

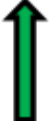


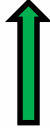






# MONEY AND BANKING STATISTICS

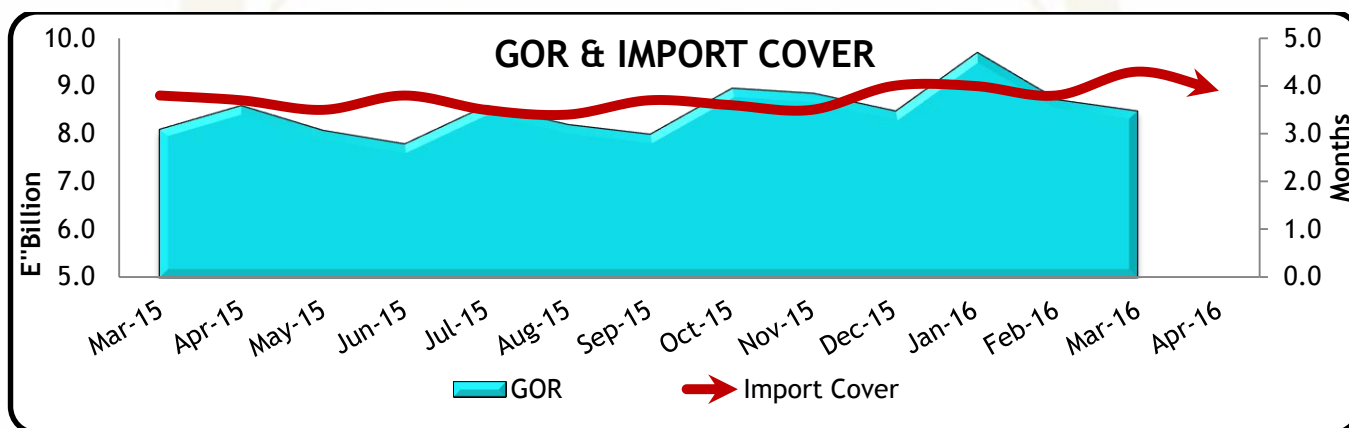
## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2016

HIGHLIGHTS ON MAJOR ECONOMIC AGGREGATES	MONTHLY % CHANGE	ANNUAL % CHANGE
<p><b>Gross Official Reserves</b> amounted to E8.5 billion at the end of March 2016. They were lower than the E8.8 billion recorded in February 2016. The Reserves were enough to cover an estimated 3.8 months of imports, slightly below the 3.9 months recorded in February 2016.</p>	3.1 	4.6 
<p><b>Credit to the Private Sector</b> stood at E11.632 billion, slightly higher than the E11.585 billion observed in January 2016. The growth was primarily driven by credit to Households and Other sectors. Credit to Businesses on the other hand contracted from the preceding month.</p>	0.4 	6.8 
<p><b>Broad Money Supply (M2)</b> stood at E13 billion at the end of February 2016, lower than the E13.3 billion observed in January 2016. The decline in M2 was reflected in both its components, M1 and Quasi Money Supply.</p>	2.7 	14.2 
<p><b>Domestic Liquid Assets</b> settled at E2.7 billion. At this level, they were lower than the E2.9 billion observed in the preceding month. The decline was largely driven by a fall in commercial banks' balances with the Central Bank over the review month.</p>	7.4 	11.8 
<b>PERCENT</b>		
<p><b>Bank Rate</b> increased by 25 basis points following the Bank's decision on 18 March 2016. The Bank Rate consequently increased from 6.25 percent to 6.5 percent.</p>	6.5	
<p><b>Prime Lending Rates</b> increased by 25 basis points following a similar increase in the Bank Rate. The Prime Lending Rate increased from 9.75 percent to 10 percent.</p>	10.0	



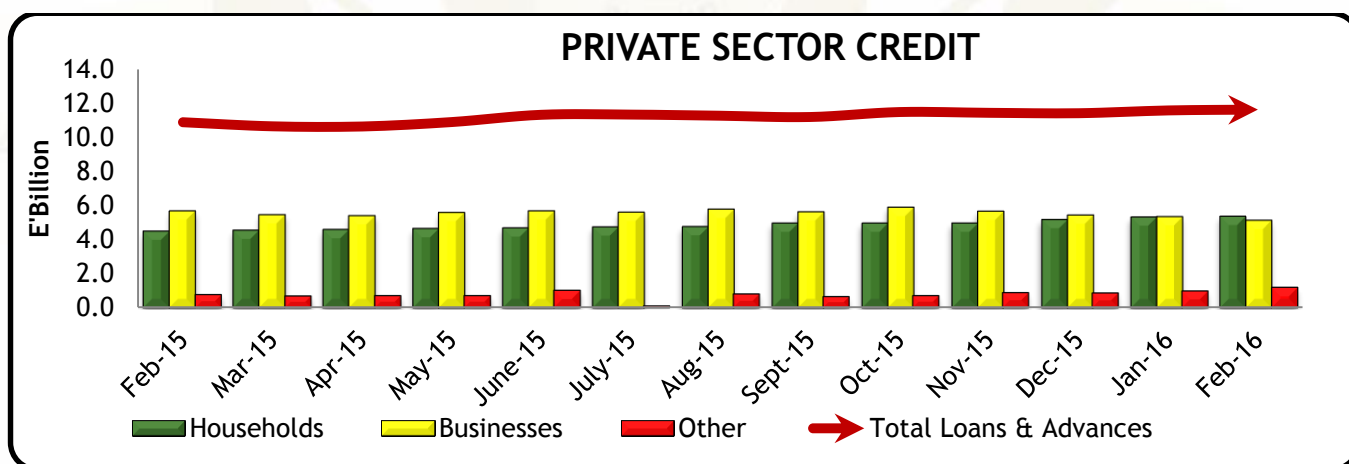
## Summary of Movements in Major Monetary Aggregates

**Gross Official Reserves** amounted to E8.5 billion at the end of March 2016. The Reserves were 3.1 percent lower than recorded in February 2016 but 4.6 percent above the level recorded in March 2015. The monthly contraction in Reserves was primarily due to payment of Government's budgetary obligations. Consequently, the Reserves were enough to cover an estimated 3.8 months of imports, slightly below the 3.9 months cover observed in February 2016, but higher than the 3.5 months cover observed in March 2015. When valued in Special Drawing Rights, Reserves amounted to SDR409.6 million reflecting a month-on-month increase of 3.1 percent but they were 15.1 percent lower than recorded in March 2015.



Source: Central Bank of Swaziland

**Credit to the private sector** amounted to E11.6 billion, reflecting a slight rise of 0.4 percent from the preceding month and a 6.8 percent rise from the previous year. The low month-on-month growth rate was on account of a rise in credit extended to Households & Non-Profit Institutions Serving Households (NPISH) as well as Other sectors. Credit to Other sectors (mainly Other Financial and Public Non-Financial Corporations) grew by 21.2 percent to close at E1.2 billion.



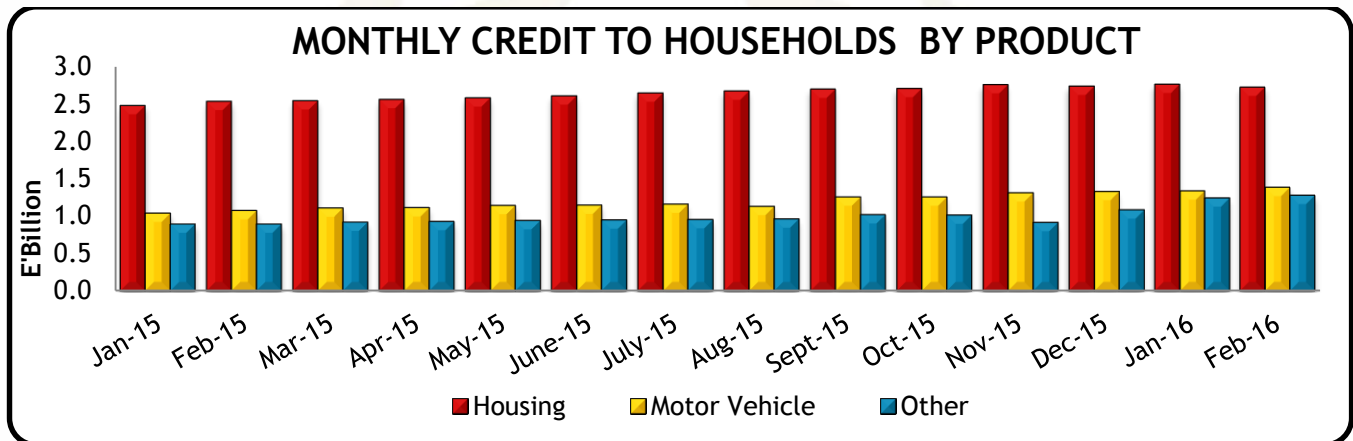
Source: Other Depository Corporations & Central Bank of Swaziland

**Credit to Households & NPISH** reflected a marginal increase of 0.9 percent to E5.4 billion. The rise in credit to Households was largely observed in credit for motor vehicle finance (3.9 percent) and other



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(unsecured) household loans (2.9 percent). Mortgage loans on the other hand contracted by 1.3 percent.



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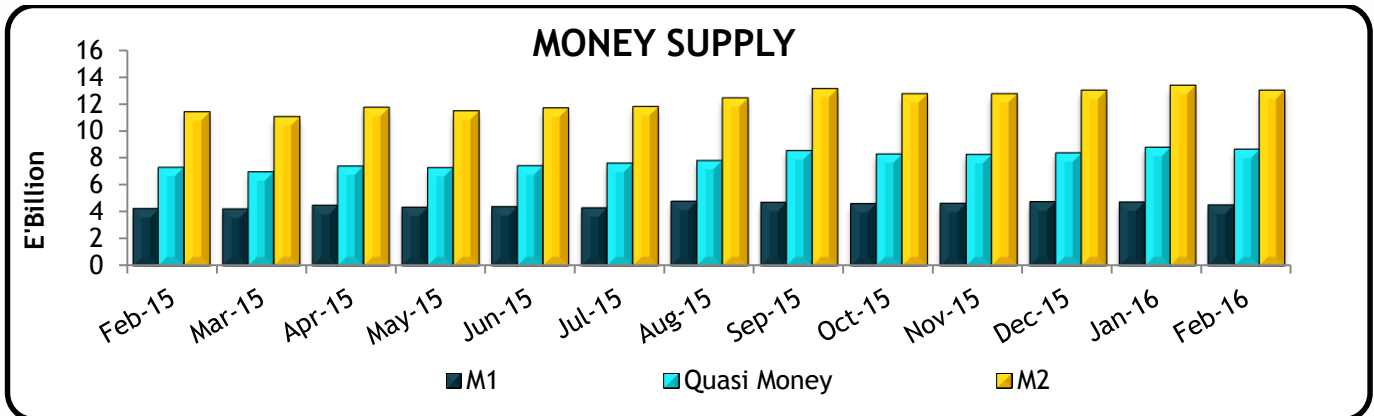
**Credit to Businesses** amounted to E5.1 billion, 3.8 percent lower than recorded in January 2016 and 9.7 percent lower than in February 2015. The monthly fall in credit to Businesses was mainly reflected in the Manufacturing sector (largely the Sugar and Molasses as well as the Textiles and Wearing Apparels sub-sectors) which contracted by 24.2 percent. Other sectors which depicted a slowdown in credit uptake over the review month include the Mining & Quarrying (-4.3 percent), Real Estate (-3.9 percent), Community Social & Personal Services (-3.6 percent) as well as Construction (-3.3 percent). Credit to the Transport & Communications as well as the Distribution & Tourism sectors on the other hand reflected growth of 8 percent and 2.9 percent respectively.

**Net Government Balances** with the banking sector amounted to E3.4 billion at the end of February 2016. At this level, Government net balances were 13.9 percent lower than observed in the preceding month and 12.3 percent below the level recorded in February 2015. The decline in Government net balances was driven by a drawdown in Government's deposits with the banking sector over the review month.

**Broad Money Supply (M2)** amounted to E13 billion, 2.7 percent lower than recorded last month, but 14.2 percent higher than observed in February 2015. The month-on-month fall in M2 was on account of both Narrow Money Supply (M1) and Quasi Money Supply. M1 declined by 4.7 percent month-on-month but grew by 6.6 percent over the year. The month-on-month decline in M1 was due to transferable deposits which shrank by 5.5 percent to E3.8 billion. Currency outside depository corporations on the other hand grew marginally by 0.6 percent to E564.5 million. Quasi Money Supply contracted by 1.6 percent to E8.6 billion over the review month. The fall in Quasi Money Supply was driven by time deposits which contracted by 2.1 percent to close at E7 billion. Savings deposits on the other hand increased by 0.7 percent to close at E1.6 billion at the end of February 2016.

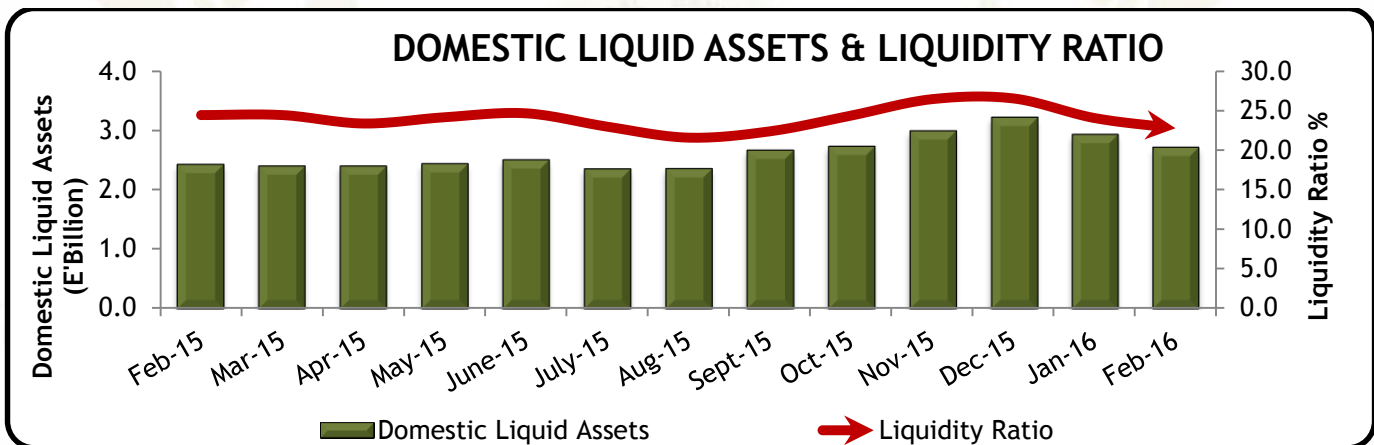


## Summary of Movements in Major Monetary Aggregates



Source: Other Depository Corporations & Central Bank of Swaziland

The overall liquidity position of the banking industry closed at E2.7 billion at the end of February 2016. At this level, domestic liquid assets of commercial banks were 7.4 percent lower than recorded in the preceding month but were 11.8 percent higher than observed in February 2015. The month-on-month contraction was largely attributed to a contraction in commercial banks' balances with the Central Bank. The liquidity ratio therefore fell to 22.8 percent in February 2016 from 24.1 percent in January 2016.



Source: Other Depository Corporations

**SELECTED MONEY AND BANKING STATISTICS**

	Feb-16	Jan-16	Feb-15
	<i>Amount</i> (E'000)	<i>Amount</i> (E'000)	<i>Amount</i> (E'000)
<b>CENTRAL BANK OF SWAZILAND</b>			
<i>Claims on Non-residents</i>	10,345,708	10,651,693	9,177,873
<i>Claims on Domestic Economy</i>	27,344	26,503	22,497
Government	1,904	1,534	2,699
Other Depository Corporations	1,846	1,842	1,842
Other Resident Sectors	23,593	23,127	17,956
<i>Other Assets</i>	429,852	444,179	407,998
<i>Total Assets/Liabilities</i>	10,802,903	11,122,375	9,608,368
<b>OTHER DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS</b>			
<i>Cash and Deposits with CBS</i>	1,148,138	1,391,141	970,984
<i>Net Balances with Banks</i>			
<i>Outside Swaziland</i>	1,545,854	1,879,624	811,248
<i>Loans and advances</i>	11,037,623	11,110,391	10,622,413
<i>Government Securities</i>	1,658,930	1,575,928	1,594,604
Treasury Bills	1,060,240	1,113,535	1,156,907
Government Bonds	598,690	529,431	437,697
<i>Other</i>	0	0	0
<i>Total Deposits</i>	12,879,585	13,279,493	11,135,015
Transferable/Demand	3,878,523	4,101,523	3,569,583
Savings	1,601,315	1,592,136	1,591,878
Time	7,399,746	7,585,834	5,973,554
<i>Capital and Reserves</i>	2,870,621	2,801,086	2,592,966
<i>Total Assets/Liabilities</i>	17,690,687	17,812,719	15,559,537
<i>Total Liquid Assets (Banks only)</i>	2,720,224	2,936,744	2,432,535

	Feb-16	Jan-16	Feb-15		
	Amount	Amount	Amount		
	(E'000)	(E'000)	(E'000)		
<b>Required Liquidity (Banks only)</b>	<b>2,349,095</b>	<b>2,398,443</b>	<b>1,947,849</b>		
<b>Surplus/ Deficiency(-)(Banks only)</b>	<b>371,129</b>	<b>538,301</b>	<b>484,686</b>		
<b>RATIOS (%)</b>					
<b>Actual Liquidity to Domestic Liabilities (Banks Only)</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>24.5</b>		
<b>Loans and Advances to Deposits</b>	<b>85.7</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>95.4</b>		
<b>DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS SURVEY</b>					
<b>Net Foreign Assets</b>	<b>9,547,584</b>	<b>10,423,293</b>	<b>8,441,715</b>		
<b>Net Official Assets</b>	<b>7,989,834</b>	<b>8,530,826</b>	<b>7,655,116</b>		
Foreign Assets - Central Bank of Swaziland	10,381,623	10,688,884	9,259,394		
Foreign Liabilities - Central Bank of Swaziland	2,391,789	2,158,058	1,604,278		
<b>Net Other Depository Corporations Foreign holdings (ODC)</b>	<b>1,557,750</b>	<b>1,892,466</b>	<b>786,599</b>		
Foreign Assets - ODC	2,065,001	2,283,857	1,376,782		
Foreign Liabilities - ODC	507,250	391,391	590,183		
<b>Net Domestic Claims</b>	<b>8,219,459</b>	<b>1,690,329</b>	<b>1,068,113</b>		
Net Claims on Government	(3,352,836)	(3,894,692)	(3,823,221)		
Claims on Central Government	1,677,066	1,655,515	1,639,242		
Government Deposits	5,029,902	5,550,207	5,462,462		
Claims on other sectors (Private Sector)	11,632,295	11,585,021	10,891,994		
Other nonfinancial corporations(Industry)	5,114,728	5,318,685	5,663,342		
Other resident sectors(Households &NPISH)	5,364,158	5,314,809	4,486,948		
Other sectors	1,153,410	951,528	741,704		
<b>Broad Money Supply(M2)</b>	<b>12,979,296</b>	<b>13,341,079</b>	<b>11,367,920</b>		
<b>Narrow Money Supply(M1)</b>	<b>4,405,152</b>	<b>4,624,456</b>	<b>4,132,885</b>		
Currency outside depository corporations(E)	564,513	561,197	575,328		
Transferable(Demand)deposits	3,840,639	4,063,259	3,557,557		
<b>Quasi Money</b>	<b>8,574,144</b>	<b>8,716,623</b>	<b>7,235,035</b>		
Savings Deposits	1,572,091	1,561,597	1,566,973		
Time Deposits	7,002,053	7,155,026	5,668,062		
<b>Shares and other equity</b>	<b>5,391,180</b>	<b>5,170,571</b>	<b>4,332,624</b>		
Central Of Swaziland	2,122,612	1,973,915	1,373,260		
Other Depository Corporations	3,268,569	3,196,657	2,959,364		
<b>Other Items (net)</b>	<b>-543,433</b>	<b>-398,029</b>	<b>-190,055</b>		
<b>SWAZILAND'S INTERNATIONAL RESERVES</b>	<b>Mar-16</b>	<b>Feb-16</b>	<b>Jan-16</b>	<b>Feb-15</b>	<b>Mar-15</b>
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
	(E'000)	(E'000)	(E'000)	(E'000)	(E'000)
<b>Total Official (Gross) - Emalangeni E</b>	<b>8,484,869</b>	<b>8,758,924</b>	<b>9,674,796</b>	<b>8,455,327</b>	<b>8,739,641</b>
- Special Drawing Rights (SDR)	<b>409,557</b>	<b>395,746</b>	<b>448,944</b>	<b>517,744</b>	<b>535,153</b>
Central Bank	8,484,869	8,758,924	9,674,796	8,455,327	8,739,641
Government	35,916	35,916	37,191	81,521	80,066
Import Cover (Reserves to months of estimated imports)	3.9	3.9	4.3	3.7	3.8
<b>Net Bank Holdings</b>	<b>1,557,750</b>	<b>1,892,466</b>	<b>786,599</b>		
<b>NOTES:</b>					
1.Data supplied in this Monthly Release represent an abstract of those provided regularly in the Central Bank's Quarterly Review.					
2.This Release is issued every month.					
3.All figures shown are subject to revision.					
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5.Import cover figures are subject to revision as import figures used have a 3 month lag. Import cover from Oct 2015 has been revised to incorporate the latest quarterly imports data					

