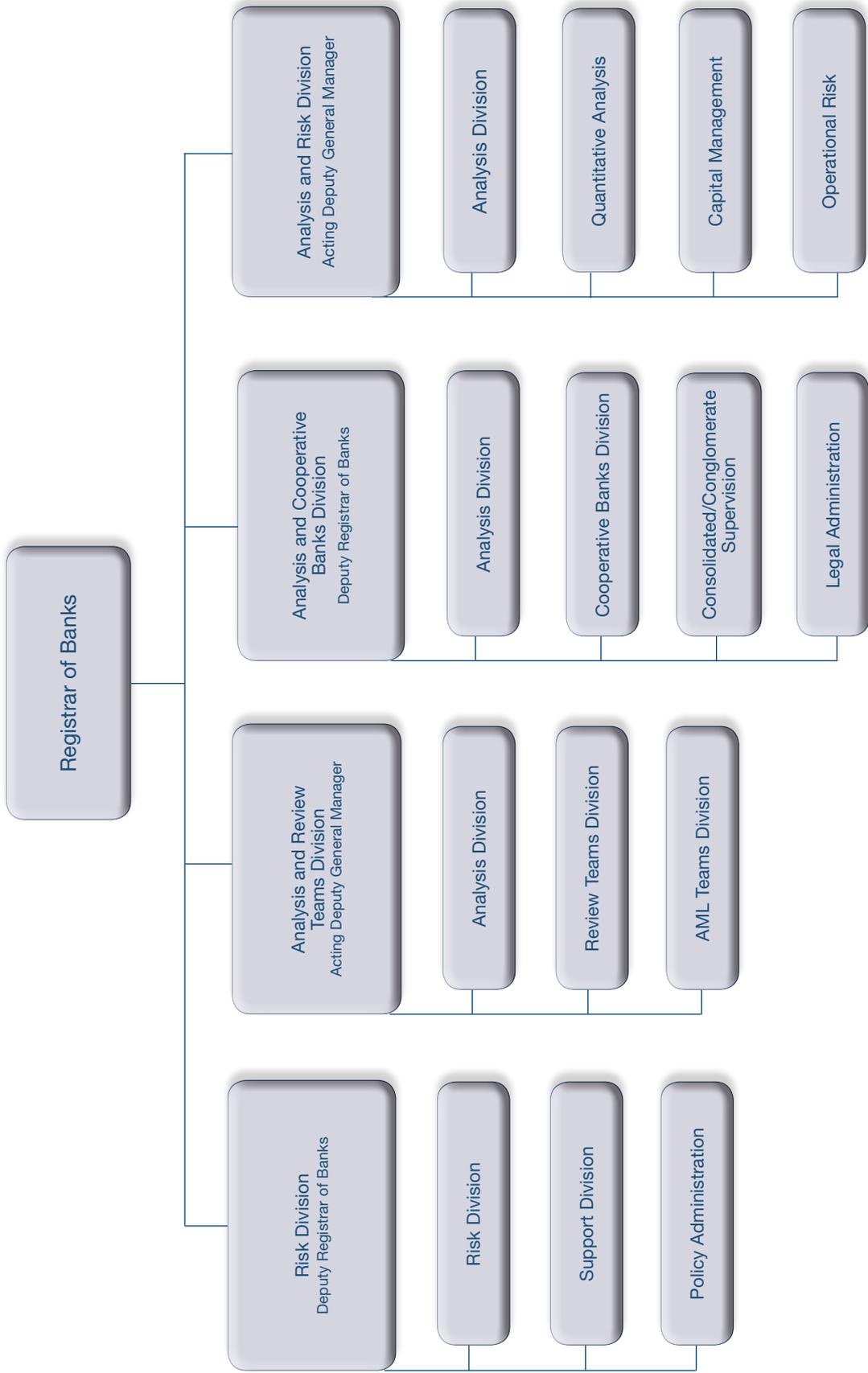


Appendices

Organisational structure of the Bank Supervision Department



Appendix 1 (continued)

Total staff complement, vacancies and employment equity numbers

	31 December 2013	31 December 2014
Total job register (permanent positions).....	171	151*
Total employed.....	159	134
Total vacancies.....	12	16
Employment equity: race (target group – per cent)		
General management.....	50	45
Other staff.....	65	70
Employment equity: gender (target group – per cent)		
General management.....	41	30
Other staff.....	68	58

* Financial Stability Department separated from the Bank Supervision Department

Appendix 2

Registered banks, mutual banks and local branches of foreign banks as at 31 December 2014

Registered banks

Institution	Address	Total assets at 31 December		Annual growth (per cent)
		2013 (R millions)	2014 (R millions)	
1 Absa Bank Limited	P O Box 7735, Johannesburg, 2000	777 881	807 118	3,76
2 African Bank Limited	Private Bag X170, Midrand, 1685	69 952	51 341	-26,61
3 Albaraka Bank Limited	P O Box 4395, Durban, 4000	4 402	4 792	8,87
4 Bidvest Bank Limited	P O Box 185, Johannesburg, 2000	4 732	4 722	-0,21
5 Capitec Bank Limited	P O Box 12451, Die Boord, Stellenbosch, 7613	44 481	51 877	16,63
6 FirstRand Bank Limited	P O Box 650149, Benmore, 2010	785 371	856 911	9,11
7 Grindrod Bank Limited	P O Box 3211, Durban, 4000	9 365	9 280	-0,91
8 Habib Overseas Bank Limited	P O Box 62369, Marshalltown, 2107	1 058	1 206	14,01
9 HBZ Bank Limited	P O Box 1536, Wandsbeck, 3631	3 566	3 848	7,92
10 Investec Bank Limited	P O Box 785700, Sandton, 2146	274 173	310 142	13,12
11 Mercantile Bank Limited	P O Box 782699, Sandton, 2146	7 571	8 384	10,74
12 Nedbank Limited	P O Box 1144, Johannesburg, 2000	661 945	714 408	7,93
13 Sasfin Bank Limited	P O Box 95104, Grant Park, 2051	4 058	4 732	16,60
14 The South African Bank of Athens Limited	P O Box 7781, Johannesburg, 2000	2 215	2 296	3,65
15 The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	P O Box 7725, Johannesburg, 2000	979 895	1 099 503	12,21
16 Ubank Limited (formerly known as Teba Bank Limited)	Private Bag X101, Sunninghill, 2157	4 366	4 250	-2,66

Appendix 2

Registered banks, mutual banks and local branches of foreign banks as at 31 December 2014 (continued)

Registered mutual banks

Institution	Address	Total assets at 31 December		Annual growth (per cent)
		2013 (R millions)	2014 (R millions)	
1 Finbond Mutual Bank	P O Box 2127, Brooklyn Square, 0075	1 135	1 422	25,31
2 GBS Mutual Bank	P O Box 114, Grahamstown, 6140	983	1 041	5,81
3 VBS Mutual Bank	P O Box 3618, Makhado, 0920	323	362	12,03

Registered local branches of foreign banks

Institution	Address	Total assets at 31 December		Annual growth (per cent)
		2013 (R millions)	2014 (R millions)	
1 Bank of Baroda	Premises No.14, 2nd floor, Sandton City Twin Towers, (East Wing), Sandton, 2196	1 619	2 053	26,79
2 Bank of China Limited Johannesburg Branch (trading as Bank of China Johannesburg Branch)	P O Box 782616, Sandton, 2146	14 513	22 417	54,46
3 Bank of India	P O Box 653589, Benmore, 2010	291	347	19,08
4 Bank of Taiwan South Africa Branch	P O Box 1999, Parklands, 2121	1 423	1 420	-0,20
5 BNP Paribas South Africa	Postnet Suite #457, Private Bag X1, Melrose Arch, 2075	467	2 817	503,27
6 Canara Bank	11th Floor, Sandton City Office Towers, Cnr 5th Street and Rivonia Road, Sandhurst Ext 3, Sandton, 2196	–	299	100
7 China Construction Bank Corporation – Johannesburg Branch	Private Bag X10007, Sandton, 2146	18 374	26 169	42,43
8 Citibank NA	P O Box 1800, Saxonwold, 2132	40 805	48 683	19,31
9 Deutsche Bank AG	Private Bag X9933, Sandton, 2146	20 126	17 296	-14,06
10 HSBC Bank plc – Johannesburg Branch	Private Bag X785434, Sandton, 2146	30 080	41 641	38,44
11 JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA (Johannesburg Branch)	Private Bag X9936, Sandton, 2146	40 814	29 657	-27,34
12 Société Générale Johannesburg Branch	P O Box 6872, Johannesburg, 2000	6 109	11 573	89,45
13 Standard Chartered Bank (Johannesburg Branch)	P O Box 782080, Sandton, 2146	21 551	32 239	49,60
14 State Bank of India	P O Box 2538, Saxonwold, 2132	2 457	5 006	103,77



Appendix 2

Registered banks, mutual banks and local branches of foreign banks as at 31 December 2014 (continued)

Banks under curatorship

Institution	Curator	Date of order
African Bank Limited	Mr T Winterboer	10 August 2014

Banks in final liquidation

Institution	Liquidator	Date of order
1 Islamic Bank Limited	Mr A D Wilkens of Deloitte & Touche	13 January 1998
2 Regal Treasury Private Bank Limited	Mr T A P du Plessis of D&N Trust and Mr J Pema of Sekela Antrust (Pty) Limited	10 February 2004

Appendix 3

Name changes and cancellation of registration of banks and branches of foreign banks during the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014

Name changes

Previous name	New name	Date of change
None		

Cancellation of registration

Institution	Date of order
None	

Appendix 4

Registered controlling companies as at 31 December 2014

Institution	Address
1 African Bank Investments Limited	P O Box X170, Midrand, 1685
2 Barclays Africa Group Limited	P O Box 7735, Johannesburg, 2000
3 Bidvest Bank Holdings Limited	P O Box 185, Johannesburg, 2000
4 Capitec Bank Holdings Limited	P O Box 12451, Die Boord, Stellenbosch, 7613
5 FirstRand Limited	P O Box 650149, Benmore, 2010
6 Grindrod Financial Holdings Limited	P O Box 3211, Durban, 4000
7 Investec Limited	P O Box 785700, Sandton, 2146
8 Mercantile Bank Holdings Limited	P O Box 782699, Sandton, 2146
9 Nedbank Group Limited	P O Box 1144, Johannesburg, 2000
10 Sasfin Holdings Limited	P O Box 95104, Grant Park, 2051
11 Standard Bank Group Limited	P O Box 7725, Johannesburg, 2000
12 UBank Group Limited	Private Bag X101, Sunninghill, 2157

The following institutions are deemed to be controlling companies in terms of section 42 of the Banks Act, 1990:

1 Albaraka Banking Group (in respect of Albaraka Bank Limited)	P O Box 1882, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
2 National Bank of Greece (in respect of The South African Bank of Athens Limited)	86 Aioulou Street, Athens TT 121, Greece
3 Pitcairn's Finance (in respect of Habib Overseas Bank Limited)	121, Avenue de la Faiencerie, L-1511 Luxemburg, RCS Luxemburg, B nr 33-106

Appendix 5

Foreign banks with approved local representative offices

Institution	Address
1 AfrAsia Bank Limited	P O Box 55351, Northlands, 2116
2 African Banking Corporation Botswana Limited (trading as BancABC Botswana)	P O Box 970, Saxonwold, 2132
3 Banco Angolano de Investimentos	P O Box 785553, Sandton, 2146
4 Banco BPI, SA	P O Box 303, Bruma, 2026
5 Banco Internacional de Credito	30 Arena Close, H Santos Building, Bruma, 2198
6 Banco Nacional De Desenvolvimento Econômica E Social	Illovo Edge, 4th Floor, Building 1, Corner Fricker and Harries Road, Illovo, Sandton, 2196
7 Banco Santander Totta SA	P O Box 309, Bruma, 2026
8 Banif – Banco Internacional do Funchal, SA	P O Box 16838, Bruma, 2026
9 Bank Leumi Le-Israel BM	Private Bag X41, Saxonwold, 2132
10 Bank of America, National Association	P O Box 651987, Benmore, 2010
11 Bank One Limited	P O Box 25386, Gateway, 4321
12 Commerzbank AG Johannesburg	P O Box 860, Parklands, 2121
13 Credit Suisse AG	Private Bag X9911, Sandton, 2146
14 Ecobank	1st Floor, No. 1 Protea Place, Corner Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
15 Export-Import Bank of India	2nd floor, Sandton City, Twin Towers East Wing, Sandton, 2196
16 First Bank of Nigeria	P O Box 784796, Sandton, 2146
17 Hellenic Bank Public Company Limited	P O Box 783392, Sandton, 2146
18 Icici Bank Limited	P O Box 78261, Sandton, 2146
19 Industrial and Commercial Bank of China African Representative Office	P O Box 40, Cape Town, 8000
20 KfW IpeX-Bank GmbH	P O Box 2402, Saxonwold, 2132
21 Millenium BCP	P O Box 273, Bruma, 2026
22 Mizuho Bank Limited	P O Box 785553, Sandton, 2146
23 National Bank of Egypt	P O Box 55402, Northlands, 2116
24 Notenstein Private Bank Limited	100 New Church Street, Tamboerskloof, Cape Town, 8001
25 Novo Bank	P O Box 749, Bruma, 2026
26 Royal Bank of Canada (Suisse) SA	P O Box 3084, Rivonia, 2128
27 Société Générale Representative Office for Southern Africa	P O Box 2805, Saxonwold, 2132
28 Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation	Building Four, 1st Floor, Commerce Square, 39 Rivonia Road, Sandhurst, Sandton, 2196
29 Swedbank AB (Publ)	Private Bag X1, Dainfern, 2055
30 The Bank of New York Mellon	PostNet Suite 100, Private Bag X43, Sunninghill, 2157
31 The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ Limited	P O Box 78519, Sandton, 2146
32 The Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited	P O Box 3009, Parklands, 2121
33 The Representative Office for Southern and Eastern Africa of the Export-Import Bank of China	Postnet Suite 158, Private Bag X91-BE, Benmore, 2010

Appendix 5

Foreign banks with approved local representative offices (continued)

Institution	Address
34 The Royal Bank of Scotland plc	P O Box 78769, Sandton, 2146
35 UBS AG	P O Box 652863, Benmore, 2010
36 Unicredit Bank AG	P O Box 1483, Parklands, 2121
37 Union Bank of Nigeria plc	P O Box 653125, Benmore, 2010
38 Vnesheconombank	P O Box 413742, Craighall, 2024
39 Wells Fargo Bank, National Association	P O Box 3091, Saxonwold, 2132
40 Zenith Bank plc	P O Box 782652, Sandton, 2146

Report on representative offices

1. Introduction

The Regulations relating to Representative Offices of Foreign Banking Institutions (RO Regulations), issued under Government Notice No. 1370, in *Government Gazette* No. 22939 dated 13 December 2001, seek to ensure continuous oversight by the Department, of the activities of representative offices of foreign banking institutions operating within the Republic of South Africa.

As at 31 December 2014 there were 40 representative offices (ROs) operating in South Africa, emanating from 20 jurisdictions.

2. Change in status of ROs during 2014

2.1 During the year under review the following ROs were deregistered:

- i. Bank of Cyprus Group
- ii. First City Monument Bank plc
- iii. Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited
- iv. NATIXIS Southern Africa Representative Office
- v. Fairbairn Private Bank (Isle of Man) Limited
- vi. Fairbairn Private Bank (Jersey) Limited

2.2 During the year under review the following ROs were registered:

- vii. Notenstein Private Bank Limited
- viii. Swedbank AB (Publ)
- ix. Bank One Limited

2.3 During the year under review the following ROs' names changed:

- i. Banco Espirito Santo e comercial de lisboa's changed to Novo Banco

3. Supervisory approach

In order to fulfill the Department's responsibilities in terms of the RO Regulations, it follows the following supervisory approach:

- regular interaction with the chief representative officers of the respective ROs;
- on-site visits at the offices of the ROs;
- analysis of returns submitted by the ROs in terms of the RO Regulations and follow-up of any issues identified; and
- analysis of the internal control reports submitted by the ROs on an annual basis in terms of Banks Act Circular 3/2004.

Appendix 6

Banks Act Circulars issued in 2014

C7/2014	External auditors of newly acquired or established entities
C6/2014	Interpretation of specified conditions for the issuing of instruments or shares which rank as additional tier 1 capital and tier 2 capital
C5/2014	Disclosure of capital-related information
C4/2014	Interpretation and application of criteria relating to exposures secured by residential mortgage bonds
C3/2014	Interpretation and application of criteria relating to the granularity for retail exposures
C2/2014	Interpretation of definition of default as outlined in regulation 67 of the Regulations relating to Banks
C1/2014	Status of previously issued circulars

Banks Act Directives issued in 2014

D11/2014	Liquidity coverage ratio: Scope of application and related disclosure requirements
D10/2014	Transitional arrangements related to capital requirements for over-the-counter derivatives that are not transacted through a central counterparty
D9/2014	Restructured credit exposures
D8/2014	Matters related to compliance with the liquidity coverage ratio (LCR)
D7/2014	National discretion related to the liquidity coverage ratio
D6/2014	Matters related to liquidity risk and the liquidity coverage ratio
D5/2014	Matters related to transfers from retained earnings, appropriated profits and qualifying reserve funds
D4/2014	Matters related to the Basel III leverage ratio framework and disclosure requirements
D3/2014	Process in respect of specific capital issuances and redemptions
D2/2014	Matters related to internal rating systems used to calculate the minimum required capital for credit risk
D1/2014	Matters related to assets lodged or pledged to secure liabilities

Banks Act Guidance Notes issued in 2014

G8/2014	Provision of a committed liquidity facility by the South African Reserve Bank
G7/2014	Application process to adopt the advanced measurement approach for measuring banks' operational risk exposure
G6/2014	Application process for approval to adopt the standardised approach or alternative standardised approach for measuring banks' operational risk exposure
G5/2014	Outsourcing functions within banks
G4/2014	Application process in respect of the proposed adoption of the internal ratings-based approach for the measurement of banks' credit risk exposure in respect of positions held in the banking book
G3/2014	Effective risk data aggregation and risk reporting
G2/2014	Meetings to be held during the 2014-calendar year with the boards of directors of banks and controlling companies
G1/2014	Status of previously issued guidance notes

Appendix 7

Exemptions and exclusions from the application of the Banks Act 94 of 1990

Section 1(1)(cc): Exemptions by the Registrar of Banks with approval of the Minister of Finance

Exemption Notice	Government Gazette	Expiry
Mining Houses	No. 16167 of 14 December 1994	Indefinite
Trade in Securities and Financial Instruments	No. 16167 of 14 December 1994	Indefinite
Commercial Paper	No. 16167 of 14 December 1994	Indefinite
Common Bond	No. 37903 of 15 August 2014	Indefinite
Securitisation Schemes	No. 30628 of 1 December 2008	Indefinite

Section 1(1)(dd): Exemptions by the Minister of Finance

Exemption Notice	Government Gazette	Expiry
Participation Bond Schemes	No. 13003 of 31 January 1991	Indefinite
Unit Trust Schemes	No. 13003 of 31 January 1991	Indefinite
"Ithala Limited" a wholly owned subsidiary of Ithala Development Finance Corporation Limited	No. 37409 of 4 April 2014	31 December 2014

Section 1(ff): Exemptions by the Registrar of Banks

Exemption Notice	Government Gazette	Expiry
Designation of Stockbrokers to pool funds	No. 15976 of 14 September 1994	Indefinite

Section 1(gg): Exemptions by the Registrar of Banks

Exemption Notice	Government Gazette	Expiry
Designation of JSE Limited members as persons authorised to accept money as mandatories and to deposit such money into banking accounts maintained by them	No. 19283 of 22 September 1998	Indefinite

Section 2(vii): Exclusions by the Minister of Finance

Exemption Notice	Government Gazette	Expiry
Post Office Savings Bank	No. 13744 of 24 January 1992	Indefinite
Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa	No. 16167 of 14 December 1993	Indefinite

Section 78(1)(d)(iii): Exemptions by the Registrar of Banks

Notice	Government Gazette	Expiry
Category of assets of a bank that may be held in the name of a person other than the bank concerned	No. 17949 of 2 May 1997	Indefinite

Appendix 8

Approval of applications in terms of section 52 of the Banks Act 94 of 1990 for local banking groups to acquire or establish foreign interests for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014

Name of controlling company	Date of approval	Name of interest (and percentage interest held, if not 100 per cent)	Domicile
Barclays Africa Group Limited	2014-03-12	Barclays Life Kenya Limited (66,67 per cent)	Kenya
Barclays Africa Group Limited	2014-03-12	Barclays Insurance Company Kenya Limited	Kenya
Barclays Africa Group Limited	2014-04-16	Guinea Fowl Investments Twenty Five (Pty) Limited (66,67 per cent)	Namibia
FirstRand Bank Limited	2014-01-20	Impresta Management Services (Pty) Limited	Australia
FirstRand Limited	2014-01-20	KV Products (Pty) Limited (60 per cent)	South Africa
FirstRand Limited	2014-01-30	Ashburton Equity Hedge Fund GP 1 (Pty) Limited	South Africa
FirstRand Limited	2014-02-26	Seesa Employee Benefits (Pty) Limited	South Africa
FirstRand Limited	2014-03-14	Hyphen Technology Namibia (Pty) Limited	Namibia
FirstRand Limited	2014-04-25	FirstRand Bank Limited Guernsey Branch	Guernsey
FirstRand Limited	2014-07-23	Tyhee Gold Corp (17,5 per cent)	Canada
FirstRand Limited	2014-08-20	FirstRand Insurance Holdings (Pty) Limited	South Africa
FirstRand Limited	2014-08-20	FirstRand Life Assurance Limited	South Africa
FirstRand Limited	2014-11-03	RMB Nigeria Stockbrokers Limited	Nigeria
Investec Limited	2014-06-04	Connectivity Architects Limited (35 per cent)	Mauritius
Investec Limited	2014-06-05	Felsted Investments Group Limited (20 per cent)	British Virgin Islands
Investec Limited	2014-07-01	Matzopath (Pty) Limited	South Africa
Investec Limited	2014-10-09	Investec Alternative Investments GP Proprietary Limited	South Africa
Investec Limited	2014-10-30	Kuvenco 1 Limited (37,4 per cent)	Mauritius
Investec plc*	2014-02-26	Investec Asset Management Luxembourg SA	Luxembourg
Investec plc*	2014-06-23	HoldCo	Australia
Investec plc*	2014-06-23	NewCo	Australia
Investec plc*	2014-06-23	Robert Smith Group (Automotive) Limited	United Kingdom
Investec plc*	2014-06-23	Mann Island Finance Limited	United Kingdom
Investec plc*	2014-09-29	Investec Asset Management Switzerland GmbH	Switzerland
Nedbank Group Limited	2014-05-26	Erf 7 Sandown (Pty) Limited	South Africa
Nedbank Group Limited	2014-08-20	Ecobank Transnational Incorporated (20 per cent)	Togo
Nedbank Group Limited	2014-11-03	National Switch Limited (9 per cent)	Malawi
Nedbank Group Limited	2014-11-13	Old Mutual US Dollar Money Market Fund	Mauritius
Sasfin Holdings Limited	2014-09-23	Sasfin HRS Administrators (Pty) Limited (51 per cent)	South Africa
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-02-13	National Switch Limited (9,1 per cent)	Malawi
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-03-07	Oando Wings Development Limited (37,1 per cent)	Nigeria
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-03-24	MTN Mobile Money Holdings (Pty) Limited	South Africa
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-06-04	Standard Bank Brazil Representações Ltda	Brazil
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-06-24	STANLIB Tanzania Limited	Tanzania
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-06-27	Stonehouse Services Company (Pty) Limited	South Africa
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-09-25	Standard New York Inc.	United States of America

Appendix 8

Approval of applications in terms of section 52 of the Banks Act 94 of 1990 for local banking groups to acquire or establish foreign interests for the period 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014 (continued)

Name of controlling company	Date of approval	Name of interest (and percentage interest held, if not 100 per cent)	Domicile
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-09-25	The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited Dubai Branch	United Arab Emirates
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-09-25	Standard Advisory Asia Limited	Hong Kong
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-09-25	Standard Advisory London Limited	United Kingdom
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-11-12	Stanbic IBTC Insurance Brokers Limited	Nigeria
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-11-17	The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, Hong Kong Representative Office	Hong Kong
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-12-01	Liberty Propco (Pty) Limited	South Africa
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-12-02	IPS Electronic Payments (Pty) Limited	South Africa
Standard Bank Group Limited	2014-12-15	Liberty Life Lesotho Limited	Lesotho

* All expansions undertaken by Investec plc were noted by the Bank Supervision Department in terms of the 2002 conditions of approval applicable to the dually listed company structure

Appendix 9

Memorandums of understanding concluded between the Bank Supervision Department of the South African Reserve Bank and foreign supervisors as at 31 December 2014

Domicile of foreign regulator (listed alphabetically)	Foreign banking supervisor	Effective from
1 Argentina	Superintendencia de Entidades Financieras y Cambiarias (Central Bank of Argentina)	18 August 2007
2 Australia	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority	4 July 2007
3 Brazil	Banco Central Do Brasil	4 July 2012
4 China	China Banking Regulatory Commission	17 November 2010
5 Germany	Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht	13 August 2004
6 Ghana	Bank of Ghana	26 October 2011
7 Hong Kong	Monetary Authority of Hong Kong	12 December 2006
8 India	Reserve Bank of India	21 October 2011
9 Ireland	Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority	21 July 2003
10 Isle of Man	Financial Supervision Commission of the Isle of Man	13 August 2001
11 Jersey	Jersey Financial Services Commission	11 June 2010
12 Kenya	Central Bank of Kenya	1 July 2010
13 Lesotho	Central Bank of Lesotho	27 August 2010
14 Mauritius	Bank of Mauritius	25 January 2005
15 Mozambique	Banco de Mozambique	22 September 2011
16 Namibia	Bank Supervision Department of the Bank of Namibia	27 September 2004
17 Netherlands	The Netherlands Bank	23 March 2010
18 Nigeria	Central Bank of Nigeria	20 March 2008
19 Republic of South Sudan	Bank of South Sudan	14 November 2011
20 Swaziland	Central Bank of Swaziland	18 June 2010
21 Taiwan	Financial Supervisory Commission of the Republic of China (Taiwan)	14 March 2012
22 Tanzania	Bank of Tanzania	15 June 2010
23 Uganda	Bank of Uganda	15 June 2010
24 United Arab Emirates	The Dubai Financial Services Authority	8 August 2009
25 United Kingdom*	Financial Services Authority*	21 July 2006

*A letter of intent has been signed between the Bank Supervision Department of the South African Reserve Bank and the Financial Services Authority and Bank of England rendering the terms of the current MoU applicable to the Prudential Regulation Authority and Financial Conduct Authority as may be relevant.

The purpose of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) is to provide a formal basis for bilateral working relationships and cooperation between supervisors, including the sharing of information and investigative assistance.

It should be noted that any MoU entered into by the Department does not modify or supersede any laws or regulatory requirements in force in, or applying to, the Republic of South Africa. Accordingly, an MoU sets forth a statement of intent and does not create any enforceable rights.

Since 2009, the Department's policy has been to allow only the acquisition or establishment of local (inward) and cross-border banking operations in instances where an MoU with the cross-border banking supervisor concerned has been concluded. This decision was underpinned by global initiatives to ensure that cross-border activities do not contribute to enhanced risk, as was evidenced by the global financial market crisis.

Appendix 9

Memorandums of understanding concluded between the Bank Supervision Department of the South African Reserve Bank and foreign supervisors as at 31 December 2014 (continued)

MoUs with the following foreign supervisors are in the process of negotiation:

Domicile of foreign regulator (listed alphabetically)	Foreign banking supervisor
1 Bahrain	Central Bank of Bahrain
2 Colombia	Superintendencia Financiera de Colombia
3 France	French Banking Commission
4 Greece	The Banking Regulator
5 Guernsey	Guernsey Financial Services Commission
6 Malawi	Reserve Bank of Malawi
7 Japan	Financial Services Agency
8 Portugal	Banco de Portugal
9 Singapore	Monetary Authority of Singapore
10 Turkey	Banking Regulation and Supervisory Agency of Turkey
11 United Arab Emirates	Banking Supervision and Examination Department of the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates
12 United States of America	Federal Reserve Bank of New York
13 Zambia	Bank of Zambia

Africa

The 14 Heads of State or Government of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) have signed a Protocol on Finance and Investment (PFI). The PFI, among other things, includes a section setting out the framework for cooperation and coordination in banking regulatory and supervisory matters. The 14 SADC countries are the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Republic of Malawi, the Republic of Mauritius, the Republic of Mozambique, the Republic of Namibia, Republic of Seychelles, the Republic of South Africa, the Kingdom of Swaziland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Zambia and the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Appendix 10

Summary of key matters communicated by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision

During 2014 the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (Basel Committee) issued various documents and further requirements that will, over the next few years, materially impact on the regulation and supervision of banks and banking groups, on matters such as:

- a leverage ratio framework and disclosure requirements;
- guidance for supervisors on market-based indicators of liquidity;
- disclosures related to the liquidity coverage ratio (LCR);
- restricted version of committed liquidity facilities (CLFs);
- risk management guidelines related to anti-money laundering and terrorist financing;
- fundamental elements of banks' capital planning process;
- the standardised approach for measuring counterparty credit risk exposures;
- external audits of banks;
- exposures to central counterparties;
- measuring and controlling large exposures;
- frequently asked questions on the Basel III framework's LCR;
- principles for effective supervisory colleges;
- principles for the sound management of operational risk;
- frequently asked questions on the Basel III leverage ratio framework;
- the net stable funding ratio (NSFR); and
- revisions to the securitisation framework.

Leverage ratio framework and disclosure requirements

On 12 January 2014 the Basel Committee issued the full text of the Basel III framework's leverage ratio framework and disclosure requirements.¹

The Basel III framework's leverage ratio is defined as the 'capital measure' (the numerator) divided by the 'exposure measure' (the denominator) and is expressed as a percentage. The capital measure is currently defined as tier 1 capital. The Basel Committee undertook to continue to monitor banks' leverage ratio data on a semi-annual basis in order to assess whether the design and calibration of the leverage ratio is appropriate over a full credit cycle and for different types of business models. It also undertook to continue to collect data to track the impact of using either common equity tier 1 (CET1) or total regulatory capital as the capital measure.

Implementation of the leverage ratio requirements has begun with bank-level reporting to national supervisors of the leverage ratio and its components, and proceeded with public disclosure as from 1 January 2015. The Basel Committee undertook to carefully monitor the impact of these disclosure requirements. The final calibration of the leverage ratio, and any further adjustments to its definition, are expected to be completed by 2017, with a view to migrate to a Pillar 1 (minimum capital requirement) treatment on 1 January 2018.

The Basel Committee also undertook to closely monitor accounting standards and practices to address any differences in national accounting frameworks that are material to the definition and calculation of the leverage ratio.

Guidance for supervisors on market-based indicators of liquidity, liquidity disclosure and committed liquidity facilities

In January 2013, the Basel Committee's oversight body, the Group of Governors and Heads of Supervision (GHOS), agreed on the final form of the LCR. At that time, the GHOS asked the Basel Committee to undertake some additional work on the use of market-based indicators of liquidity within the regulatory framework, liquidity disclosure and the interaction between the LCR and the provision of central bank liquidity facilities. On 12 January 2014 the Basel Committee accordingly published a package of material that responded to these requests, including a document

¹ Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs270.htm>.

titled *Guidance for supervisors on market-based indicators of liquidity*.² This document aims to assist supervisors in their evaluation of the liquidity profile of assets held by banks and to help promote greater consistency in high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) classifications across jurisdictions, for the purposes of the Basel III framework's LCR.

The Basel Committee further issued final requirements for banks' LCR-related disclosures³ to improve the transparency of regulatory liquidity requirements and enhance market discipline. Consistent with the Basel III agreement, national authorities gave effect to these disclosure requirements, and banks are required to comply with them from the date of the first reporting period after 1 January 2015.

With regard to CLFs, the Basel Committee agreed to modify the definition of HQLA within the LCR to provide greater use of CLFs as provided by central banks. The use of CLFs within the LCR has now been limited to those jurisdictions with insufficient HQLA to meet the needs of the banking system. The Basel Committee has agreed that, subject to a range of conditions and limitations, a restricted version of a CLF (an RCLF) may be used by all jurisdictions.⁴

Whether jurisdictions choose to make use of RCLFs is a matter for national discretion. Importantly, central banks are under no obligation to offer such liquidity facilities. Furthermore, the restrictions agreed by the Basel Committee are intended to limit the use of RCLFs in normal times, and therefore maintain the principle that banks should self-insure against liquidity shocks. This emphasises central banks' role as lenders of last resort. These restrictions may, however, be relaxed during times of stress, when HQLA might otherwise be in short supply.

Risk management guidelines related to anti-money laundering and terrorist financing

On 15 January 2014 the Basel Committee issued a set of guidelines to describe how banks should include the management of risks related to money laundering and financing of terrorism within their overall risk management framework.⁵ Prudent management of these risks, together with effective supervisory oversight, is critical in protecting the safety and soundness of banks as well as the integrity of the financial system. Failure to manage these vulnerabilities exposes banks to serious reputational, operational, compliance and other risks.

The guidelines issued by the Basel Committee are consistent with the International Standards on Combating Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation issued by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in 2012 and supplement their goals and objectives. The risk management guidelines include cross-references to FATF standards to help banks comply with national requirements based on those standards.

Fundamental elements of a bank's capital planning process

An important lesson from the global financial crisis points to the need for banks to improve and strengthen their capital planning processes. Some of the observed weaknesses reflected processes that were not sufficiently comprehensive, appropriately forward-looking or adequately formalised. As a consequence, some banks underestimated the risks inherent in their business strategies and, in turn, misjudged capital needs. To this end, on 23 January 2014 the Basel Committee issued a document titled *A sound capital planning process: fundamental elements*, which sets out sound practices that foster overall improvement in banks' capital planning practices.⁶

Standardised approach for measuring counterparty credit risk exposures

On 31 March 2014 the Basel Committee published a final standard on the treatment of derivatives-related transactions in its capital adequacy framework.⁷

The standardised approach for measuring counterparty credit risk exposures includes a comprehensive, non-modelled approach for measuring counterparty credit risk associated with over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives, exchange-traded derivatives and long settlement transactions. The new standardised approach for counterparty credit risk (SA-CCR) replaces both the current exposure method (CEM) and the standardised method (SM) in the capital adequacy framework. In addition, the internal models method (IMM) and the shortcut method will be eliminated from the framework once the SA-CCR takes effect, which is scheduled for 1 January 2017.

2 Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs273.htm>.

3 Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs272.htm>.

4 Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs274.htm>.

5 Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs275.htm>.

6 Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs277.htm>.

7 Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs279.htm>.

External audits of banks

The global financial crisis not only revealed weaknesses in risk management, internal control and governance processes at banks, but also highlighted the need to improve the quality of external audits of banks. Given the central role banks play in contributing to financial stability, and therefore the need for market confidence in the quality of external audits of banks' financial statements, on 31 March 2014 the Basel Committee issued supervisory guidance on external audits of banks.⁸ The document enhances and supersedes the previous guidance published by the Basel Committee in 2002 regarding the relationship between banking supervisors and banks' external auditors and in 2008 on external audit quality and banking supervision.

The document sets out supervisory expectations of how:

- audit committees can contribute to audit quality in their oversight of the external audit function;
- external auditors can discharge their responsibilities more effectively;
- an effective relationship between the external auditor and the supervisor can be enhanced, which allows greater mutual understanding about how the respective roles and responsibilities of supervisors and external auditors can lead to regular communication of mutually useful information; and
- regular and effective dialogue between the banking supervisory authorities and relevant audit oversight bodies can enhance the quality of bank audits.

In addition to the guidance, the Basel Committee also published a letter to the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) on areas where it believes International Standards on Auditing could be enhanced. Serving as an observer on the Basel Committee group that developed the revised guidance, the IAASB provided helpful and meaningful input to this effort.

Exposures to central counterparties

On 10 April 2014 the Basel Committee published a final standard for calculating regulatory capital for banks' exposures to central counterparties (CCPs).⁹ The final standard, will replace the interim capital requirements that were published in July 2012. In developing the final standard the Basel Committee worked in close cooperation with the Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems (CPSS) and the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) to simplify the underlying policy framework and to complement relevant initiatives undertaken by other supervisory bodies, including the CPSS-IOSCO principles for financial market infrastructures. The Basel Committee also aimed to support broader policy efforts advanced by the G-20 leaders and the FSB, particularly those relating to central clearing of standardised OTC derivative contracts.

The final standard will take effect on 1 January 2017 and the interim requirements will continue to apply until then. Although retaining many of the interim requirements, the final standard differs from them by:

- including a single approach for calculating capital requirements for a bank's exposure that arises from its contributions to the mutualised default fund of a qualifying CCP (QCCP);
- employing the standardised approach for counterparty credit risk (as opposed to the CEM) to measure the hypothetical capital requirement of a CCP;
- including an explicit cap on the capital charges applicable to a bank's exposures to a QCCP;
- specifying the treatment of multi-level client structures whereby an institution clears its trades through intermediaries linked to a CCP; and
- incorporating responses to frequently asked questions posed to the Basel Committee in the course of its work on the final standard.

Measuring and controlling large exposures

A robust large exposure framework protects banks from significant losses caused by the sudden default of an individual counterparty or a group of connected counterparties. Accordingly, on 15 April 2014 the Basel Committee published a final standard and supervisory framework for measuring and controlling large exposures, which will take effect on 1 January 2019.¹⁰

⁸ Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs280.htm>

⁹ Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs282.htm>

¹⁰ Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs283.htm>.

The large exposure standard includes a general limit applied to the aggregate amount of a bank's exposures to a single counterparty, which is set at 25 per cent of a bank's tier 1 capital. This limit also applies to a bank's exposure to identify groups of connected counterparties, that is, counterparties that are interdependent and likely to fail simultaneously. A tighter limit will apply to exposures between banks that have been designated as global systemically important banks (G-SIBs). This limit has been set at 15 per cent of a bank's tier 1 capital.

The Basel Committee undertook to review by 2016 the appropriateness of setting a large exposure limit for exposures to QCCPs related to clearing activities, which are currently exempted in terms of the standard. The Basel Committee also undertook to review the impact of the large exposures framework on the implementation of monetary policy.

Frequently asked questions on Basel III's liquidity coverage ratio

On 16 April 2014 the Basel Committee issued frequently asked questions on Basel III's LCR.¹¹ To promote consistent global implementation of the relevant requirements, the Basel Committee agreed to periodically review frequently asked questions and publish answers along with any technical elaboration of the Basel rules text and interpretative guidance that may be necessary.

Principles for effective supervisory colleges

Supervisory colleges play an important role in the effective supervision of international banking groups. They can enhance information-sharing among supervisors, help the development of a shared agenda for addressing risks and vulnerabilities, and provide a platform for communicating key supervisory messages among college members. To this end, on 26 June 2014 the Basel Committee issued a final document titled *Principles for effective supervisory colleges*.¹² These principles replace the good practice principles on supervisory colleges, which the Basel Committee published in October 2010, with a commitment to revise them after a period of practical implementation experience.

The principles aim to promote and strengthen the operation of supervisory colleges and have been revised to reflect observations on best practice. The revisions underscore the importance of continuous collaboration and information-sharing outside the formal college meetings. They also incorporate recent supervisory developments, such as the formation of crisis management groups and greater focus on macroprudential considerations. The key changes are as follows:

- Principle 1 now places greater emphasis on ongoing collaboration and information-sharing;
- Principle 2 reinforces the expectation that a balance be struck between core college effectiveness and host involvement;
- Principle 3 includes the expectation that home and host supervisors will put in place appropriate mechanisms and sufficient resources for effective and timely information exchange;
- Principle 6 encourages home and host supervisors to agree on what types of feedback they provide to banks and how;
- Principle 7 differentiates between banks that have crisis management groups, that is, systemically important banks, and those that do not, and provides guidance on possible communication and coordination between the college and the crisis management groups with respect to crisis preparedness; and
- guidelines for the sharing and use of macroprudential information have been incorporated into Principles 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7.

Principles for the sound management of operational risk

On 6 October 2014 the Basel Committee published a review of the *Principles for the sound management of operational risk*.¹³ This paper reviews banks' implementation of the 2011 *Principles for the sound management of operational risk*. The principles embody the lessons from the financial crisis and evolving sound practice in operational risk management.

The principles set out the Basel Committee's expectations for the management of operational risk. All internationally active banks should implement policies, procedures and practices to manage operational risk commensurate with their size, complexity, activities and risk exposure, and seek continuous improvement in these areas as industry practice evolves. In order to enhance operational risk management, the principles provide comprehensive guidance regarding

¹¹ Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs284.htm>.

¹² Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs287.htm>.

¹³ Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs292.htm>.

the qualitative standards that should be observed to achieve more rigorous and comprehensive operational risk management.

Frequently asked questions on the Basel III leverage ratio framework

On 7 October 2014 the Basel Committee published frequently asked questions on the Basel III leverage ratio framework.¹⁴ To promote consistent global implementation of the relevant requirements, the Basel Committee agreed to periodically review frequently asked questions and publish answers along with any technical elaboration of the standard and any interpretative guidance that may be necessary.

Net stable funding ratio

On 31 October 2014 the Basel Committee issued the final standard for the NSFR, as endorsed by the Basel Committee's governing body, the GHOS.¹⁵ The NSFR is a significant component of the Basel III reforms. It requires banks to maintain a stable funding profile in relation to their on- and off-balance-sheet activities, thus reducing the likelihood that disruptions to a bank's regular sources of funding will erode its liquidity position in a way that could increase the risk of its failure and potentially lead to broader systemic stress. The NSFR will become a minimum standard by 1 January 2018.

The Basel Committee is currently developing disclosure standards for the NSFR.

Revisions to the securitisation framework

The recent global financial crisis highlighted several weaknesses in the Basel II securitisation framework, including mechanistic reliance on external ratings, lack of risk sensitivity, cliff effects and insufficient capital for certain exposures. The Basel Committee has revised the securitisation framework to address these issues. On 11 December 2014 the Basel Committee accordingly issued revisions to the securitisation framework.¹⁶ The revisions aim to address a number of shortcomings in the Basel II securitisation framework and to strengthen the capital standards for securitisation exposures.

The revised framework, which will come into effect on 1 January 2018, forms part of the Basel Committee's broader Basel III agenda to reform regulatory standards for banks in response to the global financial crisis and thus contribute to a more resilient banking sector.

The most significant revisions with respect to the Basel II securitisation framework relate to changes in (i) the hierarchy of approaches, (ii) the risk drivers used in each approach, and (iii) the amount of regulatory capital banks must hold for exposures to securitisations, that is, the framework's calibration.

The revised hierarchy of approaches reduces reliance on external ratings. It also simplifies and limits the number of approaches. At the top of this hierarchy is the IRB approach, followed by the external ratings-based and standardised approaches. Additional risk drivers, notably an explicit adjustment to take account of the maturity of a securitisation's tranche, have been introduced to address weaknesses in the Basel II framework, which resulted in under-capitalisation of certain exposures.

¹⁴ Available at <http://www.bis.org/publ/BaselCommittee293.htm>.

¹⁵ Available at <http://www.bis.org/BaselCommittee/publ/d295.htm>.

¹⁶ Available at <http://www.bis.org/BaselCommittee/publ/d303.htm>.