484	119,816 1,697 7,087 3,588 77,385 209,573

Other liabilities includes an amount of K38,574,164 (2003 K65,363,330) in unpresented cheques issued to public holders for maturities or interest on rollover of securities issued by the bank.

Note 15. CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <u>K'000</u>
Notes Coins	489,350 41,959 531,309	471,225 40,733 511,958

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

BPNG had no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2004.

At 31 December 2004 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 1,002,798** (2003 = K910,213).

### 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 1,787,996** (2003 = K1,795,724).

Remuneration Bands		200	4	2003	
		<u>Numbe</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>Number</u>	
-	149,999		7	6	
-	199,999		1	2	
-	299,999		1	1	
-	549,999		1	1	
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### Note 19. REMUNERATION OF AUDITOR AND CONSULTANTS

Fees paid or payable to the statutory auditor (the Auditor General) for audit services totaled **K220,000** in 2004 (2003 - K198, 000). They are included in "Consultants' fees" in Note 2. Consultants fees also include legal fees of **K910,442** (2003 - K1,467,124) and payments to specialists for "review and advice" services.

A number of consultants are engaged to technically assist the Bank to develop and implement strategic planning and operational 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 2004 for major consultancies was K521, 501 (2003 - K446, 913).

### 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 2004

	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	86,101						86,101	
Foreign Exchange Deposits & Other Securities	1,975,055	g	943,717	245,195	638,754	147,389		2.20
Kina Securities and Advance Government Securities Loans & Advances Sub-total	57,671 759,699		528,968 5,475 <b>534,443</b>	173,060 1,338 <b>174,398</b>	26,767 <b>26,767</b>	24,091 <b>24,091</b>		4.62 2.34
Property Plant and equipment Cash and Liquid Assets Other Assets Sub-total	19,504 273 14,436 <b>34,213</b>						19,504 273 14,436 <b>34,213</b>	<u></u>
Total Assets	2,855,068	1,4	78,160	419,593	665,521	171,480	120,314	
Liabilities Foreign Liabilities Foreign Currency Deposit	245,321				200,317		45,004	2.31
Domestic Liabilities Currency in Circulation Securities issued Deposits Other Sub-total	531,309 891,491 445,208 85,047 <b>1,951,685</b>	2	751,495 230,837 <b>982,332</b>	139,996 <b>139,996</b>			531,309 214,371 85,047 <b>830,727</b>	3.64 0.03
Total Liabilities	2,198,376		82,332	139,996	200,228		875,361	
Capital and reserves	656,692		,	•	,		,	
Total Liabilities and capital	2,854,608							

### Interest rate risk

As at 31 December 2003

	Balance sheet Total K'000		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	2,600,122	1,34	15,463	434,966	498,493	147,890	173,310	19.48
Total Liabilities	1,932,530	39	95,865	93,284	404,186		1,039,195	16.82
Capital and reserves	667,592							
Total Liabilities and capital	2,600,122							

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 31/12/04	% of total asset portfolio at 31/12/03
Kina Securities Papua New Guinea Government Securities	В	-	24.59	25.67
Foreign Investments Holdings of Securities Short Term Deposits	AAA P-1	AA+ AA+	49.63 10.38	33.57 10.82

# 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 2004

	2004 <u>K'000</u>	2003 <u>K'000</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Interest received	123,806	154,042
Other Income/(Loss)	(34,326)	284,980
Interest Expense	(72,646)	(55,071)
Administrative Expense	(43,927)	(36,284)
	(27,073)	347,667
Cash flows from investment activities		
Net expenditure on property, plant & equipment	(1,230)	(1,104)
	(1,230)	(1,104)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Profit Payment to Government	(50,006)	(50,063)
Net Movement in Domestic Government Securities	(34,584)	47,909
Net Movement in Foreign Exchange	(314,082)	(709,533)
Net Movement in Loans & Advances	56,472	61,254
Net Movement in Domestic Deposits  Net Movement in Securities Issued	174,218 469,708	(40,558) 264,944
Net Movement in Currency Deposits	(204,899)	(67,293)
Net Movement in Currency in Circulation	19,351	39,520
Other	(87,940)	107,411
	28,238	(340,548)
Net increase/ (decrease)	(85)	154
Opening Cash	358	204
Closing Cash	273	358

# **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 2004. For and on behalf of the Bank of Papua New Guinea. L. Wilson Kamit CBE Benny Popoitai MBE Governor Deputy Governor 09 June 2005

### 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 2004, and the results of its financial operations and its cashflows for the year then ended.

Yours faithfully,

MARK M. WANI MBE Auditor-General