# Schedule 1

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# ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 98 OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 2001

For the financial year ended	JUNE 30, 2012			
Issuer Registration number	BON 290885KN			
	THE BANK OF NEVIS LIMITED			
(Exact nan	e of reporting issuer as specified in its charter)			
	ST. KITTS AND NEVIS			
	(Territory of incorporation)			
P.O. BOX 4	50, MAIN STREET, CHARLESTOWN, NEVIS			
	(Address of principal office)			
Reporting issuer's:				
Telephone number (including	rea code): <u>1 (869) 469-5564</u>			
Fax number:	<u>1 (869) 469-1039 / 5798</u>			
Email address:	info@thebankofnevis.com			
(Provide information stipulated in paragraphs 1 to 13 hereunder)				
Indicate whether the reporting the Securities Act of 2001 duri	issuer has filed all reports required to be filed by Sections 98 of ng the preceding 12 months			
Y	es√ No			
Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the reporting issuer's classes of common stock, as of the date of completion of this report.				

CLASS	NUMBER
ORDINARY	9,347,687

# **SIGNATURES**

Name of Chief Executive Officer:	Name of Director:
L. Everette Martin	Rawlinson/Isaac
Signature 2003/13	Signature 78/2013
Date/	Date
Name of Chief Financial Officer:	
Lisa Herbert Signature	
28.03.13 Date	

# <u>INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT</u>

#### 1. Business.

The Bank of Nevis Limited (the "Bank") is a public company incorporated on August 29, 1985 under the laws of the Federation of St. Christopher and Nevis. The Bank is subject to the provision of the Banking Act No. 4 of 2004 of St. Christopher and Nevis. The principal activity of the Bank is the provision of financial services, and its registered office is: Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis.

In July 1998, the Bank's offshore activities and operations were transferred into a newly transformed subsidiary company, Bank of Nevis International Limited which is licensed to carry on the business of Offshore Banking as contemplated by the Nevis Offshore Banking Ordinance No. 1 of 1996.

The Bank also established an international and a domestic mutual fund in 2004 and 2005 respectively. The Mutual Funds are presently not operational.

The Bank's operations commenced in 1985 with total assets of EC\$250,000 and a staff complement of 5. At June 30, 2012, the Bank's asset base had expanded to EC\$418.53 million and the number of employees increased to 60.

# 2. Properties.

The Bank is currently undertaking a building construction and refurbishment project. Upon completion, the following properties will be merged to form the Bank of Nevis Limited's Financial Complex:

- 1. Land and buildings at Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis, adjacent to the previous Bank's premises were re-constructed and now host the Bank's main offices.
- 2. Land and buildings on Main Street, Charlestown, Nevis, that previously housed the Bank's offices are currently being refurbished.
- 3. Two plots of land at the rear of the Bank's premises. These have been identified for use as parking.

# 3. Legal Proceedings.

N/A

# 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Bank's twenty fifth Annual General Meeting was held on March 29, 2012. The following matters were submitted for a vote of the security holders:

# **Election of Non-independent Directors:**

- Mr. Vernel Powell retired by rotation and being eligible was re-elected as a Nonindependent Director
- Mr. Clyde Steve Wrensford was elected as Non-independent Director.

#### **Declaration of Dividend:**

• A dividend of 10 cents per share was approved by the shareholders

#### **Appointment of Auditors:**

• Deloitte & Touche / PKF were re-appointed as the Bank's auditors for the year ended June 30, 2012.

## 5. Market for Reporting issuer's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters.

The Bank's shares are listed on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE).

During the year under review a total of 1,970,702 of The Bank of Nevis' shares were traded on the ECSE.

At June 30, 2012, the Bank's share price on the ECSE stood at EC\$4.25, resulting in total market capitalization of EC\$39.73 million.

#### 6. Financial Statements and Selected Financial Data.

Please see attached, the Bank's 2012 Annual Report.

#### 7. Disclosure About Risk Factors.

The Bank is exposed to diverse risks in the conduct of its daily operations. The Bank defines risk as the possibility of losses of profits foregone, which may be caused by internal or external factors. Some of the major risks facing the Bank are outlined below.

#### Credit Risk:

Credit Risk is the largest risk facing the Bank's business, and is defined as the risk of incurring a financial loss should any of the Bank's customers or counterparties fail to fulfill their contractual obligations to the Bank. For the Bank, credit risk arises mainly from the loans and advances portfolio which comprises 49.12% of the Banks total assets. The Bank is also exposed to other credit risks arising from investments in debt securities and other exposures from its trading activities.

### Liquidity Risk:

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Bank is unable to meet its obligations when they fall due as a result of customer deposits being withdrawn, cash requirements from contractual commitments, or other cash outflows, such as debt maturities. Such outflows would deplete available cash resources for client lending, trading activities and investments. The Bank's liquidity is closely monitored by management on a daily basis. At June 30, 2012, the Bank posted total liquid assets of EC\$95.75 million and represented 22.88% of total assets.

#### Foreign Exchange Risk:

The Bank is exposed to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The majority of the Bank's assets and liabilities are held in Eastern Caribbean dollars which is the local currency. Most of the assets in foreign currencies are held in United States dollars. The exchange rate of the Eastern Caribbean dollar to the United States dollar has been formally pegged at EC\$2.70 = US\$1.00 since 1974. Assets and liabilities are also held in Euro, Pound Sterling, Canadian and Barbadian currencies. The exposure is no material to the Bank's financial position.

#### Market Risk

The Bank is exposed to market risk which is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate due to changes in market prices. This exposure arises via certain assets within the investment portfolio, which at reporting date comprised 6.38% of the Bank's total assets. The market risks arising from the investment portfolio are monitored on a continuous basis by the Investment and Risk Management committees and by Management.

### 8. Changes in Securities and Use of Proceeds.

N/A

## 9. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

N/A

# 10. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation.

# (i) Liquidity

The Bank's liquidity is managed on a daily basis by management and through the offices of the Accounting and Investments Department. The Bank's liquid assets are comprised primarily of correspondent accounts with banks in ECCU territories, short-term deposits with non-bank financial institutions, and Treasury Bills. At June 30, 2012, the Bank's liquid assets amounted to EC\$95.75 million or 22.88% of the Bank's asset base.

#### (ii) Capital Resources

The Bank had contractual capital commitments totalling EC\$1.53 million as at June 30, 2012. These commitments relate to the Bank's building construction and refurbishment project which commenced in June, 2010.

#### (iii) Results of Operation.

#### **Assets**

During the year, the Bank's asset base expanded by EC\$3.71 million or 0.89% to EC\$418.53 million. The growth in the asset base is evident primarily within the investments and loans and advances portfolio when increased by EC\$3.39 million and EC\$1.85 million respectively. Cash and balances due from banks and other financial institutions decreased by EC\$3.25 million. The growth in the Bank's asset base was funded by customer deposit activity.

## **Loans and Advances**

The loans and advances portfolio increased marginally by EC\$1.85 million or 0.91% during the year with a total of EC\$205.60 million at June 30, 2012. The portfolio's activities for the year were sluggish, and consistent with the current economic environment.

#### **Customers' Deposits**

Total deposit liabilities were EC\$349.89 million at the end of June, 2012. This total represents an increase of EC\$11.97 million or 3.54% over the previous year. The increase for the year is reflected primarily in the savings and fixed deposits categories which grew by EC\$6.5 million and EC\$4.4 million respectively.

#### **Shareholders' Equity**

Shareholder's Equity amounted to EC\$54.12 million at June 30, 2012, representing a net decrease of EC\$273,751 over the June 30, 2011 amount. The net decrease for the year is associated primarily with the impact of dividend distributed (EC\$0.93 million) during the year and the asset revaluation losses, compounded with marginal group net earnings due to the losses incurred by the

main subsidiary. The Bank's statutory reserves increased by EC\$470, 384 to EC\$10.21 million due to transfers from the year's net profit.

## **Interest Income and Expense**

Total interest income for the year ending June 30, 2012 was EC\$24.56 million, representing a net increase of EC\$869,857 or 3.67% when compared to the June 30, 2011 earnings. The increase in interest income for the year is associated primarily with the performance of the loans and advances portfolio.

Total interest expense for the year ending June 30, 2012 amounted to EC\$12.32 million. This position represents a net increase of EC\$401,714 over the June 30, 2011 expense. This increase is due primarily to increases in time deposit accounts.

Net interest income at June 30, 2012 was EC\$12.24 million and represents a net increase of EC\$468,143 over the June 30, 2011 performance.

# **Other Operating Income**

At June 30, 2012, total operating income amounted to EC\$5.97 million, representing an increase of EC\$398,537 when compared to the June 30, 2011 position of EC\$5.57 million. The increase for the year is associated with increases in fee and commission income in the various service units of the Bank.

## **Operating Expenses**

Total operating expenses for the year ending June 30, 2012 was EC\$11.64 million and represents an increase of EC\$419,550 or 3.74% when compared to the June 30, 2011 total of EC\$11.22 million. The increase for the year is reflected mainly in the general and administrative expenses category and attributed to increases in staff costs.

#### **Earnings**

Pretax net profit for the year ending June 30, 2012 amounted to EC\$2.25 million, representing a decrease of EC\$4.52 million when compared to EC\$6.77 million reported at June 30, 2011. The significantly reduced earnings position is associated primarily with losses incurred within the investment portfolio. These losses amounted to EC\$4.32 million.

Net profit after tax for the 2012 financial year amounted to EC\$1.06 million, representing a return on average assets of 0.25% and earnings per share of EC\$0.11.

# 11. Changes in and Disagreements with Auditors on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

# 12. Other Information.

N/A

# 13. List of Exhibits

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