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BANK OF JAMAICA

NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES AND BASE MONEY INDICATORS

BASE MONEY INDICATORS (J\$M)

		End November 2010	End December 2010	<u>Change</u>
A:	CURRENCY ISSUE ^{1/}	47,345.17	56,710.72	9,365.55
В:	COMMERCIAL BANKS Statutory Cash Reserves Current Account ^{2/}	27,526.83 27,419.30 107.53	28,382.30 27,713.45 668.85	855.47 294.15 561.32
C:	MONETARY BASE ^{3/}	74,872.00	85,093.02	10,221.02

- 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 November 2010	End December 2010	<u>Change</u>
FOREIGN ASSETS	2,718.98	2,979.17	260.19
FOREIGN LIABILITIES	800.50	807.76	7.26
NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES	1,918.48	2,171.41	252.93
Reserves in Weeks of Goods Imports ¹	29.06	31.85	
Reserves in Weeks of Goods & Services Impor	21.18	23.20	

1/ Based on estimated value of imports for FY 2010/2011

