



New Release  
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### BANK OF JAMAICA INTEREST RATES

Effective Tuesday, 09 February 2010, the rate payable on 30-day open market instruments offered by the Bank of Jamaica will be reduced by 50 basis points from 10.50 per cent per annum to 10.0 percent per annum.

	30-days	60-days	90-days	120-days	180-days
<b>New Rates Feb 09</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
Previous Rates	10.50	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rates prior to Jan 12, 2010	10.50	11.00	13.50	13.70	15.00

The adjustment to the 30-day rate reflects the added boost to confidence that the IMF Board endorsement brings, with half of the financial support approved by the Fund received by the Bank of Jamaica on Monday 8 February 2010. In that context, the gross international reserves are now approximately US\$2.2 billion, representing some 16.9 weeks coverage of imports of goods and services. Additional foreign exchange inflows from other multilaterals are expected later in February.

The receipt of these financial inflows will provide the wherewithal for the Bank to underwrite continued stability in the foreign exchange market and will serve to reinforce the Bank's expectation of reduced inflation in 2010.