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BANK OF JAMAICA

NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES AND BASE MONEY INDICATORS

BASE MONEY INDICATORS (J\$M)

	End September 2009	End October 2009	Change
A: CURRENCY ISSUE^{1/}	43,427.59	43,238.76	-188.83
B: COMMERCIAL BANKS	28,701.42	29,714.83	1,013.41
Statutory Cash Reserves	28,551.56	29,408.97	857.41
Current Account ^{2/}	149.86	305.86	156.00
C: MONETARY BASE^{3/}	72,129.01	72,953.59	824.58

1/ Currency in circulation less Bank of Jamaica teller cash.

2/ Transaction balances and excess reserves. Data reflect credit balances only.
Note: Statutory cash reserve and current accounts of commercial banks are held at the Bank of Jamaica.

3/ Monetary Base is the aggregate of Currency Issue and Commercial Banks' Statutory Cash Reserves and Current Account, and is consistent with Bank of Jamaica's Operating Targets.

BANK OF JAMAICA'S INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (US\$M)

	End September 2009	End October 2009	Change
FOREIGN ASSETS	2,007.28	1,931.86	-75.42
FOREIGN LIABILITIES	74.04	22.50	-51.54
NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES	1,933.24	1,909.36	-23.88

Estimated Gross Official

Gross Reserves in Weeks of Goods Imports¹ 21.83 21.01

Gross Reserves in Weeks of Goods & Services Imports¹ 15.39 14.81

^{1/} Based on estimated value of imports for FY 2009/2010

