

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS ON CHAITRA END 2080 FY 2080/81

Citizens Bank International Limited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As on Quarter ended Chaitra 2080

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	This Quarter ending	Immmediate Previous year ending	This Quarter ending	Immmediate Previous year ending
Assets				
Cash And Cash Equivalent	11,395,680,380	9,772,068,845	11,301,062,072	9,764,245,573
Due From Nepal Rastra Bank	7,192,287,547	6,703,008,872	7,192,287,547	6,703,008,872
Placement With Bank And Financial Institutions	1,753,365,318	2,236,412,161	1,753,365,318	2,236,412,161
Derivative Financial Instruments	-	17,045,476	-	17,045,476
Other Trading Assets	455,000,346	517,657,315	267,633,785	318,872,100
Loans And Advances To B/FIs	1,834,905,822	2,510,671,744	1,834,905,822	2,510,671,744
Loans And Advances To Customers	152,526,500,463	139,832,005,022	152,569,900,463	139,832,005,022
Investment Securities	32,019,578,221	28,699,734,464	32,005,413,340	28,685,569,583
Current Tax Assets	273,870,815	286,244,148	272,330,650	283,947,414
Investment In Subsidiaries	-	-	317,204,200	317,204,200
Investment In Associates	173,948,575	173,948,575	309,973,945	330,011,545
Investment Property	462,812,497	256,128,571	462,812,497	256,128,571
Property And Equipment	3,961,407,668	3,766,202,005	3,948,245,195	3,757,646,456
Goodwill And Intangible Assets	167,725,237	179,985,754	167,453,999	179,517,754
Deferred Tax Assets	146,810,354	123,021,311	91,056,075	62,803,729
Other Assets	6,087,112,996	3,523,909,817	6,148,063,184	3,677,520,668
Total Assets	218,451,006,238	198,598,044,082	218,641,708,092	198,932,610,867
Liabilities				
Due To Bank And Financial Institutions	5,041,520,392	3,714,711,816	5,041,520,392	3,714,711,816
Due To Nepal Rastra Bank	- -	-	-	-
Derivative Financial Instruments	2,556,318	-	2,556,318	-
Deposits From Customers	182,167,606,700	168,432,895,149	182,504,924,051	168,842,139,608
Borrowing	- -	-	-	-
Current Tax Liabilities	-	_	-	-
Provisions	5,306,626	5,306,626	5,306,626	5,306,626
Deferred Tax Liabilities		-	- , ,	-
Other Liabilities	4,407,010,061	2,946,359,975	4,321,495,615	2,927,086,615
Debt Securities Issued	5,466,919,310	2,479,847,548	5,466,919,310	2,479,847,548
Subordinated Liabilities	-	-, , , -	-	-, , , -
Total Liabilities	197,090,919,406	177,579,121,114	197,342,722,311	177,969,092,212
Equity		,	-2 1,5 1-,1,5	
Share Capital	14,200,974,006	14,200,974,006	14,200,974,006	14,200,974,006
Share Premium				-
Retained Earnings	89,155,088	923,246,617	18,919,122	846,989,180
Reserves	6,975,743,814	5,796,746,690	7,079,092,654	5,915,555,469
Total Equity Attributable To Equity Holders	21,265,872,907	20,920,967,314	21,298,985,781	20,963,518,655
Non-Controlling Interest	94,213,925	97,955,654	,,0,,00,,01	
Total Equity	21,360,086,832	21,018,922,968	21,298,985,781	20,963,518,655
Total Liabilities And Equity	218,451,006,238	198,598,044,082	218,641,708,092	198,932,610,867
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Citizens Bank International Limited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss

For the Quarter ended Chaitra 2080

	Group				Bank				
Particulars	Currer	Current Year		s Year ing Period	Curre	nt Year		us Year ding Period	
		Upto This Quarter		Upto This Quarter		Upto This Quarter		Upto This Quarter	
	This Quarter	(YTD)	This Quarter	(YTD)	This Quarter	(YTD)	This Quarter	(YTD)	
Interest Income	4,812,916,315	14,944,463,790	5,251,608,540	15,529,763,400	4,809,177,840	14,933,112,608	5,251,668,183	15,524,849,532	
Interest Expense	(3,386,353,517)	(10,654,146,291)	(3,686,652,970)	(11,098,235,382)	(3,392,968,554)	(10,677,071,855)	(3,698,274,850)	(11,125,668,587)	
Net Interest Income	1,426,562,799	4,290,317,499	1,564,955,569	4,431,528,017	1,416,209,286	4,256,040,753	1,553,393,332	4,399,180,944	
Fee And Commission Income	307,142,115	960,652,109	257,033,441	760,879,318	294,185,434	924,373,631	248,466,420	739,625,547	
Fee And Commission Expense	(32,020,389)	(104,640,177)	(31,038,575)	(98,432,758)	(31,400,018)	(102,235,913)	(30,763,200)	(97,019,826)	
Net Fee And Commission Income	275,121,726	856,011,932	225,994,866	662,446,560	262,785,416	822,137,718	217,703,220	642,605,721	
Net Interest, Fee And Commission Income	1,701,684,525	5,146,329,431	1,790,950,435	5,093,974,578	1,678,994,702	5,078,178,471	1,771,096,553	5,041,786,665	
Net Trading Income	32,916,884	68,630,120	15,804,841	95,275,213	35,786,521	75,207,700	18,793,535	102,828,606	
Other Operating Income	17,465,581	48,212,130	9,005,718	12,219,321	17,465,581	48,212,130	9,005,718	12,196,971	
Total Operating Income	1,752,066,990	5,263,171,681	1,815,760,994	5,201,469,111	1,732,246,804	5,201,598,301	1,798,895,805	5,156,812,242	
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Impairment (Charge)/Reversal For Loans And Other Losses	(126,209,953)	(985,711,111)	(507,463,880)	(1,126,678,178)	(126,209,953)	(985,711,111)	(507,463,880)	(1,126,678,178)	
Net Operating Income	1,625,857,036	4,277,460,570	1,308,297,114	4,074,790,933	1,606,036,851	4,215,887,190	1,291,431,925	4,030,134,064	
Operating Expense									
Personnel Expenses	(524,792,855)	(1,467,326,578)	(486,594,623)	(1,422,808,803)	(518,335,712)	(1,448,513,506)	(482,242,796)	(1,413,064,315)	
Other Operating Expenses	(230,862,448)	(662,984,642)	(203,656,925)	(609,226,956)	(226,260,042)	(651,267,068)	(202,793,897)	(606,036,676)	
Depreciation & Amortisation	(86,709,503)	(256,171,377)	(29,699,745)	(243,643,723)	(86,121,731)	(254,333,189)	(29,055,275)	(241,720,502)	
Operating Profit	783,492,230	1,890,977,973	588,345,820	1,799,111,450	775,319,366	1,861,773,427	577,339,956	1,769,312,570	
Non Operating Income	2,662,973	13,118,474	2,718,091	8,980,979	3,892,395	18,128,288	4,552,513	14,484,247	
Non Operating Expense	<u> </u>	-	-		<u> </u>		-		
Profit Before Income Tax	786,155,203	1,904,096,447	591,063,911	1,808,092,430	779,211,762	1,879,901,715	581,892,469	1,783,796,817	
Income Tax Expense									
Current Tax	(325,364,674)	(683,519,152)	(189,856,269)	(555, 266, 185)	(322,373,242)	(673,685,234)	(187,163,914)	(547,735,218)	
Deferred Tax	(27,526,169)	6,748,307	-	-	(28,206,549)	5,200,331	-	-	
Profit(Loss) For The Period	433,264,360	1,227,325,603	401,207,642	1,252,826,245	428,631,971	1,211,416,813	394,728,556	1,236,061,599	
Profit Attributable To:									
Equity Holders Of The Bank	431,404,396	1,221,033,154	400,027,195	1,249,157,559	428,631,971	1,211,416,813	394,728,556	1,236,061,599	
Non-Controlling Interest	1,859,964	6,292,448	1,180,447	3,668,686	 =	-		- · · · · -	
Profit For The Period	433,264,360	1,227,325,603	401,207,642	1,252,826,245	428,631,971	1,211,416,813	394,728,556	1,236,061,599	

Citizens Bank International Limited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Quarter ended Chaitra 2080

Bank Group Particulars Current Year Previous Year Current Year Previous Year Corresponding Corresponding Up to This Quarter Up to This Quarter Up to This Quarter Up to This Quarter This Quarter (YTD) This Quarter (YTD) This Quarter (YTD) This Quarter (YTD) Profit or Loss for the Period 433,264,360 1,227,325,603 401,207,642 1,252,826,245 428,631,971 1,211,416,813 394,728,556 1,236,061,599 Other Comprehensive Income a) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss Gains/(losses) from investments in equity instruments measured at fair value 27,791,708 (56,802,448) (118,787,068) (143,295,371) 37,446,188 (76,840,048) (118,787,069) (143,295,372) Gains/(losses) on revalution Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit plans Income tax relating to above items (8,337,512) 17,040,734 35,636,120 42,988,611 (11,233,856) 23,052,014 35,636,120 42,988,611 Net other comprehsive income that will not be reclassified to profit or loss 19,454,195.38 (39,761,713.79) (83,150,947.29) (100,306,760) 26,212,331.38 (53,788,033.79) (83,150,948) (100,306,761) b) Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss Gains/(losses) on cash flow hedge Exchange gains/(losses) (arising from translating financial assets of foreign operation) Income tax relating to above items Net other comprehsive income that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss c) Share of other comprehensive income of associate accounted as per equity method (83,150,948) Other Comprehensive Income For The Period, Net Of Income Tax 19 454 195 (39,761,714) (83,150,947) (100,306,760) 26,212,331 (53,788,034) (100,306,761) Total Comprehensive Income For The Period 452,718,555 1,187,563,889 318,056,694 1,152,519,485 454,844,302 1,157,628,779 311,577,607 1,135,754,838 Profit Attributable To: Equity Holders Of The Bank 450,858,592 1,181,271,441 316,876,248 1,148,850,799 454,844,302 1,157,628,779 311,577,607 1,135,754,838 Non-Controlling Interest 1,859,964 6,292,448 1,180,447 3,668,686 Total 452,718,555 1,187,563,889 318,056,694 1,152,519,485 454,844,302 1,157,628,779 311,577,607 1,135,754,838 **Earnings Per Share** Basic Earnings Per Share 8.64 8.82 8.53 8.70 Annualized Basic Earnings Per Share 11.52 11.76 11.37 11.61 Diluted Earnings Per Share 11.52 11.76 11.37 11.61

Ratios as per NRB Directive

	Group					Bank			
Partuculars	Curren	t Year	Previous Y	ear	Curre	ent Year	Previ	Previous Year	
		_	Correspond	ding			Corre	sponding	
		Up to This		Up to This		Up to This		Up to This	
	This	Quarter		Quarter	This	Quarter	This	Quarter	
	Quarter	(YTD)	This Quarter	(YTD)	Quarter	(YTD)	Quarter	(YTD)	
Capital fund to RWA		13.20%		12.04%		13.04%		11.87%	
Non-Performing loan(NPL) to Total Loan		3.76%		3.98%		3.76%		3.98%	
Total Loan loss provision to Total NPL		98.27%		82.26%		98.27%		82.26%	
Cost of Funds		6.95%		8.88%		6.95%		8.88%	
Credit to Deposit Ratio	84.21%		86.86%		84.21%		86.86%		
Base Rate	8.99%		11.14%		8.99%		11.14%		
Interest Spread Rate	4.00%		4.20%		4.00%		4.20%		

Citizens Bank International Limited

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Quarter ended Chaitra 2080

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Attributable to Equity Holders of the Group Non-Exchange Controlling **Total Equity** Regulatory Revaluation Share Capital **Share Premium** General Reserve Equalisation Fair Value Reserve Retained Earning Other Reserve Total Interest Reserve Reserve Reserve Balance at Shrawan 1, 2079 14,200,974,005 3,037,864,152 407,893,594 20,301,994,813 20,389,705,978 74,958,037 379,876,163 111,948,908 1,378,123,153 710,356,802 87,711,164 Adjustment of previous year (171,209) (171,209) (171,209) Profit for the Period 1,894,060,983 1.894.060.983 10,463,118 1,904,524,102 Other Comprehensive income 2,810,802 4,891 669,073 3,484,766 3,455 3,488,221 2,810,802 1,894,065,874 669,073 1,897,545,749 10,466,574 1,908,012,323 Total Comprehensive income Transfer to reserve during the year 375,278,654 (51,777,267) 451,927,603 (1,070,750,161) 295,321,172 Transfer from reserve during the year Contributions from and distributtion to owners Share issued Share based payments Dividends to equity holders Bonus shares issued Cash dividend paid (1,278,087,660) (1,278,087,660) (1,278,087,660) Other 66,621 (381,000)(314,379)(222,085)(536,464) (1,278,624,124) Total contributions by and distributions (1,278,021,039) (381,000) (1,278,402,039) (222,085) Balance at Ashad end 2080 14,200,974,005 3,413,142,806 23,180,770 831,803,766 114,759,709 407,893,594 923,246,617 1,005,966,047 20,920,967,314 97,955,653 21,018,922,967 Balance at Shrawan 1, 2080 14,200,974,005 3,413,142,806 23,180,770 831,803,766 114,759,709 407,893,594 923,246,617 1,005,966,047 20,920,967,314 97,955,653 21,018,922,967 Adjustment Adjusted Balance on Shrawan 1, 2080 14,200,974,005 114,759,709 97,955,653 21,018,922,967 3,413,142,806 23,180,770 831,803,766 407,893,594 923,246,617 1,005,966,047 20,920,967,314 Profit for the year 1,221,033,154 1,221,033,154 6,292,448 1,227,325,603 (53,788,034) (53,788,034) (53,788,034) Other Comprehensive income 1,173,537,569 Total Comprehensive income (53,788,034) 1,221,033,154 1,167,245,121 6,292,448 243,803,355 753,600,279 (1,218,997,210) 221,593,576 Transfer to reserve during the year Transfer from reserve during the year Contributions from and distributtion to owners Share issued Share based payments Dividends to equity holders Bonus shares issued Cash dividend paid (836,226,157) (836,226,157) (9,935,496) (846,161,653) 14,026,320 98.681 (238, 373) 13,886,628 (98,681) 13,787,947 Total contributions by and distributions 14,026,320 (836,127,476) (238,373) (822,339,528) (10,034,177) (832, 373, 706) 14,200,974,005 1,227,321,252 Balance at Chaitra end 2080 3,656,946,160 23,180,770 1,585,404,045 74,997,996 407,893,594 89,155,088 21,265,872,907 94,213,925 21,360,086,832

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	Share Capital	Share Premium	General Reserve	Exchange Equalisation Reserve	Regulatory Reserve	Fair Value Reserve	Revaluation Reserve	Retained Earning	Other Reserve	Total	Non- Controlling Interest	Total Equity
Balance at Shrawan 1, 2079	14,200,974,005	-	3,029,930,275	74,958,037	379,876,163	279,332,788	407,893,594	1,329,462,004	706,861,794	20,409,288,660	_	
Adjustment of previous year								(171,209)		(171,209)		
Profit for the year								1,863,756,011		1,863,756,011		
Other Comprehensive income						(31,936,218)			669,073	(31,267,145)		
Total Comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	(31,936,218)	-	1,863,756,011	669,073	1,832,488,866		
Transfer to reserve during the year			372,751,202	(51,777,267)	451,927,603			(1,067,969,964)	295,068,426	-		
Transfer from reserve during the year								-	-	-		
Contributions from and distributtion to owners										-		
Share issued										-		
Share based payments										-		
Dividends to equity holders										-		
Bonus shares issued										-		
Cash dividend paid								(1,278,087,660)		(1,278,087,660)		
Other										-		
Total contributions by and distributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,278,087,660)	-	(1,278,087,660)		
Balance at Ashad end 2080	14,200,974,005	-	3,402,681,478	23,180,770	831,803,766	247,396,570	407,893,594	846,989,180	1,002,599,293	20,963,518,655		
Balance at Shrawan 1, 2080	14,200,974,005		3,402,681,478	23,180,770	831,803,766	247,396,570	407,893,594	846,989,180	1,002,599,293	20,963,518,655		
Adjustment		-						-	-	-		
Adjusted Balance on Shrawan 1, 2080	14,200,974,005	-	3,402,681,478	23,180,770	831,803,766	247,396,570	407,893,594	846,989,180	1,002,599,293	20,963,518,656		
Profit for the year								1,211,416,813		1,211,416,813		
Other Comprehensive income								-	-	-		
Total Comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	(53,788,034)	-	1,211,416,813	-	1,157,628,779		
Transfer to reserve during the year		-	242,283,363	-	753,600,279	-	-	(1,217,325,219)	221,441,577	-		
Transfer from reserve during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-		
Contributions from and distributtion to owners									-	-		
Share issued										-		
Share based payments										-		
Dividends to equity holders										-		
Bonus shares issued		-			-					-		
Cash dividend paid								(822,161,653)		(822,161,653)		
Other								(- , - , - ,		-		
Total contributions by and distributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(822,161,653)	-	(822,161,653)		
Balance at Chaitra end 2080	14,200,974,005	-	3,644,964,840	23,180,770	1,585,404,045	193,608,536	407,893,594	18,919,121	1,224,040,871	21,298,985,781		

Citizens Bank International Limited Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

As on Quarter ended Chaitra 2080

	Grou	ıp	Amount in NPR Bank		
Particulars	Current year	Previous Year	Current Year	Previous Year	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Current year	Ticvious Tear	Current rear	Ticvious Teat	
Interest Received	13,672,551,695	18,478,205,094	13,651,576,592	18,440,387,849	
Fees And Other Income Received	965,813,058	1,041,803,982	931,938,843	1,009,913,284	
Dividend Received	19,505,394	21,053,234	16,694,714	20,595,447	
Receipts From Other Operating Activities	127,105,376	169,712,181	125,547,613	166,498,689	
Interest Paid	(10,275,081,595)	(14,598,332,171)	(10,275,081,595)	(14,598,332,171)	
Commission And Fees Paid	(102,235,913)	(137,210,558)	(102,235,913)	(137,210,558)	
Cash Payment To Employees	(1,351,127,355)	(1,808,933,559)	(1,332,314,283)	(1,792,723,307)	
Other Expense Paid	(678,108,090)	(1,004,737,460)	(661,380,702)	(991,924,856)	
Operating Cash Flows Before Changes In Operating Assets And Liabilities	2,378,422,568	2,161,560,743	2,354,745,270	2,117,204,376	
(Increase)/Decrease In Operating Assets					
Due From Nepal Rastra Bank	(489,278,675)	(2,436,500,819)	(489,278,675)	(2,436,500,819)	
Placement With Bank And Financial Institutions	483,046,843	(1,002,780,704)	483,046,843	(1,002,780,704)	
Other Trading Assets	20,433,697	114,496,670	20,433,697	17,720,670	
Loan And Advances To Bank And Financial Institutions	675,765,922	789,247,857	675,765,922	789,247,857	
Loans And Advances To Customers	(14,147,538,952)	(9,119,836,865)	(14,190,938,952)	(9,119,836,865)	
Other Assets	(2,463,165,672)	(804,578,340)	(2,392,688,020)	(800,563,982)	
Increase/(Decrease) In Operating Liabilities					
Due To Bank And Financial Institutions	1,326,808,576	(348,342,969)	1,326,808,576	(348,342,969)	
Due To Nepal Rastra Bank	· · · · · ·	(11,070,250,868)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(11,070,250,868)	
Deposit From Customers	13,734,711,536	15,831,969,220	13,662,784,443	16,040,649,237	
Borrowings		(113,000,000)	.		
Other Liabilities	1,329,309,187	(449,412,185)	1,286,796,188	(485,168,154)	
Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities Before Tax Paid	2,848,515,031	(6,447,428,260)	2,737,475,293	(6,298,622,221)	
Income Taxes Paid	(760,656,798)	(780,042,791)	(753,124,544)	(764,020,424)	
Net Cash Flow From Operating Activities	2,087,858,232	(7,227,471,051)	1,984,350,748	(7,062,642,644)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Purchase Of Investment Securities	(3,204,606,097)	(553,017,424)	(3,188,720,204)	(690,297,086)	
Receipts From Sale Of Investment Securities	16,358,527	28,654,598	-	-	
Purchase Of Property And Equipment	(429,397,461)	(378,923,820)	(423,149,112)	(375,323,257)	
Receipt From The Sale Of Property And Equipment	-	42,798,709	-	42,796,359	
Purchase Of Intangible Assets	(2,683,630)	(8,844,678)	(2,683,630)	(8,814,597)	
Receipt From The Sale Of Intangible Assets	(2,003,030)	-	(2,005,050)	(0,01,,577)	
Purchase Of Investment Properties	_	_	-	-	
Receipt From The Sale Of Investment Properties	1,900,000	19,821,211	1,900,000	19,821,211	
Interest Received	1,282,926,466	1,459,535,943	1,269,472,615	1,441,750,427	
Dividend Received	25,361,279	9,512,582	25,361,279	9,512,582	
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(2,310,140,918)	619,537,121	(2,317,819,052)	439,445,638	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Receipt From Issue Of Debt Securities	3,000,000,000	_	3,000,000,000	_	
Repayment Of Debt Securities	5,000,000,000	_	5,000,000,000	-	
Receipt From Issue Of Subordinated Liabilities			_		
Repayment Of Subordinated Liabilities	_	_	_	-	
Receipt From Issue Of Shares	_	_	_	_	
Dividends Paid	(816,335,062)	(1,249,048,692)	(792,335,062)	(1,249,048,692)	
Interest Paid	(337,380,137)	(256,250,000)	(337,380,137)	(256,250,000)	
Other Receipt/Payment	(390,581)	(7,807,899)	(557,500,157)	(220,220,000)	
Net Cash From Financing Activities	1,845,894,220	(1,513,106,591)	1,870,284,801	(1,505,298,692)	
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash And Cash Equivalents	1,623,611,535	(8,121,040,521)	1,536,816,498	(8,128,495,698)	
Cash And Cash Equivalents at Ashadh, 2080	9,772,068,845	17,893,109,366	9,764,245,573	17,892,741,270	
Effect Of Exchange Rate Fluctuations On Cash And Cash Equivalents Held		-	- / / / /-		
Cash And Cash Equivalents At Chaitra End 2080	11,395,680,380	9,772,068,845	11,301,062,072	9,764,245,573	

Citizens Bank International Limited Statement of Distributable Profit or Loss

For the Quarter ended Chaitra 2080

	Bank			
	Current Year	Previous Year		
	Upto this Qtr YTD	Corresponding Qtr YTD		
Net profit or (loss) as per statement of profit or loss	1,211,416,813	1,236,061,599		
Appropriations:				
a. General reserve	(242,283,363)	(247,212,320)		
b. Foreign exchange fluctuation fund	-	-		
c. Capital redemption reserve	(208,333,333)	(208,333,333)		
d. Corporate social responsibility fund	(4,465,947)	(9,628,617)		
e. Employees' training fund	(8,642,297)	(6,559,628)		
f. Other	-	-		
Profit or (loss) before regulatory adjustment	747,691,873	764,327,701		
Regulatory adjustment:				
a. Interest receivable (-)/previous accrued interest received (+)	(621,750,016)	(654,314,832)		
b. Short loan loss provision in accounts (-)/reversal (+)	-	-		
c. Short provision for possible losses on investment (-)/reversal (+)				
d. Short loan loss provision on Non Banking Assets (-)/resersal (+)	(130,210,874)	(17,906,862)		
e. Deferred tax assets recognised (-)/ reversal (+)	(5,200,331)	-		
f. Goodwill recognised (-)/impairment of Goodwill (+)	· - ·	-		
g. Bargain purchase gain recognised (-)/resersal (+)	-	-		
h. Actuarial loss recognised (-)/reversal (+)	-	-		
i. Other (+/-)				
- Unrealised Gain on trading assets measured at Fair Value Through				
Profit or Loss	3,560,943	-		
Net profit for the quarter ended Poush 2080 available for distribution	(5,908,405)	92,106,006		
Opening Retained Earnings as on Shrawan 2080	846,989,180	1,329,462,003		
Adjustment:	-	-		
Distribution:				
Bonus share issued	-	-		
Cash Dividend Paid	(822,161,653)	(1,278,087,661)		
Total Distributable Profit or (Loss) as on quarter ended Chaitra 2080	18,919,122	143,480,349		
Annualised Distributable Profit/Loss per sahre	1.89	2.80		

धितोपत्र दर्ता तथा निष्काशन नियमावली २०७३ को अनुसूची १४ (नियम २६ को उपनियम (१) सँग सम्बन्धित) आ.व.२०८०/८१ को तेस्रो त्रैमासिक प्रतिवेदन

१. वित्तीय विवरण

(क) त्रैमासिक अवधिको वासलात, नाफा-नोक्सान सम्बन्धी विवरण ।
 यस बैंकको त्रैमासिक अवधिको वासलात, नाफा-नोक्सान सम्बन्धी विवरण यसै साथ प्रकाशित गरिएको छ ।

(ख) सम्बन्धित पक्ष

यस बैंकको सम्बन्धित पक्ष बीच भएको कारोबारको विवरण बैंकको Interim Financial Report मा समावेश गरिएको छ । बैंकको तेस्रो त्रैमासको Interim Financial Report बैंकको website www.ctznbank.com मा हेर्न सिकन्छ ।

(ग) प्रमुख वित्तीय अन्पातहरु

प्रति शेयर आम्दानी	रु.११।३७	प्रति शेयर कुल सम्पत्ति मूल्य	रु. १,५३९।६२
मूल्य आम्दानी अनुपात	१३।९८	तरलताको अनुपात	२५।६१%
प्रति शेयर नेटवर्थ	रु. १४९।९८		

२. व्यवस्थापकीय विश्लेषण :

- (क) बैंकको खुद शुल्क तथा किमसन आम्दानी, अन्य सञ्चालन आम्दानी, गैह्न सञ्चालन आम्दानीमा केहि वृद्धिका साथै कर्जा नोक्सानी व्यवस्थामा केहि कमी आएपिन कर्मचारी खर्च, अन्य सञ्चालन खर्च र पिरशोधन तथा हास खर्चमा भएको वृद्धि, खुद व्याज आम्दानी र खुद व्यापारिक आम्दानीमा आएको कमीका कारणले खुद नाफामा गत आर्थिक वर्षको सोही त्रैमासको तुलनामा केही कमी देखिएको छ ।
- (ख) व्यवसाय विविधिकरण तथा गुणस्तरीय सेवा प्रदान गर्ने बैंकको उद्देश्य तथा स्थानीय तहका दुर्गम क्षेत्रमा खोलिएका शाखाका साथ साथै शाखा रहित बैंकिङ्ग (Branch Less Banking), विस्तारित काउन्टर (Extension Counter) र माइक्रोफाइनान्स इकाईका माध्यमबाट ग्रामिण क्षेत्रमा बैंकिङ्ग पहुँच वृद्धि गर्दै लैजाने तथा ग्राहकमुखी नयाँ सेवा तथा सुविधामा आवश्यकता अनुसार वृद्धि गर्दै लैजाने बैंकको योजना रहेको छ । त्यसै गरी Digital Banking लाई प्रबर्द्धन गर्दै व्यापार विस्तार गर्ने र ग्राहक सेवा सुविधा अभ चुस्त दुरुस्त र स्तरीय बनाउँदै लिगने योजना रहेको छ ।
- (ग) हालको विवरण अनुसार बैंकको मौज्दात, नाफा वा नगद प्रवाहमा तात्विक असर पार्न सक्ने अवस्था आदि रहेको छैन ।

३. कान्नी कारवाही सम्बन्धी विवरण :

- (क) यस अवधिमा बैंकले वा बैंकको विरुद्ध कुनै मुद्दा दायर भएको भए : यस अवधिमा बैंकको तर्फबाट १ थान मुद्दा दायर भएको र बैंकको विरुद्धमा २५ थान मुद्दा दायर भएको छ ।
- (ख) बैंकको संस्थापक वा संचालकले वा संस्थापक वा संचालकको विरुद्धमा प्रचलित नियमको अवज्ञा वा फौजदारी अपराध गरेको सम्बन्धमा कुनै मुद्दा दायर गरेको वा भएको भए : यस सम्बन्धमा कुनै जानकारी प्राप्त भएको छैन ।

(ग) कुनै संस्थापक वा संचालक विरुद्ध आर्थिक अपराध गरेको सम्बन्धमा कुनै मुद्दा दायर भएको भए : यस सम्बन्धमा क्नै जानकारी प्राप्त भएको छैन ।

४. संगठित संस्थाको शेयर कारोवार सम्बन्धी विश्लेषण

- (क) धितोपत्र बजारमा भएको बैंकको शेयरको कारोवार सम्बन्धमा व्यवस्थापनको धारणाः
 देशको धितोपत्र बजारमा संगठित संस्थाहरुको शेयर कारोवारमा देखिएको उच्च उतार चढाव अनुसार गत त्रैमासको त्लनामा यस बैंकको शेयर कारोवारमा केही वृद्धि देखिएको छ ।
- (ख) यस अवधिको शेयरको अधिकतम, न्यूनतम, अन्तिम मूल्य, कारोवार भएको कुल दिन तथा कारोवार संख्याः यस अवधिको शेयरको अधिकतम, न्यूनतम, अन्तिम मूल्य, कारोवार भएको कुल दिन तथा कारोवार संख्याको विवरण देहाय बमोजिम रहेको छ :

अधिकतम मूल्य	रु. १९०१००	कुल कारोवार शेयर संख्या	१,७२१,५९५
न्यूनतम मूल्य	रु. १४५।३०	कुल कारोवार दिन	५८
मसान्तको अन्तिम मूल्य	रु. १५९१००	कुल कारोवार संख्या	७,७६७

५. समस्या तथा चुनौती:

(क) आन्तरिक समस्या तथा चुनौती

बैंकको संचालन खर्च वृद्धि हुँदै जानु, निक्षेप-कर्जाको व्याजदरमा भएको उतार-चढाव, आय विविधिकरण, कर्जाको गुणस्तर अभिबृद्धि र निष्कृय कर्जाको व्यवस्थापन, उपयुक्त लगानीका क्षेत्र पिहचान तथा शाखाहरुको वृद्धि सँगसँगै संचालन जोखिम व्यवस्थापन र सुचना प्रविधिमा हुने अन्तरनीहित जोखिमहरुको पिहचान र व्यवस्थापन जस्ता आन्तरिक समस्या तथा चुनौती रहेको विद्यमान पिरप्रेक्ष्यमा दीर्घकालिन रुपमा बैंकका समग्र सूचकहरुलाई सुधार गर्दै जाने कार्य चुनौतीपूर्ण रहेको छ।

(ख) बाह्य समस्या तथा चुनौती

बजारमा समग्र आर्थिक गतिविधिमा सुस्तता आएका कारण कर्जाको किस्ता तथा पाकेको व्याज असुलिमा समस्या देखिएको र त्यसबाट निष्कृय कर्जा तथा जोखिम व्यवस्थापन चुनौतीपूर्ण रहेको छ । यस्ता चुनौतीहरु रहेको अवस्थामा बैंकिङ्ग क्षेत्रमा तीव्र प्रतिस्पर्धा हुन्, बैंकिङ्ग क्षेत्रबाट दक्ष जनशक्तिको पलायन, स्रोत परिचालनमा कमी हुन्, सूचना प्रविधिका क्षेत्रमा देखा परेका नयाँ किसिमका चुनौतीहरु, लगानीकर्ताको मनोबलमा कमी आउन्, सरकारी खर्चमा कमी आउन् लगायत प्रमुख बाह्य समस्या हुन् । यस्ता समस्या विद्यमान रहेको अवस्थामा बैंकको कारोवार दिगो रुपमा विस्तार गरी सम्पत्तिको गुणस्तर कायम राखि लगानीकर्तालाई उचित प्रतिफल दिने कार्य चुनौतीपूर्ण रहेको छ ।

(ग) रणनीति

बैंकले ग्रामीण तथा दुर्गम क्षेत्र र बैंकिङ्ग सेवाबाट विञ्चित व्यक्ति तथा संघसंस्थालाई बैंकको दायरामा ल्याई निक्षेप परिचालन बढाउनुका साथै बैंकका अन्य सेवाहरुको आक्रामक रुपमा बजारीकरण गर्दे व्यवसाय विस्तारमा लाग्ने, आधुनिक प्रविधि तथा सफ्टवेयर प्रयोग गरी प्रत्यक्ष रुपमा ग्राहक बैंक समक्ष प्रस्तुत हुन नपर्ने गरी बैंकिङ्ग सुविधा प्रदान गर्ने, समय सापेक्ष प्रविधिमा आधारित नयाँ सेवाहरुको विकास गर्ने, विभिन्न व्यवसायिक संघ-संस्था लगायत व्यक्तिगत ग्राहकहरुसँगको सम्बन्ध सुमधुर बनाउनका लागि छिटो एवं छिरतो तवरले ग्राहकमुखी सेवाहरु उपलब्ध गराउने, बैंकको समग्र जोखिम व्यवस्थापनको आधारभूत पक्षहरुलाई मजबुत बनाई उल्लिखित चुनौतीको समाधान गर्ने र बैंकको आन्तरिक कार्य प्रणाली स्वचालित तथा कागज रहित बनाई खर्च मितव्यियता मार्फत निर्धारित लक्ष्य प्राप्त गर्ने तथा ग्राहक सेवा सुविधा चुस्त दुरुस्त बनाउने रणनीति अवलम्बन गरेको छ । साथै बैंकले निष्कृय कर्जा तथा पाकेको व्याज तथा कर्जाको भाका नाघेका ऋणीहरुको उचित व्यवस्थापन गरी वितरणयोग्य मुनाफा वृद्धि गर्ने नीति पनि लिएको छ ।

६. संस्थागत स्शासन:

- (क) संस्थागत सुशासन अभिवृद्धिको लागि बैंकले आन्तरिक नियन्त्रण प्रणाली मजबुत बनाउन तथा व्यवस्थित गर्न अनुपालन विभाग तथा सुशासन इकाईको व्यवस्था गरिएको तथा लेखापरीक्षक तथा नियमनकारी निकायबाट दिइएका सुभाव तथा निर्देशनहरु व्यवस्थापन मार्फत कार्यान्वयन गराउन सदैव क्रियाशील रहेको छ ।
- (ख) बैंकको समग्र जोखिम व्यवस्थापन कार्यलाई मजबुत पार्न, वर्तमान पिरप्रेक्ष्यमा समग्र बजारमा देखापरेको सूचना प्रविधि सम्बन्धि जोखिम विश्लेषण गरी व्यवस्थापन गर्न, संचालन जोखिम कम गर्न तथा आन्तरिक प्रिक्रियाहरुलाई व्यवस्थित गर्न जोखिम व्यवस्थापन समिति गठन गरिएको छ । बैंकको काम कारवाहीमा नियमितता, मितव्यियता, कार्यदक्षता, प्रभावकारिता, औचित्यता जस्ता कुराहरु भए नभएको बारे सिमक्षा गरी आवश्यक राय सुभाव दिन लेखा परीक्षण समिति गठन गरिएको छ । बैंकको समग्र अनुपालनका अवस्था विश्लेषण गर्न, ग्राहकको जोखिम स्तर निर्धारण गरी देखा परेका कमी कमजोरीको समाधान गर्न उपयुक्त निर्देशन दिने कार्य गर्न सम्पत्ति शुद्धिकरण निवारण समितिको गठन गरिएको छ । कर्जा जोखिमको अनुगमन तथा विश्लेषणलाई जोखिम व्यवस्थापन समिति अन्तर्गत रहने गरी छुट्टै विभागबाट हेर्ने व्यवस्था मिलाई बजार व्यवस्थापनको कार्यबाट छुट्टयाइएको छ । साथै विभिन्न विभागहरुसँग सम्बन्धित कार्य संचालनलाई व्यवस्थित गर्न आन्तरिक नीति, नियम तथा निर्देशिकाहरु जारी गरी लागु गरिएको छ । निर्णय प्रिक्रयालाई छिट्टो-छिरतो तथा चुस्त बनाउन व्यवस्थापन तहमा व्यवस्थापन समिति (Executive Committee), सम्पत्ति दियत्व व्यवस्थापन समिति (ALCO), IT Steering Committee लगायतका विभिन्न समितिहरु कियाशील रहेका छन ।
- (ग) बैंक संचालक सिमिति तथा व्यवस्थापन आफ्ना शेयरधनीहरु, सर्वसाधारण निक्षेपकर्ताहरु लगायत सम्पूर्ण सरोकारवालाहरुको हितको संरक्षण तथा संस्थागत सुशासन प्रति सदैव सजग तथा प्रतिवद्ध रहेको छ ।

७. सत्य, तथ्यता सम्बन्धमा कार्यकारी प्रमुखको उद्घोषण :

आजको मितिसम्म यस प्रतिवेदनमा उल्लेखित जानकारी तथा विवरणहरुको शुद्धता सम्बन्धमा म व्यक्तिगत रुपमा उत्तरदायित्व लिन्छु । साथै म यो उद्घोष गर्दछु कि मैले जाने बुफोसम्म यस प्रतिवेदनमा उल्लेखित विवरणहरु सत्य, तथ्य र पूर्ण छन् र लगानीकर्ताहरुलाई सुसूचित निर्णय लिन आवश्यक कुनै विवरण, सूचना तथा जानकारीहरु लुकाइएको छैन ।

प्रमुख कार्यकारी अधिकृत

Citizens Bank International Limited Group Notes to the Consolidated Interim Financial Statements

1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of the Group have been prepared on accrual basis of accounting except the cash flow statement which is prepared, on a cash basis, using the direct method.

The financial statements comprise the consolidated Statement of Financial Position, consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss and consolidated Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, the consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, the consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and the Notes to the Accounts of the Group and Separate financial statements as stated above of the Bank. The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of consolidated financial statements are set out below in point number 3. These policies are consistently applied to all the years presented, except for the changes in accounting policies disclosed specifically.

1.1. Reporting Period

Reporting Period is a period from the first day of Shrawan (mid July) of any year to the last day of Quarter end i.e. Ashwin (Mid October), Poush (Mid January), Chaitra (Mid April) and Ashadh (mid July) as per the Nepali calendar.

	Nepali Calendar	English Calendar
	1stMagh2080to	15 th January2024to
Current Year Period	30 th Chaitra 2080	12 th April2024
	1stMagh2079 to	15 th January2023 to
Previous Year Period	30 th Chaitra2079	13 th April2023

1.2. Functional and Presentation Currency

The Financial Statements of the Group are presented in Nepalese Rupees (NPR), which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Group operates. Financial information is presented in Nepalese Rupees. There was no change in the Group's presentation and functional currency during the year under review. The figures are rounded to nearest integer, except otherwise indicated.

2. Statement of Compliance with NFRS

The Consolidated Financial Statements of the Group which comprises components mentioned above have been prepared in accordance with Nepal Accounting Standards comprising of Nepal Financial Reporting Standards and Nepal Accounting Standards (hereafter referred as NFRS), laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal and in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act, 2063 and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the Banking industry in Nepal.

3. Use of Estimates, Assumptions and Judgment

The preparation of financial statements requires the management to make estimates and assumptions that are considered while reporting amounts of assets and liabilities (including contingent assets and liabilities) as of the date of the financial statements. Management believes that the estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements are prudent and reasonable. Future results could differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Any revision to accounting estimates is recognized prospectively in current and future periods.

Information about assumptions and estimation that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment within the next financial year are:

- Key assumptions used in discounted cash flow projections.
- Measurement of defined benefit obligations.
- Provisions, commitments and contingencies.
- Determination of net realizable value.
- Determination of useful life of the property, plants and equipment.
- Assessment of the Group's ability to continue as going concern.
- Determination of fair value of financial instruments; and property and equipment.
- Impairment of financial and non-financial assets.
- Assessment of current as well as deferred tax.

4. Changes in Accounting Policies

The Group has applied its accounting policies consistently from year to year except for some comparatives have been grouped or regrouped to facilitate comparison, corrections of errors and any changes in accounting policy have been separately disclosed with detail explanation.

5. Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain accounting estimates. The areas where significant judgments and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements and their effects have been disclosed.

5.1. Basis of Measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on historical cost basis except for following material items in the statement of financial position:

- Financial assets other than measured at amortized cost are measured at fair value.
- Non-derivative financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value.
- Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value.
- Inventories are measured at cost or net realizable value whichever is lower.
- Liabilities for defined benefit obligations are recognized at the present value of the defined benefit obligation less the fair value of the plan assets.
- Investment property is measured at cost.
- Liabilities for cash-settled, share-based-payment arrangements are measured at fair value.
- Investment securities are measured at fair value.
- Trading Assets like Bonds, Treasury Bills, Equities, etc. held for trading purpose are measured at fair value.
- Impairment of asset is measured at fair value and related disposal cost.
- Assets acquired & Liabilities assumed in a business combination are recognized at fair value.
- Any other requirements or options provided by standards.

5.2. Basis of Consolidation

Where the company has the power, either directly or indirectly, to govern the financial and operating policies of another entity or business so as to obtain benefits from its activities, it is classified as a subsidiary. The consolidated financial statements present the results of the company and its subsidiaries ("the Group") as if they formed a single entity.

In the statement of financial position, the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are initially recognized at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of acquired operations are included in the consolidated statement of income from the date on which control is obtained. They are deconsolidated from the date of control ceases.

The Group's Financial Statements comprise consolidation of the Financial Statements of the Group and its subsidiary in terms of the NFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements.

5.2.1. Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are the entities controlled by the Bank. The Bank controls an entity if it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. The Financial Statements of subsidiaries are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. The Bank reassesses whether it has control if there are changes to one or more of the elements of control. The Financial Statements have been prepared using uniform accounting policies for like transactions and other events in similar circumstances.

The Consolidated Financial Statements are prepared for the common financial year end. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of subsidiaries to transfer funds to the parent in the form of cash dividends or to repay loans and advances. Both of the subsidiaries of the Bank have been incorporated in Nepal.

5.2.2. Business combination

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. As of the acquisition date, the amount of non-controlling interest is measured either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquirer's identifiable net assets. Acquisition related costs are expensed in the periods in which the costs are incurred and the services are received.

The Group elects on a transaction by transaction basis whether to measure non-controlling interest at its fair value, or at its proportionate share of the recognized amount of the identifiable net assets, at the acquisition date. Transaction costs, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that the Group incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

5.2.3. Acquisitions of non-controlling interests

Acquisitions of non-controlling interests are accounted for as transactions with equity holders in their capacity as equity holders. Therefore, no goodwill is recognized as a result of such transactions.

5.2.4. Loss of control

Upon the loss of control, the Group derecognizes the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, carrying amount of non-controlling interests and the cumulative translation differences recorded in equity related to the subsidiary. Further parent's share of components previously recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) is reclassified to profit or loss or retained earnings as appropriate. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognized in the profit or loss. If the Group retains any interest in the previous subsidiary, then such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently, it is accounted for as an equity-accounted investee or in accordance with the Group's accounting policy for financial instruments depending on the level of influence retained.

5.2.5. Transactions eliminated on consolidation

All intra group balances, income and expenses (except for foreign currency translation gains or losses) arising from intra group transactions are eliminated on consolidation. Unrealized gains and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and subsidiary are also eliminated on consolidation to the extent of the Group's interests in the subsidiary.

5.3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at vault and agency bank accounts balances, unrestricted balances with NRB, highly liquid financial assets with original maturity of 3 months from the date of its acquisition and are readily convertible to cash, which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Cash and Cash equivalent are classified as financial assets and are measured at amortized cost in the statement of financial position.

Statement of Cash Flows has been prepared by using the 'Direct Method' in accordance with NAS 07-Cash Flow Statements.

5.4. Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities

5.4.1. Recognition

The Group initially recognizes a financial asset or a financial liability in its statement of financial position when, and only when, it becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. The Group initially recognizes loans and advances, deposits; and debt securities/ subordinated liabilities issued on the date that they are originated which is the date that the Group becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instruments. Investments in equity instruments, bonds, debenture, Government securities, NRB bond or deposit auction, reverse repos, outright purchase are recognized on trade date at which the Group commits to purchase/ acquire the financial assets. Regular way purchase and sale of financial assets are recognized on trade date.

5.4.2. Classification

i. Financial Assets

The Group classifies the financial assets as subsequently measured at amortized cost or fair value on the basis of the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets. The two classes of financial assets are as follows:

1. Financial assets measured at amortized cost

The Group classifies a financial asset measured at amortized cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The asset is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and
- b) The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

2. Financial asset measured at fair value

Financial assets other than those measured at amortized cost are measured at fair value. Financial assets measured at fair value are further classified into two categories as below:

a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified as fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) if they are held for trading purpose or are designated at fair value through profit or loss. Upon initial recognition, transaction costs are directly attributable to the acquisition are recognized in profit or loss as incurred. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value and changes in fair value are recognized in Statement of Profit or Loss.

b) Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Investment in an equity instrument that is not held for trading and at the initial recognition, the Group makes an irrevocable election that the subsequent changes in fair value of the instrument is to be recognized in other comprehensive income are classified as financial assets at fair value though other comprehensive income. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value and changes in fair value are recognized in other comprehensive income.

ii. Financial Liabilities

The Group classifies the financial liabilities as follows:

a) Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities are classified as fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) if they are held for trading or are designated at fair value through profit or loss. Upon initial recognition, transaction costs are directly attributable to the acquisition are recognized in Statement of Profit or Loss as incurred. Subsequent changes in fair value is recognized at profit or loss.

b) Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost

All financial liabilities other than measured at fair value though profit or loss are classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost using effective interest rate method.

5.4.3. Measurement

Initial Measurement

A financial asset or financial liability is measured initially at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue.

Transaction cost in relation to financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are recognized in Statement of Profit or Loss.

Subsequent Measurement

A financial asset or financial liability is subsequently measured either at fair value or at amortized cost based on the classification of the financial asset or liability. Financial asset or liability classified as measured at amortized cost is subsequently measured at amortized cost using effective interest rate method.

The amortized cost of a financial asset or financial liability is the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition minus principal repayments, plus or minus the cumulative amortization using the effective interest method of any difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount, and minus any reduction for impairment or uncollectibility.

Financial assets classified at fair value are subsequently measured fair value. The subsequent changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are recognized in Statement of Profit or Loss whereas of financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognized in other comprehensive income.

5.4.4. Derecognition

i. Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognizes a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred or in which the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

Any interest in such transferred financial assets that qualify for derecognition that is created or retained by the Group is recognized as a separate asset or liability. On derecognition of a financial asset, the difference between the carrying amount of the asset, and the sum of (i) the consideration received and (ii) any cumulative gain or loss that had been recognized is recognized in Statement of Profit or Loss.

The Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognized on its Statement of Financial Position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets or a portion of them, then the transferred assets are not derecognized. Transfers of assets with retention of all or substantially all risks and rewards include, for example repurchase transactions.

ii. Derecognition of financial liabilities

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expired. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference between the carrying value of the original financial liability and the consideration paid is recognized in Statement of Profit or Loss.

5.4.5. Determination of fair value

'Fair value' is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date in the principal or, in its absence, the most advantageous market to which the Group has access at that date. The fair value of a liability reflects its non-performance risk.

When available, the Group measures the fair value of an instrument using the quoted price in an active market for that instrument. A market is regarded as active if transactions for the asset or liability take place with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. If there is no quoted price in an active market, then the Group uses valuation techniques that maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. The chosen valuation technique incorporates all of the factors that market participants would take into account in pricing a transaction.

The fair value measurement hierarchy is as follows:

Level 1 fair value measurements are those derived from unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 valuations are those with quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets or quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in inactive markets and financial instruments valued using models where all significant inputs are observable.

Level 3 portfolios are those where there are unobservable inputs of the instruments. The inputs are not based on observable market data.

The best evidence of the fair value of a financial instrument at initial recognition is normally the transaction price i.e. the fair value of the consideration given or received. If the Group determines that the fair value at initial recognition differs from the transaction price and the fair value is evidenced neither by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability (Level 01 valuation) nor based on a valuation technique that uses only data from observable markets (Level 02 valuation), then the financial instrument is initially measured at fair value, adjusted to defer the difference between the fair value at initial recognition and the transaction price. Subsequently, that difference is recognized in profit or loss on an appropriate basis over the life of the instrument but not later than when the valuation is wholly supported by observable market data or the transaction is closed out. In case the fair value is evidenced by a quoted price in an active market for an identical asset or liability (Level 01 valuation), the difference between the transaction price and fair value is recognized in profit or loss immediately.

5.4.6. Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group has a legal right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under NFRS, or for gains and losses arising from a group of similar transactions such as in the Group's trading activity.

5.4.7. Impairment of financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss are impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired when objective evidence demonstrates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset(s), and that the loss event has an impact on the future cash flows of the asset(s) that can be estimated reliably.

Objective evidence that financial assets are impaired can include significant financial difficulty of the borrower or issuer, default or delinquency by a borrower, restructuring of a loan or advance by the Group on terms that the Group would not otherwise consider, indications that a borrower or issuer will enter Bankruptcy, the disappearance of an active market for a security, or other observable data relating to a group of assets such as adverse changes in the payment status of borrowers or issuers in the group, or economic conditions that correlate with defaults in the group. In addition, for an investment in an equity security, a significant or prolonged decline in its fair value below its cost is objective evidence of impairment.

In case of financial difficulty of the borrower, the Group considers to restructure loans rather than take possession of collateral. This may involve extending the payment arrangements and agreement of new loan conditions. Once the terms have been renegotiated, any impairment is measured using the original EIR as calculated before the modification of terms and the loan is no longer considered past due. Management continually reviews renegotiated loans to ensure that all criteria are met and that future payments are likely to occur. The loans continue to be subject to an individual or collective impairment assessment, calculated using the loan's original EIR.

Impairment of financial assets measured at amortized cost

The Group considers evidence of impairment for loans and advances and investment securities measured at amortized cost at both specific asset and collective level. The Group first assesses individually whether objective evidence of impairment exists for financial assets that are individually significant and that are not individually significant are assessed collectively.

If there is objective evidence on that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognized in profit or loss.

All individually significant loans and advances and investment securities are assessed for specific impairment. Those found not to be specifically impaired are then collectively assessed for any impairment that has been incurred but not yet identified. Loans and advances and investment securities that are not individually significant are collectively assessed for impairment by grouping together loans and advances and investment securities with similar risk characteristics.

Impairment of loans and advances portfolios is based on the judgments in past experience of portfolio behavior. In assessing collective impairment, the Group uses historical trends of the probability of default, the timing of recoveries and the amount of loss incurred, adjusted for management's judgment as to whether current economic and credit conditions are such that the actual losses are likely to be greater or less than suggested by historical trends. Default rates, loss rates and the expected timing of future recoveries are regularly benchmarked against actual outcomes to ensure that they remain appropriate.

Impairment losses on assets measured at amortized cost are calculated as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

In case of impairment of financial assets being loans and advances, the impairment loss amount is taken as per norms prescribed by Nepal Rastra Bank for loan loss provision.

Loans together with the associated allowance are written off when there is no realistic prospect of future recovery and all collateral has been realized or has been transferred to the Group. If in a subsequent year, the amount of the estimated impairment loss increases or decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is increased or reduced by adjusting the allowance account. If a write off is later recovered, the recovery is recognized in the 'Non-Operating Income'.

Impairment of investment in equity instrument classified as fair value through other comprehensive income

Objective evidence of impairment of investment in an equity instrument is a significant or prolonged decline in its fair value below its cost. Impairment losses are recognized by reclassifying the losses accumulated in the fair value reserve in equity to profit or loss. The cumulative loss that is reclassified from equity to profit or loss is the difference between the acquisition cost, net of any principal repayment and the current fair value, less any impairment loss recognized previously in profit or loss.

5.5. Trading Assets

Trading assets are those assets that are acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the near term, or held as part of a portfolio that is managed together for short-term profit. It includes non-derivative financials assets such as government bonds, NRB bonds, domestic corporate bonds, treasury bills, equities etc. held primarily for the trading purpose. If a trading asset is a debt instrument, it is subject to the same accounting policy applied to financial assets measured at amortized cost. If a trading asset is an equity instrument, it is subject to the same accounting policy applied to financial assets measured at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss.

5.6. Derivative assets and derivative liabilities

Derivative assets and derivative liabilities create rights and obligations that have the effect of transferring between the parties to the instrument one or more of the financial risk inherent in an underlying primary financial instrument. However, they generally do not result in a transfer of the underlying primary financial instrument on inception of the contract, nor does such a transfer necessarily take place on maturity of the contract.

The value of a derivative changes with the change in value of the underlying. Examples of derivative are forward, futures, options or swap contracts. The underlying could be specified interest rate, security price, commodity price, exchange rate, price index, etc.

Derivative financial instruments meet the definition of a financial instrument and are accounted for as derivative financial asset or derivative financial liability measured at FVTPL and corresponding fair value changes are recognized in profit or loss. The Group has not designated derivative as a hedging instrument in an eligible hedging relationship under NFRS 9 – "Financial Instrument" and has not applied hedge accounting.

5.7. Foreign Currency

Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at that date and all differences arising on non-trading activities are taken to 'other operating income' in the Statement of Profit or Loss.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated into the functional currency at the spot exchange rate at the date on which the fair value is determined

Foreign currency differences arising on retranslation are recognized in the Statement of Profit or Loss.

At the annual closing, if the revaluation loss is reported, the same is charged to Statement of Profit or Loss and if revaluation profit is reported, such amount is shown as income in Statement of Profit or Loss and 25 percent of such profit is appropriated to Exchange Fluctuation Reserve through Statement of Changes in Equity as required by Bank and Financial Institutions Act.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the initial transaction. Forward exchange contracts are valued at the forward market rates ruling on the reporting date and resulting net unrealized gains or losses are dealt with in the Statement of Profit or Loss.

5.8. Property and Equipment

a) Recognition and Measurement

Property and Equipment are recognized if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the assets will flow to the Group and the cost of the asset can be reliably measured. The cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the assets. Cost of self-constructed assets includes followings:

- Cost of materials and direct labor;
- Any other cost directly attributable to bringing the assets to the working condition for their intended use; and
- Capitalized borrowing cost

Subsequent expenditure is capitalized if it is probable that the future economic benefits from the expenditure will flow to the entity. Ongoing repairs and maintenance to keep the assets in working condition are expensed as incurred.

Property and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss, if any.

Neither class of the property and equipment has been measured per revaluation model nor is their fair value measured at the reporting date.

On revaluation of an asset, any increase in the carrying amount is recognized in 'Other comprehensive income' and accumulated in equity, under capital reserve or used to reverse a previous revaluation decrease relating to the same asset, which was charged to the Statement of Profit or Loss. In this circumstance, the increase is recognized as income to the extent of previous write down. Any decrease in the carrying amount is recognized as an expense in the Statement of Profit or Loss or debited to the Other Comprehensive income to the extent of any credit balance existing in the capital reserve in respect of that asset.

The decrease recognized in other comprehensive income reduces the amount accumulated in equity under capital reserves. Any balance remaining in the revaluation reserve in respect of an asset is transferred directly to retained earnings on retirement or disposal of the asset.

b) Capital work in progress

Capital work in progress is stated at cost. These are expenses of a capital nature directly incurred in the construction of buildings and system development, awaiting capitalization. Capital work-in-progress would be transferred to the relevant asset when it is available for use, i.e. when it is in the location and

condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Capital work-in-progress is stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

c) Depreciation

Property and equipment are depreciated from the date they are available for use on property on straight-line method over estimated useful lives as determined by the Management. Depreciation is recognized in profit or loss. Leased assets under the finance lease are depreciation over the shorter of the lease term and their useful life. Land is not depreciated. Charging of depreciation is ceased from the earlier of the date from which the asset is classified as held for sale or is derecognized.

On review, the estimated useful lives of significant items of property and equipment for current year and comparative periods are revised, which is as follows:

Class of Assets	Revised Useful Life	Rate of Depreciation
Building	50 years	2%
Metal Furniture	10 years	10%
Wooden Furniture	7 years	14.29%
Office Vehicles	7 years	14.29%
Computer (including Printer)	6 years	16.67%
Office Equipment	7 years	14.29%

- The expenses of leasehold improvements are amortized over the lease period or a maximum of 10-year period whichever is lower.
- The capitalized value of Software Purchase and installation costs are amortized over a maximum 10-year period or within the ownership period.
- Assets costing less than Rs. 5,000 are fully depreciated in the year of purchase. For assets purchased/sold during the year, depreciation is provided upto the date of use on pro-rata basis.
- After the revision, depreciation is calculated on the written down value of property and equipment over the remaining life of item of property and equipment on straight-line method.

Depreciation method, useful lives and residual value are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted, if any.

d) De-recognition

The carrying amount of an item of property and equipment is derecognized on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use. The gain or loss arising from de-recognition of an item of property and equipment is included in the Statement of Profit or Loss when the item is derecognized. When replacement costs are recognized in the carrying amount of an item of property and equipment, the remaining carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. Major inspection costs are capitalized. At each such capitalization, the remaining carrying amount of the previous cost of inspections is derecognized.

Any gain or losses on de-recognition of an item of property and equipment is recognized in profit or loss.

5.9. Intangible Assets

The intangible assets include software purchased by the Group. Software is measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment loss if any. Software is amortized on a straight line basis in profit or loss over its useful life, from the date that is available for use. The estimated useful life of software for the current and comparative period is five years. Amortization method, useful lives and residual value are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if any.

The goodwill is initially measured at the difference between the purchase consideration given and the fair value of net assets acquired. Subsequent to the initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is presented with intangible assets.

Recognition

An intangible asset is an identifiable non-monetary asset without physical substance, held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others or for administrative purposes. An intangible asset is recognized if it is probable that the future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. An intangible asset is initially measured at cost. Expenditure incurred on an intangible item that was initially recognized as an

expense by the Group in previous annual Financial Statements or interim Financial Statements are not recognized as part of the cost of an intangible asset at a later date.

Computer Software & Licenses

Cost of purchased licenses and all computer software costs incurred, licensed for use by the Group, which are not integrally related to associated hardware, which can be clearly identified, reliably measured, and it's probable that they will lead to future economic benefits, are included in the Statement of Financial Position under the category 'Intangible assets' and carried at cost less accumulated amortization andany accumulated impairment losses.

Subsequent Expenditure

Expenditure incurred on software is capitalized only when it is probable that this expenditure will enable the asset to generate future economic benefits in excess of its originally assessed standard of performance and this expenditure can be measured and attributed to the asset reliably. All other expenditure is expensed as incurred.

Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Amortization of Intangible Assets

Intangible Assets, except for goodwill, are amortized on a straight–line basis in the Statement of Profit or Loss from the date when the asset is available for use, over the best of its useful economic life based on a pattern in which the asset's economic benefits are consumed by the Group. Amortization methods, useful lives, residual values are reviewed at each financial year end and adjusted if appropriate. The Group assumes that there is no residual value for its intangible assets.

De-recognition of Intangible Assets

The carrying amount of an item of intangible asset is derecognized on disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use. The gain or loss arising on de recognition of an item of intangible assets is included in the Statement of Profit or Loss when the item is derecognized.

5.10. Investment Property

Investment property is the land or building or both held either for rental income or for capital appreciation or for both, but not for sale in ordinary course of business and owner occupied property. The Group holds investment property that has been acquired through the enforcement of security over the loan and advances.

Investment property is measured at cost. The panchakrit value of the property that has been acquired through the enforcement of security over the loans and advances have been considered as the cost of the property.

Investment properties are derecognized when they are disposed of, or permanently withdrawn from use since no future economic benefits are expected. Any gain or loss on disposal of an investment property is recognized in profit or loss. When the use of a property changes such that it is reclassified as property and equipment, its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for subsequent reporting.

5.11. Income Tax

Income Tax expense comprises current tax and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in profit or loss except to the extent they relate to the items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive income.

a) Current Tax

Current tax is the tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year using tax rates that are enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

b) Deferred Tax

Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax base of assets and liabilities; and carry forward of unused tax losses. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, using tax rate enacted or

substantially enacted at the reporting date. Deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which it can be utilized. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and appropriately adjusted to reflect the amount that is reasonably/virtually certain to be realized. Deferred tax asset and deferred tax liabilities are offset if all of the following conditions met:

- a) if there is a legally enforceable right to offset the current tax liabilities and assets;
- b) the taxes are levied by the same authority on the same tax entity; and
- c) the entity intends to settle the current tax liabilities and assets on net basis or the tax assets and liabilities will be realized simultaneously.

5.12. Provisions and Contingent Assets/ Liabilities

The Group recognizes a provision if, as a result of past event, the Group has a present constructive or legal obligation that can be reliably measured and it is probable than an outflow of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation. A disclosure for contingent liability is made when there is a possible obligation or a present obligation that may but probably will not require an outflow of resources. When there is a possible obligation or a present obligation in respect of which the likelihood of outflow of resources is remote, no provision or disclosure is made.

A provision for onerous contract is recognized when the expected benefits to be derived by the Group from a contract are lower than the unavoidable cost of meeting its obligation under the contract.

Provisions are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate. If it is no longer probable that an outflow of resources would be required to settle the obligation, the provision is reversed. Contingent assets are not recognized in the financial statements. However, contingent assets are assessed continually and if it is virtually certain that an inflow of economic benefits will arise, the asset and related income are recognized in the period in which the change occurs.

Liabilities on account of derivative contracts are reported under Contingent Liabilities under sub-heading Outstanding Liabilities for Forward Exchange Contract. These include notional principal on outstanding forward rate agreements. The Forward Exchange Contract is marked to market and resulting difference is recognized in Statement of Profit or Loss. The difference payable/ receivable that arises at the time settlement of Forward Exchange Contract is recognized at the time of settlement.

5.13. Deposits, Debt Securities Issued and Subordinated Liabilities

Deposits, debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities are the Group's sources of debt funding.

Deposits comprises of financial liabilities incurred by the Group on account of deposit amount held of the customers and other Banks and Financial Institutions.

Debt securities issued are financial liabilities instrument issued to raise fund for the Group.

Subordinated Liabilities are debt instruments issued by under the conditions of subordinate priority relative to other liabilities incurred by the Group.

Deposits, debt securities issued and subordinated liabilities are initially measured at fair value minus incremental direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at their amortized cost using the effective interest method.

5.14. Revenue Recognition

Revenue comprises of interest income, fees and commission, foreign exchange income, cards income, disposal income, etc. Revenue is recognized to the extent it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is not recognized during the period in which its recoverability of income is not probable. The bases of incomes recognition are as below:

a) Interest income

As per the requirement of NFRS, interest income is recognized in profit or loss using effective interest method, except for those classified at fair value through profit or loss. Effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments and receipts through the expected life of financial asset or liability to the carrying amount of the asset or liability. The effective interest rate is

calculated on initial recognition of the financial asset or liability by estimating the future cash flows after considering all the contractual terms of the instrumentbut not future credit losses. The calculation of effective interest rate includes all transactions cost and fee and points paid or received that are integral part of the effective interest. The transactions cost and fees and points that are not material i.e. below or equal to 1% of financial asset or liability and for financial asset or liability with tenure of upto 1 year have been recognized directly in Statement of Profit or Loss and not considered in the calculation of effective interest rate. The transaction costs include incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets.

Interest income presented in statement of profit or loss includes:

- Interest income on financial assets measured at amortized cost calculated on an effective interest rate
 method except for impaired loans and advances. These financial assets include investment in
 government securities, investment in corporate bonds, investment in NRB Bond and deposit
 instruments, reverse repos, interbank lending, etc.
- Interest on investment securities measured at fair value is calculated on effective interest rate.
- Income on discounted instruments like bills purchased, documents negotiation is recognized over the
 period of discounting on accrual basis using effective interest rate.

Interest income on all trading assets are considered to be incidental to the Group's trading operations and are presented together with all other changes in fair value of trading assets and liabilities in net trading income.

Revenue is recognized only when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity. In some cases, this may not be probable until the consideration is received or until an uncertainty is removed.

Interest income on Loans and Advances is recognized as per the guideline on recognition of interest income, 2019 issued by NRB.

b) Fees and Commission

Fees and commission income that are integral to the effective interest rate on a financial asset are included in measurement of effective interest rate. Other fees and commission income including management fee, service charges, syndication fee, forex transaction commission, commission of issue of letter of credit and guarantee are recognized as the related services are performed. When the loan commitment is not utilized to the extent of approved limit, the related commitment fees are recognized on undrawn amount on straight line basis over the period of commitment. Following bases are adopted for recognition of fees and commission

- Commission on guarantees issued by the Group is recognized as income over the period of the guarantee, except for guarantee commission not exceeding Rs. 10 thousands, which is recognized at the time of its issue.
- Commission on sight Letters of Credit (LC) issued by the Group is recognized as income at the time
 of issue of the LC whereas income from time LC is recognized over its period on accrual basis.
- Other fees and commission income are recognized on accrual basis.

c) Dividend Income:

Dividend on investment in resident company is recognized when the right to receive payment is established. Dividend income are presented in net trading income, net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss or other revenue based on the underlying classification of the equity instruments.

d) Net Trading Income

Trading income/ loss is recognized for all realized interest, dividend and foreign exchange differences including any unrealized changes in fair value of trading assets and liabilities. The trading income and loss are netted off and disclosed separately in Statement of Profit or Loss.

e) Net income from other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Net income from other financial instruments at FVTPL relates to non-trading derivatives held for risk management purposes that do not form part of qualifying hedge relationships, financial assets and

financial liabilities designated as at FVTPL and non-trading assets mandatorily measured at FVTPL. The line item includes fair value changes, interest, dividends and foreign exchange differences.

5.15. Interest Expense

Interest expense on all financial liabilities including deposits are recognized in profit or loss using effective interest rate method. Interest expense on all trading liabilities are considered to be incidental to the Group's trading operations and are presented together with all other changes in fair value of trading assets and liabilities in net trading income.

5.16. Employee Benefits

a) Short Term Employee Benefits

Short term employee benefit obligations are measured on an undiscounted basis and are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is also recognized for the amount expected to be paid under bonus required by the Bonus Act, 2030 to pay the amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably under short term employee benefits.

Short-term employee benefits include all the following items (if payable within 12 months after the end of the reporting period):

- wages, salaries and social security contributions;
- profit-sharing and bonuses; and
- non-monetary benefits

b) Post-Employment Benefit Plan

Post-employment benefit plan includes followings:

i. Defined Contribution Plan

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays a fixed contribution to a separate entity and has no legal or constructive obligation to pay future amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized as personnel expense in profit or loss in the periods during which the related service are rendered by employees. Pre-paid contributions are recognized as an asset to the extent that cash refund or reduction in future payments is available. Contributions to a defined contribution plan being due for more than 12 months after the end of the period in which the employee render the service are discounted at their present value. The following are the defined contribution plan provided by the Group to its employees:

• Employees Provident Fund

In accordance with law, all employees of the Group are entitled to receive benefits under the provident fund, a defined contribution plan in which both the employee and the Group contribute monthly at a pre-determined rate (currently, 10% of the basic salary plus grades). Group does not assume any future liability for provident fund benefits other than its annual contribution.

ii. Defined Benefit Plan

A defined benefit plan is a post-employment benefit plan other than a defined contribution plan. The Group's net obligation in respect of defined benefit plans is calculated separately for each plan by estimating the amount of future benefit that employees have earned in return for their service in current and prior periods. That benefit is discounted to determine its present value. Any unrecognized past service costs and the fair value of any plan assets are deducted. The discount rate is the yield at the reporting date on high quality corporate bonds, that have maturity dates approximating the terms of the Group's obligation and that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits are expected to be paid. The calculation of obligation is performed annually by a qualified actuary using projected unit credit method.

The Group recognizes all re-measurement gains and losses arising from defined benefit plans immediately in other comprehensive income and all expenses related to defined benefits plans in employee benefit are expensed in profit or loss.

The Gratuity is the defined benefit plans provided by the Group to its employees:

Gratuity

Group provides for gratuity on actuarial basis covering eligible employees joining prior to Bhadra 1, 2074 and on accrual basis covering employees joining on or after Bhadra 1, 2074 as per terms of Employee Service Byelaws of the Group.

c) Other Long Term Employee Benefits

Other long term employee benefits include benefits that are not expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after end of the fiscal year in which employees render the related service.

The Group recognizes all re-measurement gains and losses including all service cost and interest cost related to other long term employee benefits are expensed in profit or loss account.

The Sick and Home Leave are the other long term employee benefit plans provided by the Group to its employees:

• Leave Salary

The employees of the Group are entitled to carry forward a part of their unavailed/ unutilized leave subject to a maximum limit. The employees can encashunavailed/ unutilized leave partially in terms of Employee Service Byelaws of the Group. The Group accounts for the liability for entire accumulated outstanding leave balance on actuarial basis.

d) Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are recognized as expense when the Group is demonstrably committed, without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal plan to provide termination benefits to employees as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Termination benefits are recognized if the Group has made an offer for voluntary redundancy, it is probable that the offer will be accepted and the number of acceptance can be measured reliably. If the benefits are payable in more than 12 months after the reporting date, they are discounted to their present value.

5.17. Lease

Group as a Lessee

At the commencement date of lease, the Group shall recognizeRight of Use asset. The cost of Right of Use asset shall comprise the amount of initial measurement of lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement date, lessany lease incentives received and any initial direct costs incurred by the lessee. Right of Use Assets shall be measured at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment and adjusted for any re measurement of the lease liability. The Group shall depreciate the Right of Use Asset from the commencement date to the end of useful life of the underlying assets on the straight line basis.

At the commencement date, the Group shall measure the lease liability at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date. The lease payment shall include fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments, amounts expected to be payable by the Group under residual valueguarantee., the exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option and payments of penalties for terminating the lease.

Group as a Lessor

The Group shall classify each of its leases as either an operating lease or a finance lease. The lease is classified as a finance lease if the Group transfers substantially all therisks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset. Alease is classified as an operating lease if the Group does not transfer substantially all therisks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset. The Group shall recognize lease payments from operating leases as income on straight-line basis over the lease term.

5.18. Financial Guarantees and Loan Commitments

Financial guarantees are contracts that require the Group to make specified payments to reimburse the holder for a loss that it incurs because a specified debtor fails to make payment when it is due in accordance with the terms of a debt instrument. 'Loan commitments' are firm commitments to provide credit under pre-specified terms and conditions.

Financial guarantees and loan commitments are disclosed as contingent liabilities and not recorded in Statement of Financial Position. Liabilities arising from financial guarantees and loan commitments are settled and included in loans and advances as receivables from debtors (borrowers).

5.19. Share Capital and Reserves

a) Share Capital

The Group classifies the capital instruments as equity instruments or financial liabilities in accordance with the substance with the contractual terms of the instruments. Equity is defined as residual interest in total assets of an entity after deducting all its liabilities. Common shares are classified as equity of the Group and distributions thereon are presented in statement of changes in equity.

The Group is required to maintain the capital adequacy ratio imposed by the regulator. The ratio is fixed at 11% for current year and the Group has maintained the required ratio.

b) Share Issue Costs

Incremental costs directly attributable to issue of an equity instruments are deducted from the initial measurement of the equity instruments.

5.20. Earnings per share

The Group presents basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Group by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

5.21. Non- Current Assets Held for Sale

Non-current assets (or disposal groups) are classified as assets held for sale and carried at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell if their carrying amount is recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. The assets are not depreciated or amortized while they are classified as held for sale. Any impairment loss on initial classification and subsequent measurement is recognized as an expense. Any subsequent increase in fair value less costs to sell (not exceeding the accumulated impairment loss that has been previously recognized) is recognized in profit or loss.

5.22. Impairment of non financial assets

The Group assesses at each reporting date whether there is an indication that an asset may be impaired. If any indication exists, or when annual impairment testing for an asset is required, the Group estimates the asset's recoverable amount. An asset's recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value of the Cash Generating Unit's (CGU) less costs to sell and its value in use. Where the carrying amount of an asset or CGU exceeds its recoverable amount, the asset is considered impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset, in determining fair value less costs to sell, an appropriate valuation model is used.

5.23. Events after the reporting period

Where necessary all material events after the reporting date have been considered and appropriate adjustments or disclosures have been made in the Financial Statements as per the NAS 10 –Events After the Reporting Period.

6. Segment Information

The Group has identified the reportable segment as the business activities from which it earns revenues and incurs expenses whose operating results are reviewed by the management to make decision about resource allocation to each segment and assess its performance.

The Bank comprises Banking, Treasury, Cards and Remittance as major business segments on the nature of products and services of the Bank. All transactions between segments are conducted on pre-determined transfer price with Corporate Office. Treasury Department acts as the fund manager of the Bank.

Segment results that have been reported include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. The income, expenses, assets & liabilities that cannot be allocated to segments identified or those related to corporate office are unallocated. Unallocated items comprise mainly corporate assets (primarily the Bank's corporate building), head office expenses, and tax assets and liabilities that are categorized as the Banking.

A. Information about reportable segments

Particulars	s Banking		Trea	sury	C	ard	Remi	ittance	Tot	al
	Current Qtr.	Corresponding Prev. Yr. Qtr.	Current Qtr.	Corresponding Prev. Yr. Qtr.	Current Qtr.	Corresponding Prev. Yr. Qtr.	Current Qtr.	Corresponding Prev. Yr. Qtr.	Current Qtr.	Corresponding Prev. Yr. Qtr.
Revenues from external customer	3,956,070,446	4,464,717,508	1,063,277,701	567,615,668	34,196,804	24,635,701	4,820,325	9,963,858	5,058,365,276	5,066,932,736
Intersegment Revenues	2,675,576,806	1,815,999,001	(634,911,515)	(212,202,489)	-	-	-	-	2,040,665,291	1,603,796,512
Segment Profit (loss) before Tax	4,217,012,223	3,799,449,893	502,735,284	414,775,712	11,721,162	(2,439,064)	5,981,782	11,756,047	4,737,450,452	4,223,542,587
Segment assets	165,264,252,746	152,636,475,021	47,933,196,153	32,279,930,964	473,575,976	280,296,777	23,101,224	33,539,061	213,694,126,099	185,230,241,823
Segment Liabilities	184,735,976,634	162,972,607,658	10,642,048,920	5,799,284,756	97,486,962	122,236,079	37,555,117	25,247,178	195,513,067,633	168,919,375,672

B. Reconciliation of reportable segment profit or loss

Particulars	Current Quarter	Corresponding Previous Quarter
Total Profit before Tax for reportable segments	4,737,450,452	4,223,542,587
Profit before Tax for other segments		
Elimination of inter segment profit		
Elimination of discontinued operation		
Unallocated amounts:		
- Other Corporate expenses	(2,857,548,736)	(2,439,745,770)
Profit Before Tax	1,879,901,716	1,783,796,817

7. Concentration of Borrowings and Deposits

A. Concentration of Borrowings

Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
Total Borrowing from ten largest lenders	3,300,000,000	3,020,145,000
Percentage of Borrowing from ten largest	100%	100%
lenders to total borrowing		

B. Concentration of Credit exposures

Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
Total exposures to twenty largest borrowers		
a. As per group (related party)	31,270,612,975	27,239,979,500
b. As per individual customer	23,612,849,633	20,338,086,506
Percentage of exposures to twenty largest borrowers to		
Total Loans and Advances		
a. As per group (related party)	20.04%	19.03%
b. As per individual customer	15.13%	14.21%

C. Concentration of Deposits

Particulars	Current Year	Previous Year
Total deposits from twenty largest depositors		
a. Group-wise	38,778,266,411	39,741,663,671
b. As per individual customer	38,778,266,411	39,741,663,671
Percentage of deposits from twenty largest depositors to Total Deposits		
a. Group-wise	21.05%	24.49%
b. As per individual customer	21.05%	24.49%

8. Related party disclosures

8.1 Related Party Disclosure of the Bank

The related parties of the Bank which meets the definition of related parties as defined in "NAS 24 Related Party Disclosures" are as follows:

i. Key Management Personnel (KMP)

The key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility of planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly including any director. The key management of the Bank includes members of its Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, and other higher level employee of the Bank. The name of the key management personnel who were holding various positions in the office during the year were as follows:

Name of the Key Management Personnel	Post	
Mr. Prabal Jung Pandey*	BOD Chairman	
Mr. Rajan Singh Bhandari*	BOD Chairman	
Mr. Prakash Chandra Mainali	Director	
Mr. Bijaya Dhoj Karki	Director	
Mrs. Seeta Karki K.C.**	Director	
Mr. Sajan Sharma	Director	
Mr. Digvijay Bista**	Director	

Dr. Binod Atreya***	Professional Director
Mr. Anil Kumar Gyawali***	Professional Director
Mr. Ramesh Raj Aryal***	Professional Director
Mr. Ganesh Raj Pokharel	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Sumit Babu Khatri	Senior Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Paras Kumar Kafle	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Rajendra Lal Shrestha	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Sanjeeb Kumar Shrestha	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Suman Mulepati	Chief Credit Officer
Mr. Ravi Kumar Rauniyar	Chief Operating Officer
Mr. Narayan Raj Adhikari	Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Amit Khanal	Chief Risk Officer
Mr. Pramesh Raj Kayastha	Chief Finance Officer
Mr. Roshan Manandhar	Chief Mass Banking Officer

^{*}Tenure of Chairman, Mr. Rajan Singh Bhandari, has been completed and Mr. Prabal Jung Pandey has been elected as the new Chairman of BOD, with effect from 13thOctober, 2023.

ii. Subsidiary Company

Shareholding %

Name and percentage of shareholding in Subsidiary Company is as below:

- a. Citizens Capital Limited (formerly known as CBIL Capital Ltd) 58.60%
- b. CBIL Securities Limited

iii. Associate Companies

Shareholding %

100%

9.09%

- a. Nepal Electronic Payment Systems Limited
- b. Mero Microfinance LaghubittaBittiyaSansthan Limited 6.90%

iv. Fund Sponsor

- a. Citizens Mutual Fund- I
- b. Citizens Mutual Fund- II
- c. Citizens Super 30 Mutual Fund

i.Compensation to Key Management Personnel

The members of Board of Directors are entitled for meeting allowances. Salary and allowances are provided to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other member of Key Management Personnel (KMP). Salary and Allowances paid to the Chief Executive Officer is based on the contract entered by the Bank with him whereas compensation paid to other member of KMP are governed by Employees Byelaws and decisions made by management from time to time in this regard. In addition to salaries and allowances, non- cash benefits like vehicle facility, subsidized rate employees loan, termination benefits are also provided to KMP.

The details relating to compensation paid and expenses incurred to key management personnel (directors only) were as follows:

^{**} Mrs. Seeta Karki K.C. and Mr. Digvijay Bista have been elected as Directors by the shareholders in 17thAGMdated 13thOctober, 2023.

^{***}Tenure of Professional Director,Mr. Anil Kumar Gyawali has been completed on 21st November, 2023 and his successor, Mr. Ramesh Raj Aryal has resigned from his post with effect from29th December, 2023. Dr. Binod Atreya has been elected as the professional director with effect from29th December, 2023.

Particulars	Current Year (NPR)
Meeting Fees	1,787,000
Other Board Facility	604,900
Other Expenses	322,970
Total	2,714,870

The details relating to compensation paid to key management personnel (CEO only)were as follows:

Particulars	Current Year (NPR)
Short term employee benefits	15,773,591
Post- employment benefits*	630,000
Other long term benefits**	- ·
Total	16,403,591

The details relating to compensation paid to key management personnel other than directors and CEO were as follows:

Particulars	Current Year (NPR)
Short term employee benefits	32,735,810
Post- employment benefits*	1,158,048
Other long term benefits**	-
Total	33,893,858

^{*}Post- employment benefits include Provident Fund and Gratuity. Provident Fund is deposited in an independent institution and Gratuity is provided for as per actuarial valuation against which investment is made in an independent planned asset.

ii.Transaction with Subsidiary

Citizens Capital Limited

The Bank has made strategic investment to broaden the scope of service and source of income by investing in share capital of Citizens Capital Limited which is the subsidiary company of the Bank. The Bank holds 58.60 % controlling interest in the subsidiary. Similarly, DCEO- Operations of the Bank is the Chairman of Citizens Capital. DCEO- Risk & Compliance and CFO of the Bank are directors of the subsidiary.

The subsidiary is engaged in Merchant Banking Services.

- 1. The Bank has entered into a Management Service Agreement (MSA) with Subsidiary for providing management services. Provisions laid in MSA are in line with arms-length principle.
- 2. An agreement has been made between the Bank and the Subsidiary Company to provide following facilities to Subsidiary Company by the Bank:
 - a) The Bank has the right to appoint the CEO of Citizens Capital.
 - b) The Bank provides technical assistance required for Computer hardware, software and network maintenance.
 - c) Internal audit team of the Bank will handle all audit work of its subsidiary and will submit quarterly report to its Audit Committee.
 - d) Bank has also agreed to provide legal consultancy and vehicle facility to the Subsidiary Company.
 - e) The Bank also provides investment management services through the Bank's branch network.

^{**}Other long term employment benefit includes Home Leave and Sick Leave encashment over and above the accumulation limit set as per Employee Byelaws of the Bank.

^{***} KMP also gets accidental and medical insurance, vehicle, fuel, lunch and mobile facilities as per Employee Byelaws of the Bank.

- 3. Similarly, Bank has rented its building located in Dillibazaar, Kathmandu to the Subsidiary Company with the agreement to pay monthly rent of NPR 109,808, which will be increased by 10% in every 2 years.
- 4. All receipt and payment transactions entered into by the Bank with Subsidiary were made net of TDS. TDS has been duly deposited at Tax Office.
- 5. Citizens Capital Ltd holds deposit accounts with the Bank which has a balance of NPR 139,899,674 as on 30thChaitra, 2080.
- 6. The overall transactions with the Subsidiary included in Financial Statements of the Bank has been tabulated below:

Particulars	NPR
Statement of Profit or Loss	
Rental Income	988,268
Management Fee income	2,700,000
Server & Database Rental Income	1,987,047
Dividend Income	13,361,279
Interest Income	-
Interest on advance to Subsidiary	
Fees and Commission	-
Total Income	19,036,594
Interest Paid to Subsidiary	9,623,920
RTS fee to Subsidiary	-
Total Expenses	9,623,920
Particulars	NPR
Statement of Financial Position	
Deposit of Subsidiary	139,899,674
Advance to Subsidiary	-
Dividend Payable to Shareholders of the Bank held on behalf of	
the Bank by the subsidiary	153,434,391

The following table summarizes the financial information of Citizens Capital Limited in its own financial statements:

Particulars	NPR
Non- Current Assets	10,351,354
Current Assets	440,114,807
Non- Current Liabilities	1,967,654
Current Liabilities	220,917,096
Net Assets Attributable to Share Holders	227,581,411
Revenue	49,063,988
Profit from Continuing Operations	15,199,922
Other Comprehensive Income	-
Total Comprehensive Income	15,199,922

CBIL Securities Limited

The Bank has made strategic investment to broaden the scope of service and source of income by investing in share capital of CBIL Securities Limited which is the subsidiary company of the Bank. The Bank holds 100 % controlling interest in the subsidiary.

The subsidiary is engaged in Securities Brokerage Services.

- 1. Bank has rented out its building located in Kupondole, Lalitpur to the Subsidiary Company with the agreement to pay Monthly Rent of NPR 60,000 which will be increased by 10% in every 2 years, effective from the date of commencement of operation of CBIL Securities Limited i.e. Mangsir 24, 2080.
- 2. All receipt and payment transactions entered into by the Bank with Subsidiary were made net of TDS. TDS has been duly deposited at Tax Office.
- 3. CBIL Securities Ltd holds a deposit account with the Bank which has a balance of NPR 200,300,066as on 30thChaitra, 2080.
- 4. The overall transactions with the Subsidiary included in Financial Statements of the Bank has been tabulated below:

Particulars	NPR
Statement of Profit or Loss	
Rental Income	254,000
Total Income	254,000
Interest Paid to Subsidiary	13,453,851
Total Expenses	13,453,851
Statement of Financial Position	
Deposit of Subsidiary	200,300,066
Advance to Subsidiary	43,400,000

The following table summarizes the financial information of CBIL Securities in its own financial statements:

Particulars	NPR
Non- Current Assets	8,520,556
Current Assets	270,972,384
Non- Current Liabilities	405,154
Current Liabilities	57,336,544
Net Assets Attributable to Share Holders	221,751,242
Revenue	15,065,864
Profit from Continuing Operations	708,869
Other Comprehensive Income	-
Total Comprehensive Income	708,869

iii. Transaction with Associates

Investments in Associates have been reported in the statement of financial position of the group and are initially recognized at cost and subsequently accounted for using the equity method. Similarly, the Bank has accounted for investments in associates at cost in separate financial statements.

The Bank has significant influence, but not control, over the financial and operating policies of the company even if the Manager of the Bank is the representative director on behalf of the Bank in the company.

Nepal Electronic Payment Systems Limited (NEPS)

NEPS is formulated as a consortium of seven national level commercial Banks, with aim to pool the resources of these Banks together and establish a common platform, which will be more secure, reliable and able to encompass the rapid growth of new technologies in electronic payments.

Executive member Mr. Sanjeeb Kumar Shrestha is the Board member in NEPS. The Bank holds investment of Rs. 16,000,000 in share capital of NEPS which comes to 9.09% of the total capital of NEPS.

Agreement has been entered by the Bank with NEPS for availing services related to debit cards and credit cards for which Bank makes the payment at an arm's length price.

The aggregate amounts of the transactions during the period from the relevant related party at the Chaitra end are summarized below:

Particulars	NPR
Payments made towards transaction fees	21,831,148

The investment in NEPS has been accounted for at cost in separate financial statement of the Bank and as per equity method in consolidated Financial Statement.

Mero Microfinance LaghubittaBittiyaSansthan Limited

Mero Microfinance LaghubittaBittiiyaSansthan Limited is a "D" class licensed institution from Nepal Rastra Bank.

Senior Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mr. SumitBabu Khatri is the Board member in the company. The Bank holds investment of Rs. 36,494,100 (828,000 no. of equity shares) in share capital of the associate company, which comes to 6.90% of the total capital of the associate company.

The aggregate amount of the transactions during the period from the relevant related party at the Chaitraend are summarized below:

<u>Particulars</u>	NPR
Interest paid to associate	126,612
Interest income	84,088,508
Loans and advances	744,685,989
Deposit	5,492,715

The investment in Mero Microfinance LaghubittaBittiya Sanstha Limited has been accounted for at cost in separate financial statement of the Bank and as per equity method in consolidated Financial Statement.

iv. Transaction with Citizens Mutual Fund- I

The Bank is the shareholder holding substantial interest and the sponsor of the Citizens Mutual Fund-I under the Citizens Mutual Fund (the Fund) registered with Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) under the Mutual Fund Regulation 2067 as a close ended, equity oriented fund.

The Scheme started its operation on 20th Falgun 2074 with the maturity period of 7 years (i.e. up to 19thFalgun 2081). It was listed in Nepal Stock Exchange on 3rd Baisakh 2075.

The Bank has invested NPR 150,000,000 in Citizens Mutual Fund- I which has been marked to market and disclosed in Investment measured at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income.

The Scheme has Bank Balance of NPR 16,301,065.18 as on Balance Sheet date with the Bank.

v.Transaction with Citizens Mutual Fund- II

The Bank is the shareholder holding substantial interest and the sponsor of the Citizens Mutual Fund-II under the Citizens Mutual Fund (the Fund) registered with Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) under the Mutual Fund Regulation 2067 as a close ended, equity oriented fund.

The Scheme started its operation on 22ndAshadh 2076 with the maturity period of 7 years (i.e. up to 21stAshadh 2083).

The Bank has invested NPR 150,000,000 in Citizens Mutual Fund- II.

The Scheme has Bank Balance of NPR 8,173,572.46as on Balance Sheet date with the Bank.

vi. Transaction with Citizens Super 30 Mutual Fund

The Bank is the shareholder holding substantial interest and the sponsor of the Citizens Super 30 Mutual Fund under the Citizens Mutual Fund (the Fund) registered with Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) under the Mutual Fund Regulation 2067 as a close ended, equity oriented fund.

The Scheme started its operation on 31st Baisakh 2080 with the maturity period of 10 years (i.e. up to 30th Baisakh 2090).

The Bank has invested NPR 150,000,000 in Citizens Super 30 Mutual Fund.

The Scheme has Bank Balance of NPR 7,267,035.39 as on Balance Sheet date with the Bank.

9. Dividends paid (aggregate or per share) separately for ordinary shares and other shares

The Bank haspaid NPR 822,161,652.96 amount as dividend for ordinary shares till the reporting period.

10. Issues, repurchases and repayments of debt and equity securities

The Bank has issued 3,000,000 units of par value NPR 1,000 "10% Citizens Bank Debenture 2090", worth NPR 3,000,000,000 during the reporting period.

11. Events after interim period

There are no material events after Balance Sheet Date affecting financial status of the Group as on Chaitra end, 2080.

12. Effect of changes in the composition of the entity during the interim period including merger and acquisition

There is no any merger or acquisition effecting the changes in the composition of the entity during the interim period as on Chaitra end, 2080.

13. Above figures reported in consolidated interim financial report are subject to change upon otherwise instructions of statutory auditor and/or regulatory authorities.