For the Quarter ended January 31, 2004 (expressed in Bahamas dollars)

## Chairman's Review of the Results

For the Quarter ended January 31, 2004

The consolidated net income of FirstCaribbean International Bank (Bahamas) Limited for the quarter ending January 31, 2004 was $\$ 16.8$ million before integration charges and goodwill amortisation. Consolidated net income after these charges was $\$ 14.3$ million for the first quarter of fiscal 2004. Earnings per share before integration charges and goodwill amortisation was 14 cents and after these charges amounted to 12 cents.

On a comparative basis, the Bank increased its net interest income by 3\% over the first quarter of last year to $\$ 21.8$ million, which resulted in an increase of $0.1 \%$ in the net interest margin for the quarter to $2.7 \%$. Interest income increased by $\$ 2.2$ million as net loan balances increased by $\$ 52.9$ million or $3 \%$ over last year. At January 31, 2004, the net loan balance had climbed to $\$ 1,572$ million with significant growth in residential mortgages and business loans. Non-interest revenue rose to $\$ 10.9$ million, an increase of $\$ 1.6$ million in fees and commissions when compared to the same period last year.

General expenses were well managed during this first quarter, which improved the Bank's efficiency ratio, that is, the expenses as a percentage of revenue, from $48.5 \%$ last year to $44 \%$.

The total assets of the Bank stood at $\$ 3,213$ million at January 31, 2004, $\$ 29$ million greater than last year. Total deposit liabilities of $\$ 2,664$ million remained relatively unchanged. The return on assets for the first quarter was $1.8 \%$ which is an improvement of $0.4 \%$ from last year. Likewise the return on equity (before integration and goodwill charges) increased $0.7 \%$ to $21.5 \%$ for the quarter.

We have integrated the two heritage banks, having completed the implementation of a standard technology platform for all branches of the Bank. We are happy to report that the first quarter of this fiscal year has shown improvement in the performance of the Bank.


Michael K. Mansoor
Chairman

| CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET B\$'000 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Unaudited January 31, 2004 | Unaudited January 31, 2003 | Audited October 31, 2003 |
| Assets |  |  |  |
| Cash resources | 1,107,175 | 1,058,537 | 1,111,395 |
| Securities | 247,090 | 346,156 | 334,705 |
| Loans | 1,571,811 | 1,518,931 | 1,497,105 |
| Goodwill | 185,285 | 193,887 | 187,747 |
| Fixed assets | 28,953 | 26,856 | 28,799 |
| Other assets | 73,184 | 39,891 | 55,449 |
|  | 3,213,498 | 3,184,258 | 3,215,200 |
| Liabilities |  |  |  |
| Total deposits | 2,664,412 | 2,668,611 | 2,670,897 |
| Other liabilities | 51,426 | 36,385 | 41,663 |
|  | 2,715,838 | 2,704,996 | 2,712,560 |
| Equity |  |  |  |
| Share capital \& reserves Retained earnings | 413,664 | 409,262 | 413,664 |
|  | 83,996 | 70,000 | 88,976 |
|  | 497,660 | 479,262 | 502,640 |
|  | 3,213,498 | 3,184,258 | 3,215,200 |
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| SHARON BROWN, DIRECTOR |  | TERRY HILTS, DIRE | CTOR |
| CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY B\$000's |  |  |  |
|  | Share Capital and Reserves \$ | Retained Earnings \$ | Total |
| Balance at October 31, 2002 | 409,262 | 58,459 | 467,721 |
| Net income for the period Dividends | - | 11,541 | 11,541 |
| Balance at January 31, 2003 | 409,262 | 70,000 | 479,262 |
| Balance at October 31, 2003 | 413,664 | 88,976 | 502,640 |
| Net income for the period Dividends | - | $\begin{gathered} 14,254 \\ (19,234) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14,254 \\ (19,234) \end{gathered}$ |
| Balance at January 31, 2004 | 413,664 | 83,996 | 497,660 |

