

Financial risk factors

a. Market risk – interest rate risk/currency risk

The Corporation measures and manages its interest rate sensitivity position to ensure its long-run earning power and build-up of its investment portfolio. Special emphasis is placed on the change in net interest income/expense that will result from possible fluctuations in interest rates, changes in portfolio mix and tenor.

The Corporation manages its currency risk against the foreign exchange rate fluctuations on its foreign currency denominated borrowings through a foreign exchange risk cover secured from the Department of Finance at a given cost for the term of the loan.

The Corporation's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Corporation's loans from various financial institutions.

b. Credit risk

In view of its mandate to safeguard the interest of the public and contribute in the promotion of stability in the economy, credit risk to the Corporation is the risk that the loans granted to borrowers and/or other financial institutions will not be paid when due.

Therefore, the Corporation exercises prudence in the grant of loans over its exposures to credit risk. This is managed through the implementation of the borrower risk rating and monitoring of the loan covenants in the loan agreements. The Corporation likewise mitigates such risk through the provision of secondary source of payment (collateral).

c. Liquidity risk

The Corporation seeks to manage its liquidity profile to be able to finance capital expenditures and service maturing debts. To cover its financing requirements, the Corporation intends to use internally generated funds and available long-term and short-term credit facilities.

As part of its liquidity risk management, the Corporation regularly evaluates its projected and actual cash flows. It also continuously assesses conditions in the financial markets for opportunities to pursue fund raising activities, in case any requirements arise. Fund raising activities may include bank loans and capital market issues.