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# MONEY AND BANKING STATISTICS

## HIGHLIGHTS ON MAJOR MONETARY AGGREGATES

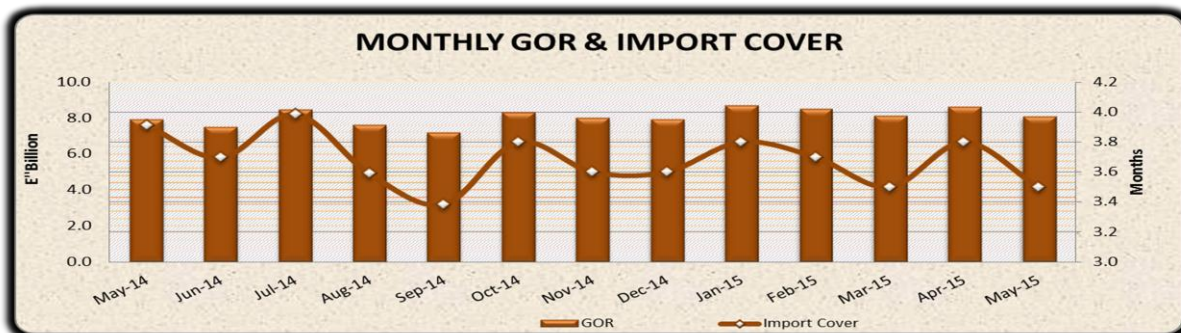
	VARIABLE	PERCENT
<i>Gross Official Reserves (GOR) fell by 6.2 percent from the preceding month due to government's payments of budgetary obligations.</i>	GOR	6.2 
<i>Import Cover amounted to 3.5 months, lower than the 3.8 months cover recorded in April 2015.</i>	IMPORT COVER	3.5 Months
<i>Credit Extended to the Private Sector (PSCE) grew by 2.4 percent over the month. The growth was mainly reflected in credit extended to businesses.</i>	PSCE	2.4 
<i>Broad Money Supply (M2) contracted by 2.2 percent month-on-month largely driven by both narrow (M1) and quasi money supply.</i>	M2	2.2 
<i>Commercial banks' domestic liquid assets increased by 1.4 percent over the review month on account of a rise in banks' investment in government securities.</i>	Bank's Liquidity	1.4 
<i>The bank rate increased by 25 basis points effective 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015. The bank rate increase narrowed the differential with the South African repo rate from 50 basis points to 25 basis points.</i>	Bank Rate	5.50 
<i>Commercial Banks increased their prime lending rate by 25 basis points to 9 percent effective 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015.</i>	Prime Lending Rate	9.00 





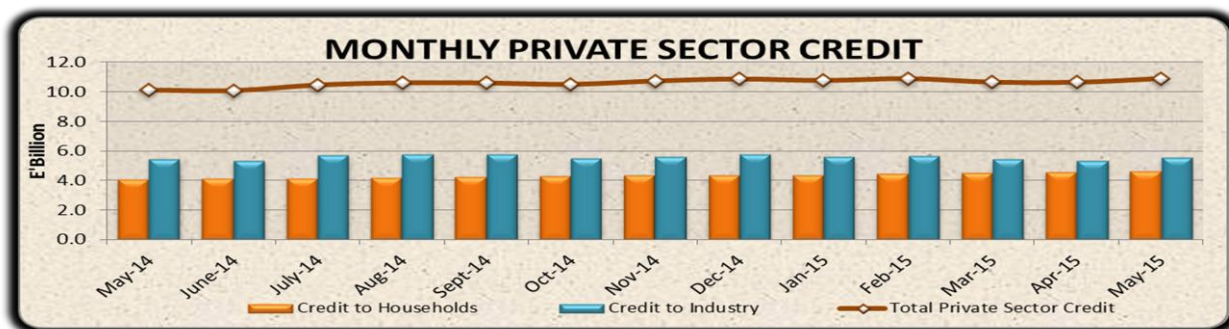
## Summary of Movements in Major Monetary Aggregates

**Gross Official Reserves** amounted to E8.1 billion over the month ended May 2015. The reserves depicted a month-on-month fall of 6.2 percent which was largely on account of payments of government's budgetary obligations over the month. The stock of gross official reserves was enough to cover an estimated 3.5 months of imports of goods and services, lower than the 3.8 months cover recorded in the previous month and the 3.9 months observed in May 2014. When valued in Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the reserves amounted to SDR478.1 million depicting a 7.3 percent contraction from April 2015. When compared over the year, gross official reserves reflected an increase of 2.1 percent when valued in Emalangeni terms and fell by 2.1 percent when valued in SDRs.



Source: Central Bank of Swaziland

**Domestic Claims (net)** increased by 12.1 percent to settle at E7.4 billion during the review month. The growth was mainly driven by claims on the private sector which rose by 2.4 percent to E10.9 billion. Claims on industry (businesses), the main driver of the rise in claims on the private sector, grew by 3.6 percent to E5.6 billion. The growth in claims on industry was largely observed in the manufacturing (32 percent) as well as the transport & communications (33 percent) sectors. Sectors that showed subdued demand for credit mainly included the community, social & personal services (16.8 percent) as well as the agriculture & forestry (6.2 percent).



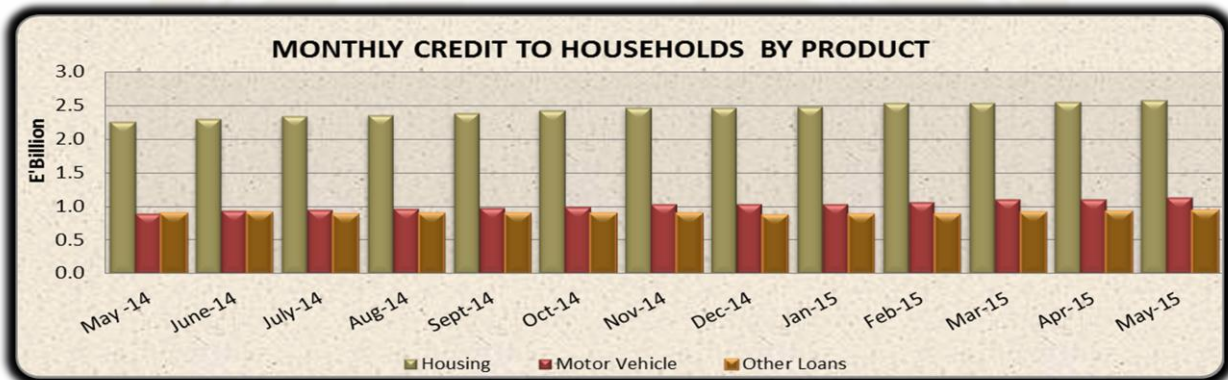
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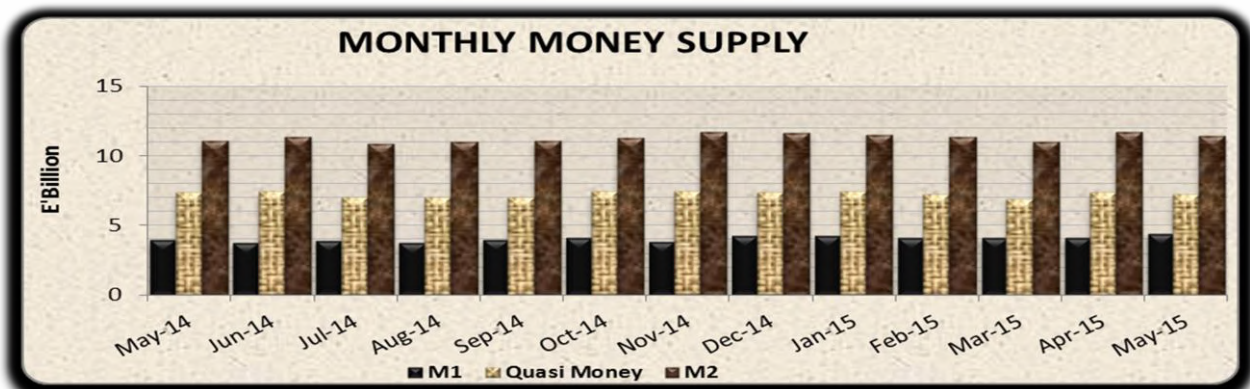
Claims on other households and non-profit institutions serving households depicted growth of 1.4 percent to E4.6 billion at the end of the review month. The rise was mainly on account of credit extended for motor vehicle finance (3.1 percent) followed by other personal loans (1.3 percent) and housing finance (0.8 percent). Claims on other sectors (mainly other financial corporations) grew by a sluggish 0.5 percent to E684.6 million in the review month.



Source: Other Depository Corporations

Net government balances with the banking sector contracted by 13.2 percent on a month-on-month comparison to close at E3.5 billion. Over the year, net government balances grew by 11.1 percent while net claims on the private sector increased by 7.7 percent.

**Broad Money Supply (M2)** contracted by 2.2 percent to E11.5 billion driven by both its components, narrow money supply (M1) and quasi money supply. M1 shrank by 3.3 percent to E4.2 billion. The decline was largely reflected in transferable deposits which fell by 4.2 percent to E3.7 billion in the review month. Currency outside depository corporations on the other hand increased by 3 percent to E542.8 million. Quasi money contracted by 1.6 percent to E7.2 billion. The fall in quasi money was mainly observed in time deposits which declined by 2 percent to E5.6 billion while savings deposits tapered by 0.3 percent to E1.6 billion on a month-on-month comparison. When compared with May 2014, M2 rose by 3.2 percent and M1 by 13 percent. Quasi money on the other hand reflected a fall of 1.8 percent over the year.

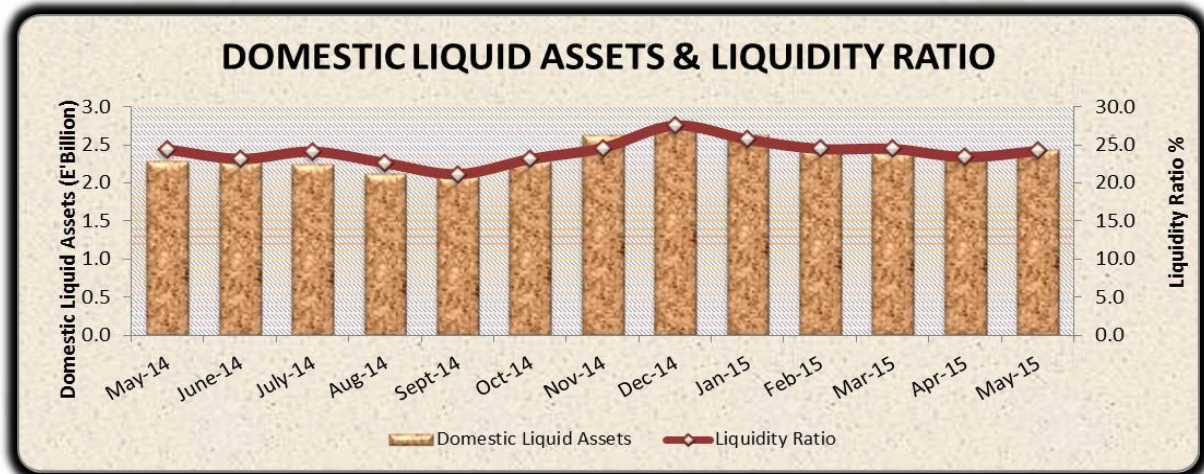


Source: Other Depository Corporations & Central Bank of Swaziland



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Banks' Domestic Liquid Assets depicted growth of 1.4 percent from the preceding month. Banks' total liquid assets therefore amounted to E2.4 billion. The increase was mainly on account of a rise in commercial banks' investment in government securities over the month. The banks' domestic liquid assets reflected growth of 6.8 percent when compared with May 2014.



Source: Other Depository Corporations



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#### Notes:

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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ITEM	2015	2015	2014
	May-15	Apr-15	May-14
	Amount (E'000)	Amount (E'000)	Amount (E'000)
<b>CENTRAL BANK OF SWAZILAND</b>			
Claims on Non-residents	8,825,737	9,354,932	8,627,628
Claims on Domestic Economy	22,823	21,601	62,788
Government	3,866	3,233	1,484
Other Depository Corporations	1,845	1,841	41,845
Other Resident Sectors	17,113	16,526	19,459
Other Assets	421,121	417,803	415,089
<b>Total Assets/Liabilities</b>	<b>9,269,682</b>	<b>9,794,335</b>	<b>9,105,505</b>
<b>OTHER DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS</b>			
Cash and Deposits with CBS	992,727	1,034,231	981,262
Net Balances with Banks Outside Swaziland	1,190,940	1,580,863	977,253
Loans and advances	10,629,420	10,438,319	9,908,981
Government Securities	1,577,878	1,502,997	1,462,066
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>11,415,531</b>	<b>11,718,658</b>	<b>10,597,029</b>
Transferable/Demand	3,716,112	3,901,902	3,271,085
Savings	1,644,692	1,649,714	1,566,181
Time	6,054,727	6,167,042	5,759,763
Capital and Reserves	2,710,501	2,689,990	2,344,198
<b>Total Assets/Liabilities</b>	<b>16,167,574</b>	<b>16,205,083</b>	<b>14,786,541</b>
<b>Total Liquid Assets (Banks only)</b>	<b>2,439,007</b>	<b>2,404,841</b>	<b>2,282,728</b>



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	May-15	Apr-15	May-14
	Amount (E'000)	Amount (E'000)	Amount (E'000)
<b>Required Liquidity (Banks only)</b>	<b>1,979,698</b>	<b>2,017,956</b>	<b>1,833,603</b>
<b>Surplus/ Deficiency(-)(Banks only)</b>	<b>459,309</b>	<b>386,885</b>	<b>449,125</b>
<b>RATIOS (%)</b>			
<b>Actual Liquidity to Domestic Liabilities (Banks Only)</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>24.4</b>
<b>Loans and Advances to Deposits</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>93.5</b>
<b>DEPOSITORY CORPORATIONS SURVEY</b>			
<b>Net Foreign Assets</b>	<b>8,429,258</b>	<b>9,363,883</b>	<b>7,998,077</b>
<b>Net Domestic Claims</b>	<b>7,361,772</b>	<b>6,565,119</b>	<b>6,933,849</b>
Net Claims on Government	(3,541,424)	(4,077,687)	(3,187,525)
Claims on other sectors	10,903,196	10,642,806	10,121,374
Other nonfinancial corporations(Industry)	5,571,298	5,379,792	5,457,637
Other resident sectors(Households &NPISH)	4,647,305	4,581,546	4,076,669
Other sectors	684,592	681,468	587,069
<b>Broad Money Supply(M2)</b>	<b>11,454,029</b>	<b>11,714,868</b>	<b>11,100,054</b>
<b>Narrow Money Supply(M1)</b>	<b>4,236,745</b>	<b>4,381,823</b>	<b>3,749,888</b>
Currency outside depository corporations(E)	542,757	526,710	490,521
Transferable(Demand)deposits	3,693,988	3,855,113	3,259,367
<b>Quasi Money</b>	<b>7,217,284</b>	<b>7,333,045</b>	<b>7,350,166</b>
Savings Deposits	1,617,617	1,622,995	1,539,183
Time Deposits	5,599,667	5,710,050	5,810,983
<b>Shares and other equity</b>	<b>4,472,873</b>	<b>4,506,794</b>	<b>3,789,055</b>
<b>Other Items (net)</b>	<b>-135,872</b>	<b>-292,660</b>	<b>42,817</b>
<b>SWAZILAND'S INTERNATIONAL RESERVES</b>			
<b>Total Official (Gross) - E</b>	<b>8,079,788</b>	<b>8,617,731</b>	<b>7,905,453</b>
<b>SDR</b>	<b>478,086</b>	<b>515,967</b>	<b>484,385</b>
Central Bank	8,079,788	8,617,731	7,905,453
Government	85,687	84,991	72,895
Import Cover (Reserves to months of estimated imports)	3.5	3.8	3.9
<b>Net Bank Holdings</b>	<b>1,163,689</b>	<b>1,558,204</b>	<b>860,168</b>

