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NATIONAL HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION LIMITED



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# PROFILE

The National Department of Housing established the National Housing Finance Corporation Limited (NHFC) in 1996 as a Development Finance Institution specifically to ensure that every low- to moderate-income household gains access to housing finance.

## MANDATE

### Mandate

As a wholesale funder and risk manager, the NHFC is mandated to:

- introduce facilitative programmes supporting increased and sustained engagement by the banking sector in the target market;
- undertake funding as a wholesale intermediary to promote broader access to housing;
- underwrite the flow of wholesale funds to retail intermediaries (provide cover, security or guarantee);
- undertake proactive programmes aimed at building institutional and financial capacity at the retail level; and
- specialise in identifying, assessing, pricing, monitoring and managing risks associated with the placement of wholesale funds with retail intermediaries.

The NHFC defines the low- to moderate-income market as any South African household with regular monthly income between R1 500 and R7 500. This market sector is able to contribute towards its housing costs, but finds it difficult to access housing finance from banks.

The NHFC is a registered public company and has been granted the necessary exemption in terms of the Banks Act. As a national public entity, it adheres to the regulatory framework of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA).

## VISION

### Vision

The NHFC's vision is to be a world-class housing finance institution, instrumental in changing the housing finance system in South Africa, by facilitating the broad availability of affordable and suitable housing credit for low- to moderate-income families in South Africa.

## CORE FUNCTIONS

### Core functions

As one of the eight Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) in South Africa, the NHFC was established to:

- initiate and manage programmes to promote the banking sector's increased engagement in the target market;
- fund or underwrite specialised alternative lenders who are able and equipped to operate where banks find it difficult to do so;
- fund or underwrite institutions that provide housing under tenure rights other than individual freehold;
- manage proactive programmes aimed at building institutional and financial capacity at retail level, to broaden access to housing finance and mobilise funds for housing; and
- search for new and better ways to mobilise, raise and deploy finance for housing from sources outside the public sector, and in partnership with a broad range of organisations.

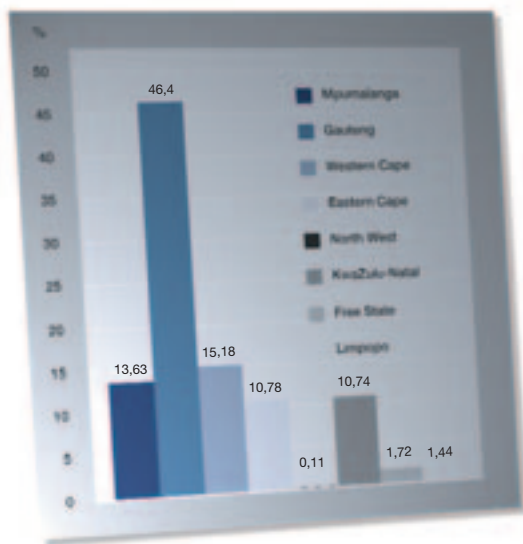
# HOUSING IMPACT

The NHFC group's total assets increased by R41 million. The group's capital and reserves increased to R1,8 billion (4,01% increase).

	%	%
<b>Key financial features</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Return on Assets	<b>4,10</b>	4,07
Return on Equity	<b>5,62</b>	5,71
Interest return on cash investments and deposits	<b>7,67</b>	7,77
Interest return on net advances	<b>11,67</b>	14,53
Operating costs to operating income	<b>30,59</b>	29,72

Impairments down from R121 million to R119 million.  
Credit rating maintained at SB/zaA –  
R1,7 billion in cash reserves.

## Provincial impact



## Return on equity and assets



## HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

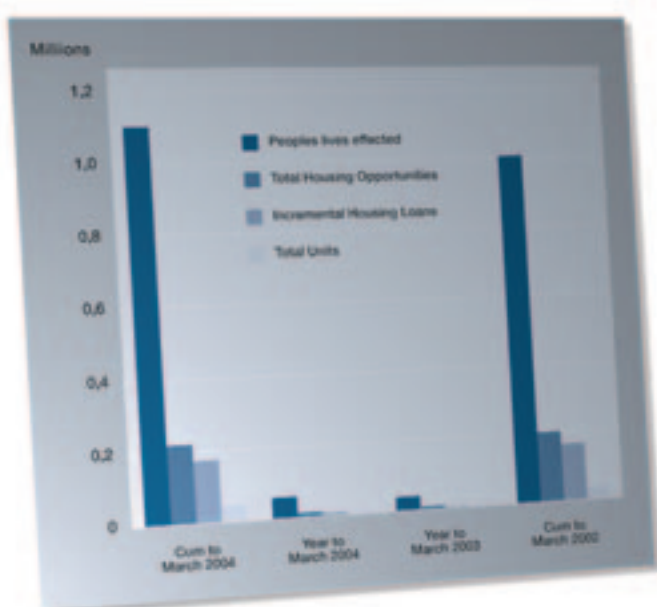
	<b>Cumulative to March 2002</b>	<b>Year to March 2003</b>	<b>Year to March 2004</b>	<b>Cumulative March 2004</b>
Housing units	37 488	5 033	<b>5 003</b>	<b>46 794</b>
Incremental housing loans	164 482	2 636	<b>6 763</b>	<b>173 881</b>
<b>Total housing opportunities</b>	<b>201 970</b>	<b>7 669</b>	<b>11 766</b>	<b>220 675</b>
<b>Peoples lives affected</b>	<b>1 006 200</b>	<b>38 345</b>	<b>58 830</b>	<b>1 103 375</b>

# OTHER IMPACT

## Housing impact – since inception

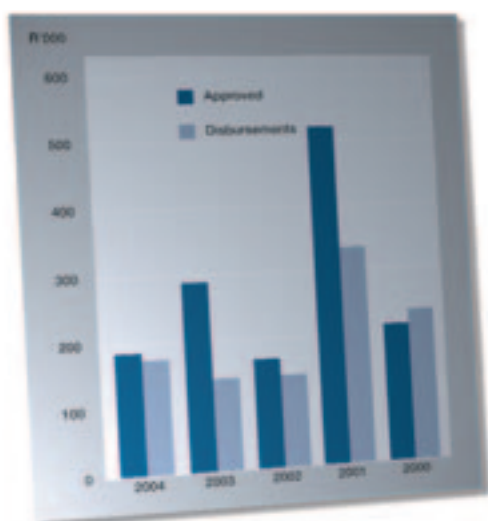
The NHFC approved R1,9 billion in facilities and disbursed R1,7 billion by 31 March 2004. Through lending activities, 46 794 new housing units have been built, and over 173 881 loans originated, and therefore 220 675 housing opportunities have been created by the corporation since inception.

The lives of more than 1 103 375 people have been improved by intermediaries financed by the NHFC.



## Facilities approved and disbursed

An analysis of the total facilities approved and disbursed to intermediary clients are as follows:



## Research

- Township Property Market Survey
- Borrower survey
- Default Study in the Social Housing Sector

## Publications

- Primary Market Monitor
- Micro Finance Review
- Housing Market Bulletin
- First corporate impact report

## Data and information

- Development of Policy Research Information System
- Complete Data and Information Portal investigation and feasibility for Gauteng Partnership Fund

## Policy and legislation

- Assistance for the establishment of the Office of Disclosure in terms of the Home Loan and Mortgage Disclosure Act
- Assistance in Drafting of the Community Reinvestment Bill (CRA) and subsequent interface on the Financial Sector Charter structures
- Participation in the Credit Law Review process and input to the Consumer Credit Bill
- Drafting of amendments for the Prevention of Illegal Eviction Act

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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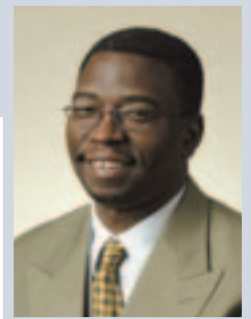
**Mr Andrew Canter**  
Futuregrowth  
**Prof Michael Katz**  
Edward Nathan & Friedland  
**Mr Tim Middleton**  
Kagiso Urban Management  
**Ms Nocawe Makiwane**  
SCMB  
**Mr Mziwonke Dlabantu**  
National Department of Housing  
**Mr Sango Ntsaluba**  
Nkonki Sizwe Ntsaluba Inc

*Front from left to right*

**Mr Samson Moraba**  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Ms Nonhlanhla Mjoli-Mncube**  
Housing Consultant  
**Mr Eric Molobi**  
Chairman  
Kagiso Investment Trust  
**Mr Sizwe Tati** *(Insert)*  
ABSA Limited

*Not present*

**Ms Mpumi Nxumalo**  
Director General Department of Housing



# EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT



*Back from left to right*

Mr John Kekana  
Executive Manager Corporate Shared Services  
Mr Phetolo Ramosebudi  
Executive Manager Risk Management  
Mr Lawrence Lehabe  
Executive Manager Incremental Housing (acting)  
Mr Luthando Vutula  
Executive Manager Job Summit  
Dr Morgan Pillay  
Executive Manager Alternative Tenure

*Front from left to right*

Ms Adrienne Egbers  
Chief Financial Officer  
Mr Samson Moraba  
Chief Executive Officer  
Ms Salome Sengani  
Executive Manager Home Ownership

# A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A word from the Chairman

As we celebrate ten years of democracy, we also toast the progress the NHFC has made in the eight years since its inception, in contributing to an improvement in the quality of life of the many South Africans who had been unable to acquire housing finance from the mainstream banks.

As the year ended, a boom in the upper end of the housing market was indicative of the improvement in affordability levels across the housing market.

The NHFC has stood tall over the years by:

- pioneering development of the social housing sector by being its major funder;
- facilitating the growth, and supporting the regulation, of incremental housing niche lenders;
- being innovative, in the absence of a vibrant primary market in the low-income housing (LIH) sector, by promoting programmes to stimulate the market and ensure sustainability and viability of smaller, retail non-banking housing lenders;
- sharing our experience and beneficial data accumulated in the sector over the last eight years;
- striving for best practice and an ethical approach to business; and
- facilitating informed debate in the sector by exploring options to answer the housing finance challenges facing the market.

The NHFC has brought benefits to the sector by:

- affecting or influencing the pricing of low-income housing finance;
- mitigating the perceived risks in the sector; and
- promoting standardisation in the market.



## Market trends

Interest rates were reduced substantially in the latter part of the year, which benefited low- to moderate-income households by making housing more affordable. As the year ended, a boom in the upper end of the housing market was indicative of the improvement in affordability levels across the housing market. With the limited availability of housing stock in the LIH sector, a spillover is expected in this segment of the market as well.

## Overview of results

The NHFC's cumulative approvals reached R1,9 billion, while disbursements were at R1,7 billion at year-end. This translates into more than 1 103 375 people whose quality of life has been improved through NHFC funding.

Undoubtedly, many challenges remain for the sector, since scale delivery remains elusive. Until the major banks partner us to capitalise on their robust infrastructure and delivery capacity, the current housing backlog among the low- to moderate-income households will remain.

## Strategic direction

I am pleased to report that the foundation has been laid during this financial year for sustainable and viable retail intermediaries and housing institutions. The implementation of strategic resolutions taken by the Board is on track. Establishment of the Development Fund and Work-Out Unit, and the progress made on the Guarantee Programme implementation, are examples of our movement forward.

## Some significant challenges

While the 10 years of democracy have been remarkable for the number of houses delivered, focus during the next 10 years will be on improving the quality of such houses, and on recognising that housing is an economic asset at the low end of the market and can alleviate poverty over time.

The launch in October last year of the Financial Sector Charter, pledging R20 billion to the low- to moderate-income housing market, was a positive expression of intent by the financial services sector. The NHFC is already supporting this intent by creating facilitative mechanisms to partner the financial services sector players.

The challenge is that all eight Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) need to collaborate in providing risk curtailment mechanisms to financial institutions, to maximise the institutions' ability to contribute to government's accelerated delivery agenda to eradicate poverty and create jobs.

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### Strengthening of the board

In line with the specific needs of the NHFC and the current focus on Board contribution, I am pleased to welcome three new Board members: Mr Andrew Canter, Mr Sango Ntsaluba and Mr Tim Middleton. Mr Ntsaluba is a Chartered Accountant by profession and brings considerable financial skills and experience. Mr Middleton is a property expert with knowledge of town planning, township development and general land matters. As a director of Futuregrowth, Mr Canter is experienced in fund and credit risk management. I look forward to their making a meaningful contribution to the board and the future of the NHFC.

### Prospects

The implementation of the Job Summit Pilot Project and the Financial Sector Charter will be our priority in the year ahead. As the implementation plans of the Charter become clearer, they will influence the way the corporate sector intervenes in the market to ensure quicker scale delivery of housing, through the provision of housing finance.

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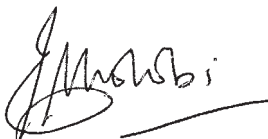
### Appreciation

Firstly, I thank the outgoing Minister of Housing, Ms Brigitte Mabandla for her support and wish her well in her new Cabinet appointment as Minister of Justice. On behalf of the NHFC Board, I warmly welcome Dr Lindiwe Sisulu, our new Minister of Housing. Minister Sisulu comes with an illustrious track record in her previous roles. Housing our people remains a growing challenge and she is well equipped to address this problem. We look forward to working with her in making the next five years historic for the improvement in the quality of life of all South Africans in the low end of the housing market.

Secondly, I would like to thank my colleagues for their insight, advice and support, which have contributed handsomely to our progress.

Lastly, I offer a word of thanks to the executive management and staff for their contribution to our performance.

My deep appreciation also goes to all our stakeholders, especially our intermediaries. I assure them that the NHFC is very mindful of the fact that it is their collaboration and support that provide the wherewithal for us to deliver and improve the quality of life of many low- to moderate-income households in our country.



**Mr Eric Molobi**

Chairman

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

A word from the CEO

In spite of facing some significant challenges, the NHFC continued to improve the quality of life of many South Africans in its target market by making housing finance accessible to them.

The NHFC has responded to the President's call, in the People's Contract, to prioritise poverty eradication and job creation through funding to the low- to moderate-income housing finance market, by aggressively promoting both home ownership in various forms and scale rental housing development projects, like the Job Summit.

The NHFC is a purpose-driven company. Primarily, all that we are, all that we do and all that we seek to become, revolves around an elementary proposition: financing housing opportunities for low- to moderate-income households. We strive for a growing home ownership base in our target market, and increased rental stock development, especially through inner city regeneration schemes and households incrementally building or improving their houses.

Some highlights of the NHFC's core business during the year were:

- financing and facilitating 11 766 housing opportunities;
- active participation, including the secondment of resources, in the development of Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) legislation;
- participation in structures relating to the Financial Sector Charter;
- project management of the Job Summit process, resulting in the delivery of the first 1 131 houses in Witbank; and
- involvement in a number of relevant research projects that enhanced understanding of the needs and aspirations of the target market.



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We strive for a growing home ownership base in our target market, and increased rental stock development, especially through inner city regeneration schemes and households incrementally building or improving their houses.

During the year, the gross total loans and advances increased by 9%, from R615 million to R673 million. Total approvals since inception increased to R1,9 billion with R1,7 billion being disbursed by 31 March 2004.

We thus set the foundation to ensure, based on the Vision 2007, increased and sustained delivery in the medium term.

Facilitative frameworks put in place, included:

- incorporation of a development fund as a mechanism for mobilising and providing institutional and financial capacity-building, to retail intermediaries and housing institutions active in this segment of the market;
- planning for a Work-Out Unit to deal with the rehabilitation of non-performing clients to reduce the impairment of loans on our balance sheet;
- increasing our risk appetite by gearing to take on the "non-commercial risk" of the banking institutions as they increase their lending into the sector in terms of the Financial Sector Charter; and
- standardisation of the lending criteria in the low- to moderate-income housing sector, to facilitate a more efficient flow of funds into the market.

The resolve to create housing opportunities for the low- to moderate-income households is the driving force behind all our efforts to facilitate partnerships with other institutions, e.g. banks, to deliver innovative housing finance products in this market.

Departure of a number of executive managers from the NHFC during the year, created an opportunity to review current resourcing to optimise contributions.

Other strategic initiatives included the development of a broader and deeper role for Policy and Research and Corporate Marketing Communications units.

We also facilitated informed debate on potential solutions to the challenges that are specific to the low- to moderate-income housing market sector.

At the end of another challenging but ultimately rewarding year, special thanks must go to the Chairman, Mr Eric Molobi, for his untiring guidance and support.

The Board of Directors, recently strengthened in numbers and skills, has been consistent in its understanding of, and attention to the NHFC, and this is much appreciated.

The staff, all aware of their roles in financing homes for low- to moderate-income households, are committed to achieving our goals and I thank them for their hard work.

While offering Ms Brigitte Mabandla best wishes for her move to the Justice Ministry, we welcome the new Housing Minister, Dr Lindiwe Sisulu, and pledge her the support of our management and staff in achieving her accelerated housing delivery strategy.



**Mr Samson Moraba**

Chief Executive Officer

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# OPERATIONS REVIEW

During the year, Incremental Housing consolidated the business of three key clients, creating a more viable and sustainable intermediary that is well positioned to provide scale delivery and profitability.

## Lending operations

The total lending and advance portfolio increased by 9% from R615 million to R673 million in the year. Cumulative approvals amounted to R1,9 billion and disbursements to R1,7 billion at 31 March 2004.

## Alternative tenure (AT)

The AT division provides project finance to emerging and sustainable social housing institutions in order to develop tenure options other than immediate ownership.

It partners provinces, local authorities and donor agencies etc., who provide grants and subsidies to promote delivery of affordable social rental housing to low- to moderate-income households.

It also funds the development of social and private rental housing stock, predominantly in the inner cities, thus contributing to urban renewal and promoting inner city regeneration.

A total of R134 million was approved for new development during the year, and 4 397 units facilitated.

## Incremental housing (IH)

The IH division funds niche lenders who target lower-income earners, using incremental housing loans to buy land, renew an existing home or top-up the capital subsidy with credit.

During the year, the division consolidated the business of three key clients, creating a more viable and sustainable intermediary that is well positioned to provide scale delivery and profitability.

A total of R140 million was approved during the year and the pipeline is promising for the new year. The division supported nine lending intermediaries, four of which are from previously disadvantaged communities.

### Home ownership division (HOD)

The HOD facilitates ownership of affordable homes by funding retail finance intermediaries whose business is to expand home ownership among low- to moderate-income households. NHFC believes that home ownership is good for families, communities, the economy and thus the nation, and should be supported and encouraged. Houses need to be seen not only as shelters that are a social good, but as economic assets that can foster wealth and eradicate poverty.

#### Challenges

- After a trial period, it was decided that the programme for the purchase of loans imposed unacceptably onerous administrative burdens and risks on the NHFC, and it was suspended during the year.
- The creation of new stock for home ownership, beyond RDP stock and limited PHP efforts, remains inadequate.
- Lack of recognition of the value of properties financed other than by mortgage bonds, poses a socio-economic challenge. Purchase of such stock in the secondary market continues to be an activity not recognised by the mainstream financiers, as values are not recorded and the title is often not recognised.
- Predatory lending practices and therefore, the debt burden, limit the capacity of end-users to access long-term finance for housing. We thus support initiatives aimed at normalising lending practices and protecting consumers.
- Access to housing finance by the low- to moderate-income market under the Financial Sector Charter has to compete for the budget allocation. Given the areas of market failure in home ownership finance, risk-mitigating programmes to attract private sector finance are imperative. NHFC is close to implementing a pilot guarantee product to provide some cover for these risks.

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# OPERATIONS REVIEW

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## Strategic projects

### The Job Summit Housing Pilot Project

The Job Summit Housing Pilot Project was implemented after the Presidential Job Summit held in October 1998, at which government, business, labour and civil society agreed that there was a need for a National Presidential Lead Project on Rental Housing (NPLPRH), at sufficient scale to pilot affordable mass housing delivery and alternative forms of tenure. The aim of the project was to provide not only homes but substantial job opportunities.

At this summit, it was agreed that a minimum of 50 000 and maximum of 150 000 units be developed, of which 75% would be rental and 25% ownership. Each project was expected to deliver a minimum of 5 000 units. The first three projects are in KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and Gauteng.

The NHFC is responsible for implementing the Job Summit Housing Pilot Project.

To date:

- at Mpumalanga, the first phase (1 131 units) is complete;
- in Gauteng, the Brickfields (Johannesburg Housing Company) project launched on 14th August 2003 has 1 400 units under construction;
- Kliptown (another Gauteng sub-project) will begin building operations before the end of 2004; and
- KwaZulu-Natal has included Pietermaritzburg and Durban in the Job Summit projects, and building of the first project in Pietermaritzburg has begun.

The NHFC completed a procurement options analysis that identified the Public Private Partnership (PPP) option as the most feasible to ensure an appropriate transfer of risk to the private sector. A mid-term review of the programme commissioned by the NHFC recommended restructuring the programme as currently specified.

The recommendation is being implemented with the support of all role players.

The pilot has provided lessons in designing the planning processes for the building of the houses, and for the financial and technical arrangements.



## Trust for Urban Housing Finance (TUHF)

To broaden its delivery of housing, the NHFC partnered other private and public housing agencies to establish TUHF, and, as the principal sponsor, provided a R10 million interest-free loan as capital.

TUHF, a strategic partner of the NHFC in funding projects up to R5 million, is a unique retail finance institution committed to inner city regeneration by promoting efficient and professional finance services to private, social and emerging housing entrepreneurs engaged in the sustainable residential rental business.

TUHF serves as an agent of the NHFC to implement the Support Programme for Social Housing (SPSH), which provides capacity funding emanating from the European Union to small social housing institutions.

To date, TUHF has approved R28,5 million in loans and disbursed R19,3 million.

## Risk review

The Government Gazette notice exempting the NHFC from the requirements of the Banks Act states that the NHFC must “specialise in identifying, assessing, pricing, monitoring and managing the risks associated with the placement of wholesale funds with retail intermediaries active in the target market”.

The NHFC therefore takes risks for which other financiers may have no appetite, and has developed policies and processes to manage such risk.

To enhance the capabilities of its Risk Department

- it has appointed suitably qualified and experienced people able properly to identify and manage the risks inherent in the business;
- Credit Risk Management has moved to the Risk Department from Financial Services, to separate the accounting process from the risk management thereof; and
- the Risk Rating Tool, developed with the assistance of Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), was implemented during the year to rate the default risk of clients who lack a rating from the major rating agencies.

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# OPERATIONS REVIEW

## Governance

Several structures for governance of credit risk are in place and have operated throughout the year:

**The Management Credit Committee**, comprising executives and appropriate senior managers, reviews and approves lending applications.

Each application is supported by a proposal from the Operating Division and an independent due diligence report prepared by the Risk Department. This committee has authority to approve facilities to a maximum of R20 million. Any facility for more than R20 million has to be recommended for approval by the Board Credit Committee.

**The Board Credit Committee**, comprising non-executive directors and the CEO, who is also a director (members of the Executive and Management are also invited to attend) meets regularly to review the recommendations of the Management Credit Committee and to approve those that meet the necessary requirements.

**An Audit and Risk Committee** is responsible for ensuring that all risks affecting the NHFC are identified, managed and, where necessary, mitigated through risk transfer and partnership mechanisms.

The internal auditors attend the meetings of the Audit and Risk Committee and have full access to the members of that committee and the Board of Directors.

The internal audit process was outsourced until 31 March 2004 to KPMG, but contracted to Sizwe Ntsaluba from 1 April 2004.

The Treasury Risk is managed through the Financial Risk Management Committee. Investments made are in money market instruments, government and municipal bonds.

## Key focus areas for 2004/2005

### Current interventions

- NHFC plans to take non-commercial risks in the sector through a guarantee programme.
- Leveraging of large private sector funding and expertise to deliver housing at scale.
- Accelerating the delivery of rental housing through the Job Summit programme, inner city regeneration and urban renewal projects.
- Standardisation of lending criteria in the sector.
- The availing of industry statistics, research and policy information.
- Supporting consumer education among low- to moderate-income households.
- Supporting the removal of barriers to increased lending in the sector, e.g. swift legal processes.

### Challenges

- Role of NHFC in taking non-commercial risks and remaining sustainable.
- Entry of private sector funders – banks, insurers, etc.
- Discreet availability of historical data (mortgage, credit in low-income housing (LIH)).
- Availability of suitable stock.
- Development of the secondary ownership and rental markets (some clouds are gathering).
- Commitment and ownership of low-income lending as an integral part of commercial business.
- Affordability of end users.

### Outlook

- Development of secondary markets by the entry of large estate agency groups. The movement of people selling existing properties is likely to increase.
- Increased use of market instruments and recognition of asset value and wealth creation.
- A new business growth opportunity for the financial sector (banks and private insurance companies).
- Support for community-based housing programmes will increase – e.g. housing for social needs and community services will receive increased attention.
- Establishment of a robust social housing sector infrastructure.

### Viewed against the Financial Sector Charter

- Increased scale delivery of housing units for ownership.
- Improved access to housing finance from large institutions.
- Credit conditions normalised, leading to an increase in:
  - BEE financing;
  - Poverty alleviation; and
  - Job creation.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

**This statement on corporate governance focuses on the NHFC's structures and culture of governance which ensure that the Corporation reports appropriately to the shareholder and all interested parties.**

## Principles of Corporate Governance and Structures

The NHFC Board and management re-affirm their commitment to the principles of integrity and accountability, openness and the provision of timely, relevant and meaningful reporting to all stakeholders. The Board ensures that the business of the NHFC is conducted in accordance with high standards of corporate governance and with internationally and locally accepted corporate practices. These standards are captured in the Code of Ethics adopted by the Corporation and the Board as well as in the Corporation's established systems of internal control and procedures.

With effect from April 2002 the second King Report on Corporate Governance for South Africa (King 2) has been applicable. The Board and management have reviewed the NHFC's corporate governance and taken steps to ensure compliance. The Board is of the view that the Corporation adheres as much as practicable to the Code of Corporate Practices and Conduct contained in King 2. The principles contained in King 2 are reflected in the Corporation's

governance structures which are reviewed from time to time to take into account the latest changes in international developments in the field of corporate governance. It is the policy of the Board and management to actively review and enhance the Corporation's systems of control and governance on a continuous basis to ensure that the business is managed ethically and within prudent risk parameters in conformity with internationally accepted standards of best practice.

The NHFC Board comprises ten members, nine of whom are non-executive directors under the chairmanship of Mr Eric Molobi. The Board members bring to the Board a wide range of significant financial and legal expertise and independent perspectives and judgement. The Board is responsible to the shareholder for setting the direction of the Corporation through the establishment of strategic objectives and key policies.

The Board monitors the implementation of strategies and policies through a structured approach to reporting on the basis of agreed performance criteria and defined, written delegation to management for the detailed planning and implementation of such objectives and policies. The Board meets quarterly, or more frequently if circumstances so require, to review the following:

- Matters specifically reserved for its decision;
- Issues of strategic direction;
- Approval of major capital expenditure; and
- Approval of financial and operational results.

The Board fulfils its role, duties, and functions with due regard to its fiduciary responsibilities to the NHFC.

The Directors accept as a duty the necessity to become fully acquainted with all issues pertaining to the operations of the NHFC. As required by the King 2 Report, all Directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary and are entitled to seek independent professional advice concerning the affairs of the NHFC.

The Board has established a number of standing committees, which are ultimately answerable to the Board, namely:

- The Executive Committee;
- The Audit and Risk Committee;
- The Board Credit Committee; and
- The Human Resources, Ethics and Remuneration Committee.

### The Executive Committee

This Committee is constituted to assist the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in managing the business of the NHFC, subject to statutory limits and the Board's limitations on delegation of authority to the CEO. The Executive Managers of the Corporation are members of the Committee. The Executive Committee assists the CEO in guiding and controlling the overall direction of the business of the NHFC and acts as a medium of communication and co-ordination between the business units.

### The Audit and Risk Committee

The Audit and Risk Committee comprises three non-executives and one executive member. A non-executive director chairs the Committee.

Four Audit and Risk Committee meetings were held during the course of the financial year. These meetings are attended by external- and internal auditors, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and other relevant executive managers. In line with the recommendations of the King 2 Report, this Committee looks at ensuring that an effective and integrated risk management process is implemented.

The Committee monitors the quality and integrity of financial and risk reporting. It also reviews the efficacy of the internal audit function and is responsible for the evaluation of the independence, objectivity, and effectiveness of the external auditors as well as the review of accounting and auditing concerns identified by the internal and external audits. The Committee reviews the annual financial statements before approval by the Board.

### The Human Resources, Ethics and Remuneration Committee

The Committee comprises three non-executive directors and the CEO and is chaired by a non-executive director. Its functions are to:

- Influence and approve human resources policies and strategies and monitor compliance with the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998;
- Make recommendations to the shareholder on the remuneration policy for executive and non-executive directors; and
- Monitor the ethical conduct of the Company, its management and employees.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## The Board Credit Committee

The Committee has two non-executive directors, one co-opted development finance specialist and the CEO as its complement. An independent non-executive director chairs it. In the last financial year the Committee met six times.

The Committee has decision-making authority in respect of the granting of loan facilities in excess of R20 million per client, subject to the recommendations of the Management Credit Committee. The role of the Committee is to oversee credit risk management and the approval and implementation of the credit policy.

## Management Credit Committee

This Committee is chaired by the CEO and meets at least twice a month for consideration and approval of loan facilities, approval of credit policies and to make recommendations to the Board Credit Committee on applications in excess of the limit.

The Committee is responsible for ensuring adherence to credit and default procedures and the collection of outstanding debt.

## Procurement Committee

This is a management sub-committee, which was formed to ensure compliance with the procurement policies of the Corporation. The Committee ensures that there is meaningful Black Economic Empowerment when service providers are approved and ensures fairness and transparency in the selection of business suppliers.

## The Public Finance Management Act (PFMA)

The NHFC is governed by the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), which focuses on financial management with related outputs and responsibilities.

The directors comply with their fiduciary duties as required by the Act. Responsibilities of the Board as the accounting authority in terms of the provisions of the Act and its regulations include taking appropriate action to ensure:

- That effective, efficient and economic transparent systems of financial and risk management, and internal control are in place;
- The implementation of appropriate and effective measures to prevent unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, losses from criminal conduct and expenditure not complying with legislation; and
- The allocation of resources in economic, efficient, effective and transparent measures.

The NHFC is therefore in compliance with the various duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the PFMA.

## The NHFC Code of Ethics

The following are important aspects of the NHFC's Code of Ethics, a copy of which will be made available on request. Any contravention of the Code of Ethics is viewed as a serious matter. These sections are critical for proper governance:

### Conflict of interest

The NHFC expects its management and employees to perform their duties in the best interests of the Company and not to use their positions, or knowledge gained during

the course and scope of their employment with the Company for private or personal advantage.

#### **Outside activities and business interests**

The NHFC encourages its employees to be active members in their communities and to participate in a variety of religious, sporting, cultural, and other activities. However, such activities must not adversely affect the employee's work activities. The same consideration applies to an employee acquiring an external business interest. In such a case, the employee concerned must scrupulously avoid any conflict with the NHFC's interests. Employees are required to declare any outside business interest e.g. shareholding, partnership, sole proprietorship, directorship, etc. to the Company Secretary. Employees invited to hold outside directorships must also obtain advance approval from the Chief Executive Officer.

#### **Gifts, hospitality and favours**

An employee should not accept or solicit any extravagant gifts, hospitality or other favours from suppliers of goods and services. However, the offering of the following is not contrary to the Code of Ethics:

- Occasional entertainment of an employee and their spouse or partner, including hospitality such as tickets to local sporting events or theatre;

- Accommodation associated with a visit by the client, representative and their spouse or partner to the Corporation's operations; and
- Advertising material of limited commercial value.

#### **Integrated risk management**

The NHFC Board delegated the risk management function to the Audit and Risk Committee. That Committee is responsible for the identification of risk areas and for reporting to the Board and/or management's attention.

#### **Internal control**

The NHFC Board acknowledges that it bears ultimate responsibility for the Corporation's systems of internal and financial control. Adequate systems have been designed to provide reasonable assurance against inaccurate internal financial information and other irregularities as well as to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the Corporation's financial records.

#### **General**

The NHFC recognises that corporate governance is a dynamic area and, as such, its systems of corporate governance are reassessed on an ongoing basis to ensure that they are on a world-class level and continue to be relevant to the business of the NHFC as it evolves.

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## Record of attendance at meetings

Directors	Board	Audit Committee	Board Credit Committee	Human Resources, Ethics & Remuneration Committee
<b>Number of meetings</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
Mr Eric Molobi	4	–	–	3
Mr Dev Botha <sup>1</sup>	–	–	2	–
Mr Mandla Gantsho <sup>2</sup>	–	2	–	–
Prof Michael Katz	3	–	–	1
Ms Mpumi Nxumalo*	–	–	–	–
Mr Mziwonke Dlabantu <sup>3</sup>	2	–	–	–
Ms Nocawe Makiwane	2	–	5	3
Ms Nonhlanhla Mjoli-Mncube	3	–	–	–
Mr Samson Moraba	4	4	6	3
Mr Sango Ntsaluba <sup>4</sup>	1	1	–	–
Mr Sizwe Tati	4	2	6	–
Mr Tim Middleton <sup>5</sup>	1	–	–	–

<sup>1</sup> Non-executive industry specialist

<sup>2</sup> Resigned as Board member on 1 April 2003, now only Audit Committee member

<sup>3</sup> Alternate to Ms Mpumi Nxumalo

<sup>4</sup> New w.e.f. 9 December 2003

<sup>5</sup> New w.e.f. 9 December 2003

\* Represented by alternate



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## Statement of responsibilities and approvals

The Public Finance Management Act of 1999 (PFMA) requires the directors to ensure that the National Housing Finance Corporation keeps full and proper records of its financial affairs. The annual financial statements should fairly present the state of affairs of NHFC, its financial results, and its financial position at the end of the year in terms of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The annual financial statements are the responsibility of the Directors. The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the financial statements.

The annual financial statements of NHFC have been prepared in terms of the Statements of South African Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and the Companies Act. These annual financial statements are based on appropriate accounting policies, supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates and are prepared on the going concern basis. The directors have every reason to believe that the group will be a going concern in the year ahead.

To enable the Directors to meet the above responsibilities of the NHFC, the Board of directors sets standards and ensures that sound systems of internal control are implemented by management.

The controls are designed to provide cost effective assurance that assets are safeguarded, and that liabilities and working capital are efficiently managed. Policies, procedures, structures and approval frameworks provide direction, accountability and division of responsibilities and contain self-monitoring mechanisms.

The controls throughout NHFC focus on those critical risk areas identified by operational risk management and confirmed by executive management. Both management and Internal Audit closely monitor the controls, and ensure actions are taken to correct deficiencies as they are identified.

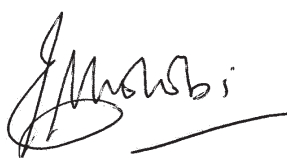
The Directors are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management and Internal Audit, and discussions with the independent External Auditors on the result of their audits, that the material internal accounting

controls are adequate to ensure that the financial records may be relied upon for preparing the annual financial statements, and accountability for assets and liabilities is maintained.

Nothing has come to the attention of the directors to indicate that any material breakdown in the functioning of these controls, procedures and systems has occurred during the year under review.

In the opinion of the directors, based on the information available to date, the annual financial statements fairly present the financial position of NHFC at 31 March 2004, and the results of its operations and cash flow information for the year.

The annual financial statements of NHFC for the year ended 31 March 2004, set out on pages 27 to 52, have been approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf on 28 June 2004 by:



**Mr E Molobi**  
Chairman



**Mr SS Moraba**  
Chief Executive Officer

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

## Report of the independent auditors

### To the Minister of Housing

We have audited the annual financial statements of NHFC set out in pages 27 to 52 for the year ended 31 March 2004. The annual financial statements are the responsibility of NHFC's accounting authority. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. The performance information is the responsibility of the accounting authority. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the performance information furnished in terms of sub-section 55(2)(a) read in conjunction with sub-section 61(1)(b) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999, as amended, is fair in all material respects and, on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

### Scope

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Statements of South African Auditing Standards issued by the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The audit was also planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance that our duties in terms of sections 60 and 61 of the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999, as amended, have been complied with. An audit includes:

- examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements;
- assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and
- evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe that our audit proves a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### Audit opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements fairly present, in all material respects, the financial position of NHFC at 31 March 2004, and the results of their operations and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 61 of 1973 in South Africa, and the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999, as amended;
- the financial aspects of the performance information of NHFC in terms of section 55(2)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999, as amended, fairly presents in all material respects NHFC's performance for the year ended 31 March 2004 against predetermined objectives; and
- the transactions of NHFC that came to the auditor's attention during auditing were in all material respects in accordance with mandatory functions of NHFC, as determined by law or otherwise.

In our opinion the statements have been properly prepared on the basis set out in the notes thereto.



**Ernst & Young**

Registered Accountants and Auditors  
Chartered Accountants (SA)

Johannesburg  
28 June 2004

# REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

## Report of the Audit and Risk Committee in terms of regulations 27(1)(10)(b) and (c) of the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999, as amended.

The Audit and Risk Committee reports that it has adopted appropriate formal terms of reference as its charter, and has regulated its affairs in compliance with this charter, and has discharged all of its responsibilities contained therein.

In the conduct of its duties, the Audit and Risk Committee has, inter alia, reviewed the following:

- The effectiveness of the internal control systems;
- The effectiveness of internal audit;
- The risk areas of the entity's operations to be covered in the scope of internal and external audits;
- The adequacy, reliability and accuracy of financial information provided to management and other users of such information;
- Any accounting and auditing concerns identified as a result of internal and external audits;
- The entity's compliance with legal and regulatory provisions;
- The activities of the internal audit function, including its annual work programme, co-ordination with the external auditors, the reports of significant investigations and the responses of management to specific recommendations; and
- Where relevant, the independence of and objectivity of the external auditors.

Nothing has come to the attention of the Audit and Risk Committee to indicate that a material breakdown in the functioning of the internal controls, procedures and systems has occurred during the year under review.

In the opinion of the Audit and Risk Committee, the internal controls and laid down procedures of the NHFC are considered to be appropriate in all material respects to:

- meet the business objectives of the NHFC;
- ensure the Group's assets are adequately safeguarded; and
- ensure that transactions undertaken are recorded in the Group's records.

The Audit and Risk Committee has evaluated the annual financial statements of the NHFC for the year ended 31 March 2004 and, based on the information provided to the Audit Committee, considers that they comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Companies Act, 61 of 1973, as amended, and the Public Finance Management Act, 1 of 1999, as amended and the South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The Audit and Risk Committee concurs that the adoption of the going concern premise in framing the annual financial statements is appropriate. The Audit and Risk Committee therefore recommended the adoption of the annual financial statements by the Board of Directors at their meeting on 28 June 2004.

**Mr M Gantsho, CA (SA)**

Chairman

18 June 2004

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report together with the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2004.

## General review

The National Housing Finance Corporation Limited is incorporated in terms of the Companies Act, 1973 as amended. The main business of the Corporation is wholesale funding for housing finance purposes. The business and activities of the Corporation for the year are reviewed in the Chief Executive's report as set out on pages 9 to 11 of this report.

## Financial results

The financial results of the Corporation for the year under review are set out on pages 29 to 52 of these financial statements.

## Share capital

There were no changes in the authorised and issued share capital of the Corporation during the year under review. The shareholder of the NHFC is the Government of South Africa, represented by the Department of Housing.

## Job Summit funding

The surplus arising from investment income, net of operational expenses, from the Job Summit funds has been added to those funds and has been shown as a liability.

## Dividends

All profits are retained by the Corporation to allow for maximum availability of funds in pursuit of its mission. Such funds are deemed to be part of Government's ongoing commitment to the mission of the Corporation. The dividend policy is adopted in terms of an agreement with the shareholder, and is subject to annual review by the Board and the shareholder.

It is deemed essential to continue to enhance the Corporation's capital base in order to increase the impact of its activities, and consequently no dividend has been declared for the year under review.

## Reserves

The "Other" reserves shown on the Group balance sheet is the IBNR Reserve in the Cell Captive Insurance Company.

## Directors

The following served as directors of the Company throughout the year and at the financial year-end:

Mr E Molobi (Chairman)  
 Mr SS Moraba (Chief Executive)  
 Mr M Dlabantu  
 Prof MM Katz  
 Ms NE Makiwane  
 Ms N Mjoli-Mncube  
 Mr SA Tati

In addition, Messrs S Ntsaluba and TA Middleton were appointed in December 2003 and Mr A Canter was appointed on 1 April 2004.

## Company Secretary

V Langa (Mr Langa passed away on 28 March 2004).

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

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## Board committees

### Audit and Risk Committee

SA Tati (Chair)  
 SS Moraba  
 SS Ntsaluba  
 M Gantsho

### Board Credit Committee

NE Makiwane (Chair)  
 A Canter  
 SS Moraba  
 SA Tati  
 JHD Botha

### Human Resources, Ethics and Remuneration Committee

MM Katz (Chair)  
 E Molobi  
 NE Makiwane  
 SS Moraba

## Post balance sheet events

No significant events occurred between the year-end and the date of this report.

## Balance sheets as at 31 March 2004

	Note	Group		Company	
		2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>ASSETS</b>					
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
		<b>700 549</b>	707 393	<b>857 469</b>	855 555
Advances	3	<b>553 655</b>	547 338	<b>553 655</b>	547 338
Investment in subsidiary	4	–	–	<b>149 920</b>	148 162
Investment in Cape Town Community Housing	5	–	8 000	–	8 000
Investment in preference shares	6	<b>2 450</b>	2 450	<b>2 450</b>	2 450
Investment in Cell Captive	7	–	–	<b>7 000</b>	–
Investment securities	8	<b>141 155</b>	138 857	<b>141 155</b>	138 857
Derivative instruments		–	456	–	456
Fixed assets	9	<b>2 967</b>	3 804	<b>2 967</b>	3 804
Deferred taxation	24.3	<b>322</b>	6 488	<b>322</b>	6 488
<b>Current assets</b>					
		<b>1 746 819</b>	1 698 834	<b>1 572 625</b>	1 556 649
Accounts receivable	10	<b>13 127</b>	21 846	<b>12 505</b>	4 868
Investments	11	<b>1 487 497</b>	1 366 376	<b>1 326 201</b>	1 265 782
Bank balances and cash		<b>194 190</b>	286 207	<b>179 869</b>	259 815
Taxation		<b>52 005</b>	24 406	<b>54 050</b>	26 183
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>2 447 368</b>	2 406 228	<b>2 430 094</b>	2 412 204
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>					
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
		<b>1 785 085</b>	1 716 285	<b>1 767 924</b>	1 722 281
Share capital	12	<b>842</b>	842	<b>842</b>	842
Share premium	13	<b>879 158</b>	879 158	<b>879 158</b>	879 158
Grant capital	14	<b>200 000</b>	200 000	<b>200 000</b>	200 000
Other reserves	15	<b>4 185</b>	–	–	–
Distributable reserves		<b>700 900</b>	636 285	<b>687 924</b>	642 281
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
		<b>464 243</b>	596 270	<b>464 243</b>	596 270
Funds under administration – Job Summit	16	<b>280 702</b>	256 406	<b>280 702</b>	256 406
Deferred income	17	<b>38 501</b>	43 686	<b>38 501</b>	43 686
Long-term liabilities	18	<b>145 040</b>	296 178	<b>145 040</b>	296 178
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
		<b>198 040</b>	93 672	<b>197 927</b>	93 653
Debentures	18	<b>101 378</b>	–	<b>101 378</b>	–
Accounts payable	19	<b>96 663</b>	93 672	<b>96 549</b>	93 653
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2 447 368</b>	2 406 228	<b>2 430 094</b>	2 412 204

## Income statements for the year ended 31 March 2004

	Note	Group		Company	
		2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>REVENUE</b>	20	<b>228 958</b>	230 046	<b>202 687</b>	209 239
Finance costs	21	<b>(16 727)</b>	(16 639)	<b>(16 634)</b>	(16 639)
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>		<b>212 231</b>	213 407	<b>186 053</b>	192 600
Advances/Investment impairment		<b>(15 962)</b>	(45 359)	<b>(15 962)</b>	(45 359)
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>196 269</b>	168 048	<b>170 091</b>	147 241
Net investment trading income		-	20 650	-	20 650
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>		<b>196 269</b>	188 698	<b>170 091</b>	167 891
Operating costs		<b>(60 034)</b>	(56 083)	<b>(59 743)</b>	(52 409)
<b>NET INCOME BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>136 235</b>	132 615	<b>110 348</b>	115 482
Taxation	24.1	<b>(35 841)</b>	(34 687)	<b>(33 110)</b>	(34 645)
<b>INCOME AFTER TAXATION ATTRIBUTABLE TO ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS</b>		<b>100 394</b>	97 928	<b>77 238</b>	80 837



## Statements of changes in equity for the year ended 31 March 2004

	Note	Ordinary		Grant capital	Secondary reserves	Distri- butable reserves	Total
		share capital	Share premium				
		R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000
<b>GROUP</b>							
Balance 31 March 2002 as previously stated		842	879 158	200 000	50 000	489 805	1 619 805
Change in accounting policy	2					(1 448)	(1 448)
Balance 31 March 2002 – restated		842	879 158	200 000	50 000	488 357	1 618 357
Net profit for the year		–	–	–	–	97 928	97 928
Transfer to distributable reserves		–	–	–	(50 000)	50 000	–
Balance 31 March 2003		842	879 158	200 000	–	636 285	1 716 285
Effect of adopting AC133 – impairment of advances		–	–	–	–	(76 450)	(76 450)
Effect of adopting AC133 – reversal of provision against advances		–	–	–	–	44 855	44 855
Net profit for the year		–	–	–	–	100 394	100 394
Transfer to reserves		–	–	–	4 185	(4 185)	–
<b>Balance 31 March 2004</b>		<b>842</b>	<b>879 158</b>	<b>200 000</b>	<b>4 185</b>	<b>700 900</b>	<b>1 785 085</b>
<b>COMPANY</b>							
Balance 31 March 2002 as previously stated		842	879 158	200 000	50 000	512 891	1 642 891
Change in accounting policy	2					(1 448)	(1 448)
Balance 31 March 2002 – restated		842	879 158	200 000	50 000	511 444	1 641 444
Net profit for the year		–	–	–	–	80 837	80 837
Transfer to distributable reserves		–	–	–	(50 000)	50 000	–
Balance 31 March 2003		842	879 158	200 000	–	642 281	1 722 281
Effect of adopting AC133 – impairment of advances		–	–	–	–	(76 450)	(76 450)
Effect of adopting AC133 – reversal of provision against advances		–	–	–	–	44 855	44 855
Net profit for the year		–	–	–	–	77 238	77 238
<b>Balance 31 March 2004</b>		<b>842</b>	<b>879 158</b>	<b>200 000</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>687 924</b>	<b>1 767 924</b>

## Cash flow statements for the year ended 31 March 2004

	Note	Group		Company	
		2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>72 704</b>	199 656	<b>31 074</b>	100 822
Cash (utilised by)/generated by operations	25.1	<b>(83 249)</b>	44 477	<b>(110 146)</b>	(38 587)
Interest received		<b>204 539</b>	216 083	<b>187 251</b>	197 873
Interest paid		<b>(16 727)</b>	(16 639)	<b>(16 634)</b>	(16 639)
Taxation paid	25.2	<b>(31 859)</b>	(44 265)	<b>(29 396)</b>	(41 825)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(11 574)</b>	(2 952)	<b>(18 574)</b>	(2 952)
Additions to fixed assets	9	<b>(1 612)</b>	(2 841)	<b>(1 612)</b>	(2 841)
Inflow on disposal of fixed assets		<b>38</b>	24	<b>38</b>	24
Net outflow from acquisition of investments		-	-	<b>(7 000)</b>	-
Debentures purchased in Cape Town Community Housing Company		<b>(10 000)</b>	-	<b>(10 000)</b>	-
Inflow on disposal of R184's		-	130 117	-	130 117
Net outflow from acquisition of R194's		-	(129 245)	-	(129 245)
Inflow on disposal of R194's		-	128 730	-	128 730
Net outflow from acquisition of R153's		-	(129 738)	-	(129 738)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(32 028)</b>	235 617	<b>(32 028)</b>	235 617
Cash outflows from restructuring		-	(64 900)	-	(64 900)
Reduction on deferred income	17	<b>(5 185)</b>	-	<b>(5 185)</b>	-
Grant funds received	2	<b>24 296</b>	104 339	<b>24 295</b>	104 339
Provincial subsidies received for the Job Summit		<b>(51 138)</b>	196 178	<b>(51 138)</b>	196 178
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		<b>29 103</b>	432 321	<b>(19 527)</b>	333 487
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		<b>1 652 584</b>	1 220 263	<b>1 525 596</b>	1 192 110
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	25.3	<b>1 681 687</b>	1 652 584	<b>1 506 069</b>	1 525 596

# GROUP ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principle accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below:

### 1.1 Basis of presentation

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with the South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The consolidated financial statements are prepared on a basis consistent with the prior year, except for the adoption of AC133 Financial Instruments Recognition and Measurement with effect from 1 April 2003, which is applied prospectively. In terms of the transitional provisions of AC133, adjustments are made to the opening distributable reserves and as such comparatives have not been restated. The effect of the changes is detailed in note 2.

### 1.2 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements of subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which effective control is acquired by the Group, up to the date that such effective control ceases. For this purpose, subsidiaries are companies over which the Group, directly or indirectly, has an interest of more than half the voting rights or otherwise has the ability to control the financial and operating activities so as to obtain benefits from their activities.

Subsidiaries are excluded from consolidation when control is intended to be temporary due to the subsidiary being acquired and held exclusively with a view to its subsequent disposal in the near future or when an existing subsidiary is subsequently disposed of.

Special purpose entities, including cell captives, are consolidated when the substance of the relationship between the Group and the special purpose entity indicates that the Group effectively controls the entity.

All inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains and losses are eliminated on consolidation.

## 1.3 Financial instruments

### 1.3.1 General

Financial instruments carried on the balance sheet include cash and bank balances, derivative instruments, loans and advances, convertible debentures, accounts receivable and payable, investments and investment securities.

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost, including transaction costs, when the Group becomes a party to the contractual arrangements. When the Group can legally do so and the Group intends to settle on a net basis or simultaneously, related financial liabilities and assets are offset and the net balance is reported in the balance sheet.

### 1.3.2 Cash and bank balances

Cash and bank balances consist of cash on hand and in banks. These are classified as loans originated by the enterprise and are measured at fair value.

### 1.3.3 Investments and Investment securities

Investments include promissory notes, banker's acceptances, negotiable certificates of deposit, fixed deposit investments and commercial paper. These are classified as held to maturity and measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Interest earned whilst the investments are held to maturity is reported as interest income in the income statement.

Non-current investments securities include RSA stock that is classified as available for sale and measured at fair value with the gains and losses taken to the income statement. Financial assets are classified as available-for-sale where the intention, origination and designation of the instrument does not fall within the ambit of the other financial asset classifications. Available-for-sale instruments are typically assets that are held for a longer period and in respect of which short-term fluctuations in value do not affect the Group's hold or sell decision. However, when available-for-sale equity instruments are determined to be impaired to the extent that the fair value declines below its original cost, the resultant losses are recognised in the income statement.

# GROUP ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## 1.3.4 Derivative financial instruments

Derivative instruments are initially measured at cost and are re-measured to fair value at subsequent reporting dates. Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments are recognised in the income statement as they arise.

## 1.3.5 Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are classified as originated by the enterprise and are measured at amortised cost.

## 1.3.6 Financial liabilities and equity instruments

Significant financial liabilities include interest-bearing convertible debentures, funds received in trust for specific projects, and accounts payable. The Group holds financial liabilities at amortised cost unless stated otherwise.

### 1.3.6.1 Convertible debentures

Interest-bearing convertible debentures are recorded at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Finance charges are accounted for on an accrual basis and is charged to income. Settlement on the accrual is done semi-annually in arrears.

### 1.3.6.2 Funds received in trust for specific projects

Funds received in trust are recorded at the proceeds received date. Interest income and expenses incurred are accounted for on an accrual basis and are capitalised to the fund.

### 1.3.6.3 Trade and other payables

Accounts payable are classified as non-trading financial liabilities and measured at amortised cost.

## 1.4 Loans and advances

### 1.4.1 Originated advances

The Group classifies the loans and advances as originated where it provides money directly to a borrower or to an intermediary at draw down. Originated advances are carried at amortised cost.

All advances are recognised when cash is advanced to borrowers.

### 1.4.2 Purchased advances

The Group classifies purchased advances as held to maturity. Purchased advances and loans where management has both the intent and ability to hold to maturity, are classified as held to maturity. The company classifies purchased advances and receivables acquired in terms of a business combination, where such advances and receivables were classified as "Originated" by the seller as "Originated".

## 1.5 Impairments for credit losses

### 1.5.1 General

A financial asset is impaired if its carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

### 1.5.2 Impairment of advances

The Group creates a specific impairment when there is objective evidence that it will not be able to collect all amounts due. The amount of the impairment is the difference between the carrying amount and the recoverable amount, calculated as the present value of expected future cash flows, including amounts recoverable from guarantees and collateral, discounted at the original effective interest rate at inception of the advance.

The Group reverses impairments through the income statement, if the amount of the impairment subsequently decreases due to an event occurring after the initial impairment.

### 1.5.3 Impairment of other financial assets carried at amortised cost

The Group calculates the impairment loss for assets carried at amortised cost as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the financial instrument's original effective interest rate.

## 1.6 Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised in the financial statements on the following basis:

- Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis applying the effective yield on the assets.
- Dividend income is recognised once the right to receive the payment has been established.
- Fee income, exclusive of Value Added Tax, is recognised as and when such income is earned.

## 1.7 Leasing

Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## 1.8 Government grants

On restructuring of the Group the acquisition of share capital in the restructured entities HEF and HIFD was accounted for as capital grants from Government on 1 April 2001.

## 1.9 Retirement benefit costs

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit plans are charged as an expense as they fall due.

## 1.10 Taxation

### 1.10.1 Current taxation

The charge for current tax is based on the results for the year as adjusted for items which are not taxable or disallowed. It is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted at the balance sheet date.

### 1.10.2 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising from differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax basis used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that there will be taxable profits against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items credited or charged directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Group intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.

### 1.11 Fixed assets and depreciation

All fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method, on the following bases:

- Computer equipment 33,33%
- Computer software 33,33% to 100%
- Furniture, fittings and office equipment 16,67%
- Motor vehicles 25%

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Leasehold improvements are amortised over the remaining period of the lease:

- Leasehold improvements 33,33% to 100%

The gain or loss arising on the disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in income.

## 1.12 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present obligation as a result of a past event which is probable will result in an outflow of economic benefits that can be reasonably estimated.

## 1.13 Related party transactions

All related party transactions are at arms length and in the ordinary course of business.

## 1.14 Segmental reporting

For management purposes, the group is organised on a national basis into three business segments – Lending (interest received on advances), Investments (interest received on investments and Government stock) and Fund Management (fees received). The primary reporting format is therefore based on business segments, while the secondary reporting format is based on geographical location.

## 1.15 Deferred income

Deferred income is a liability held at cost related to purchased advances from South African Housing Trust. It is amortised to the income statement as and when payments are received from the related underlying debtors.

## 1.16 Embedded derivatives

An embedded derivative arises when derivatives are a component of a financial instrument in such a way that the cash flows in respect of the instrument vary in a similar way to those in respect of a standalone derivative.

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### 2 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

#### 2.1 Job Summit Housing Project

During the year the Company changed its accounting policy with regards to the Job Summit Housing Project funds received from National Treasury – refer note 16 (Funds under administration).

Since the funds of R225 million were received from Government in the financial years 2002 and 2003, interest income was treated as income in the financial statements of National Housing Finance Corporation Limited. The income and expenditure with the related taxation on these amounts was included in the results of the Company. During the financial year 2004 a decision was taken to change the accounting on these funds as to ensure that the interest earned is capitalised and the expenses recovered from the interest. This is in line with the directive from the National Department of Housing. This change in accounting policy resulted in an amount of R55,7 million being transferred to the Grant funding received from National Treasury.

	<b>2004</b>	2003
	<b>R'000</b>	R'000
The effect of the restatement on opening distributable reserves in respect of the change in accounting policy is to reduce it as follows:		
Net amount before taxation	<b>31 406</b>	2 068
Taxation	<b>(9 422)</b>	(620)
Net	<b>21 984</b>	1 448
The effect of the change in accounting policy is to reduce net profit for the year as follows:		
Net amount before taxation	<b>24 296</b>	29 338
Taxation	-	(8 802)
Net	<b>24 296</b>	20 536

#### 2.2 Impact of adopting AC133

During the year, the Group changed its accounting policy in respect of its financial instruments to comply with South African Statements of GAAP – AC133, Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. AC133 affects the recognition and measurement of financial instruments, in particular credit impairments against loans and advances. AC133 is applied prospectively, and in terms of the transitional provisions, adjustments are required to the opening distributable reserves, as such comparatives have not been restated. The effect of the change is detailed in the Statements of Changes in Equity.

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	Group		Company				
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000			
<b>3 ADVANCES</b>							
Gross advances	672 707	614 669	672 707	614 669			
Less: Impairment/Provisions	(119 052)	(64 079)	(119 052)	(64 079)			
Less: Advances written off	–	(3 252)	–	(3 252)			
	<b>553 655</b>	<b>547 338</b>	<b>553 655</b>	<b>547 338</b>			
<b>Reconciliation of gross advances</b>							
Opening balances	614 669	377 154	614 669	377 154			
Disbursements	174 869	150 845	174 869	150 845			
Consolidation of HEF and HIDF	–	283 251	–	283 251			
Repayments	(116 831)	(196 581)	(116 831)	(196 581)			
Balance at end of year	<b>672 706</b>	<b>614 669</b>	<b>672 706</b>	<b>614 669</b>			
<b>Analysis of the impairments</b>							
Portfolio impairment	–	(12 811)	–	(12 811)			
Individual Impairment	(119 052)	(51 268)	(119 052)	(51 268)			
Balance at end of year	<b>(119 052)</b>	<b>(64 079)</b>	<b>(119 052)</b>	<b>(64 079)</b>			
<b>Reconciliation of the impairment</b>							
Balance at beginning of year	(64 079)	(21 972)	(64 079)	(21 972)			
Provisions Written Back	64 079	–	64 079	–			
Income statement reversal of impairment on advances	2 038	(45 359)	2 038	(45 359)			
Movement in opening provisions	(121 090)	–	(121 090)	–			
Advances written off against provision	–	3 252	–	3 252			
Balance at end of year	<b>(119 052)</b>	<b>(64 079)</b>	<b>(119 052)</b>	<b>(64 079)</b>			
<b>Geographical analysis</b>							
	Other provinces	Mpumalanga	Gauteng	KwaZulu-Natal	Eastern Cape	Western Cape	Total
<b>Gross advances</b>	23 805	84 301	395 131	66 406	34 185	68 878	672 707
<b>Impairments</b>	(10 244)	(7 673)	(39 334)	–	(7 637)	(54 163)	(119 052)
	13 561	76 628	355 797	66 406	26 548	14 715	553 655
<b>Maturity analysis</b>							
	Within 1 year	1–2 years	2–3 years	Beyond 3 years	Total		
Expected receivable	84 552	64 670	63 701	459 783	672 707		
Impairment	(72 239)	(5 147)	(5 070)	(36 596)	(119 052)		
	12 313	59 523	58 631	423 187	553 655		



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### 4 INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY

Gateway Home Loans (Proprietary) Limited

	Total issued		Effective percentage		Book value of	
	share capital		holding		holding company interest	
	Shares at cost					
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
	R'000	R'000	%	%	R'000	R'000
Shares at cost – ordinary shares	5 000	5 000	100	100	50 000	50 000
Loans owing by subsidiary					99 920	98 162
Net interest in subsidiary					149 920	148 162

The main business of the Company was to acquire and administer home loans advanced by primary market lenders as part of a secondary market process with a view to providing affordable housing finance to enable the delivery of housing on scale. During the 2002 year, a decision was taken by the Board of Directors of the NHFC to restructure certain portions of the business conducted by the NHFC group of companies, with the object of consolidating certain portions of the business conducted by Gateway Home Loans (Pty) Ltd into NHFC. This became effective from 1 April 2002.

### 5 INVESTMENT IN CAPE TOWN COMMUNITY HOUSING (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED (incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

	Total issued		Effective percentage		Book value of	
	share capital		holding		holding company interest	
	Shares at cost					
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003
	R'000	R'000	%	%	R'000	R'000
Shares at cost	4 000	4 000	50	50	2 000	2 000
Accumulated impairment					(2 000)	(2 000)
Net book value of shares					-	-
Convertible debentures at cost					18 000	8 000
Accumulated impairment					(18 000)	-
Net interest					-	8 000

The value of the shares and debentures in this company, a 50% partnership with the City of Cape Town, has been fully impaired as at the 31 March 2004.

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	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>6 INVESTMENT IN PREFERENCE SHARES</b>				
Preference shares in Peulwana Finance	<b>2 450</b>	2 450	<b>2 450</b>	2 450
Redeemable participating preference shares – 10% interest rate payable from April 2002 if profits are available				
<b>7 INVESTMENT IN CELL CAPTIVE</b>				
Unlisted investments <i>Guardrisk Insurance Company Limited</i> 100% investment in a Cell captive – Cell no 105	-	-	<b>7 000</b>	-
<b>8 INVESTMENT SECURITIES</b>				
RSA Stock – R153 R120 million nominal 13,0% per annum redeemable on 31 August 2010	<b>141 155</b>	138 857	<b>141 155</b>	138 857

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## 9 FIXED ASSETS

## 9.1 Group

	Depreciation rate	Cost R'000	Accumulated depreciation R'000	2004 Carrying value R'000	2003 Carrying value R'000
Computer equipment	33,33%	4 004	3 079	925	655
Computer software	33,33% – 100%	4 074	2 976	1 098	1 221
Furniture and fittings	16,67%	2 552	1 866	686	845
Motor vehicles	25%	103	24	79	–
Office equipment	16,67%	366	247	119	167
Leasehold improvements	33,33% – 100%	60	–	60	916
		11 159	8 192	2 967	3 804

## Reconciliation of opening balances to closing balances year ended 31 March 2004

	Computer equipment R'000	Computer software R'000	Furniture & fittings R'000	Office equipment R'000	Motor vehicles R'000	Leasehold improve- ments R'000	2004 Total R'000
Opening balances	655	1 221	845	167	–	916	3 804
Additions	720	575	143	11	103	60	1 612
Depreciation	(450)	(698)	(302)	(59)	(24)	(916)	(2 449)
	925	1 098	686	119	79	60	2 967

	Depreciation rate R'000	Cost R'000	Accumulated depreciation R'000	2003 Carrying value R'000
Computer equipment	33,33%	3 284	2 629	655
Computer software	33,33% – 100%	3 499	2 278	1 221
Furniture and fittings	16,67%	2 409	1 564	845
Motor vehicles	25%	70	70	–
Office equipment	16,67%	355	188	167
Leasehold improvements	33,33% – 100%	2 081	1 165	916
		11 698	7 894	3 804

## Notes to the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2004

## 9 FIXED ASSETS continued

## 9.2 Company

	Depreciation rate	Cost R'000	Accumulated depreciation R'000	2004 Carrying value R'000	2003 Carrying value R'000
Computer equipment	33,33%	4 004	3 079	<b>925</b>	655
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Office equipment	16,67%	366	247	<b>119</b>	167
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Additions	720	575	143	11	103	60	<b>1 612</b>
Disposals	–	–	–	–	–	–	<b>–</b>
Depreciation	(450)	(698)	(302)	(59)	(24)	(916)	<b>(2 449)</b>
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Office equipment	16,67%	355	188	167
Leasehold improvements	20% – 100%	2 081	1 165	916
		11 698	7 894	3 804

## 10 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Other receivables	<b>5 265</b>	15 650	<b>5 264</b>	421
Related parties	<b>5 126</b>	641	<b>5 126</b>	641
Interest accrued	<b>2 736</b>	5 555	<b>2 115</b>	3 806
	<b>13 127</b>	21 846	<b>12 505</b>	4 868

## Notes to the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2004

	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>11 INVESTMENTS</b>				
<i>Held to maturity investments:</i>				
<i>Short-term deposits</i>				
Amalgamated Banks of South Africa Limited	<b>193 537</b>	176 540	<b>193 537</b>	176 540
Fixed deposits	<b>51 990</b>	56 364	<b>51 990</b>	56 364
Promissory Notes	<b>141 547</b>	120 176	<b>141 547</b>	120 176
Investec Bank Limited	<b>81 358</b>	277 933	<b>50 855</b>	277 933
Fixed deposits	<b>30 503</b>	101 331	–	101 331
Promissory Notes	<b>50 855</b>	–	<b>50 855</b>	–
Negotiable certificates of deposit	–	176 602	–	176 602
Standard Bank of South Africa Limited	<b>302 871</b>	253 109	<b>272 369</b>	218 348
Fixed deposits	<b>211 324</b>	66 486	<b>211 325</b>	31 725
Promissory Notes	<b>91 547</b>	186 623	<b>61 044</b>	186 623
Rand Merchant Bank Holdings	<b>217 236</b>	225 302	<b>191 817</b>	195 367
Fixed deposits	<b>150 289</b>	–	<b>150 289</b>	–
Promissory Notes	<b>25 419</b>	225 302	–	195 367
Negotiable certificates of deposit	<b>41 528</b>	–	<b>41 528</b>	–
Nedcor Bank Limited	<b>178 124</b>	128 484	<b>162 565</b>	128 484
Fixed deposits	<b>96 857</b>	36 320	<b>81 298</b>	36 320
Promissory Notes	<b>81 267</b>	92 164	<b>81 267</b>	92 164
SARB Decillion	<b>24 771</b>	–	<b>24 771</b>	–
Treasury bills	<b>24 771</b>	–	<b>24 771</b>	–
<i>Other short-term financial instruments</i>				
Transnet	<b>102 546</b>	–	<b>102 546</b>	–
Commercial paper	<b>50 011</b>	–	<b>50 011</b>	–
Coupon bills	<b>52 535</b>	–	<b>52 535</b>	–
Eskom	<b>175 006</b>	223 704	<b>145 094</b>	187 806
Commercial paper	<b>175 006</b>	223 704	<b>145 094</b>	187 806
Gensec Bank Limited	–	50 647	–	50 647
Fixed deposits	–	50 647	–	50 647
Landbank	<b>212 048</b>	30 657	<b>182 647</b>	30 657
Promissory Notes	<b>162 175</b>	30 657	<b>132 774</b>	30 657
Treasury bills	<b>49 873</b>	–	<b>49 873</b>	–
	<b>1 487 497</b>	1 366 376	<b>1 326 201</b>	1 265 782

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	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>12 SHARE CAPITAL</b>				
Authorised				
100 000 000 ordinary shares of R0,01 each	<b>1 000</b>	1 000	<b>1 000</b>	1 000
Issued				
84 187 332 ordinary shares of R0,01 each	<b>842</b>	842	<b>842</b>	842
<b>13 SHARE PREMIUM</b>				
Balance at end of year	<b>879 158</b>	879 158	<b>879 158</b>	879 158
<b>14 GRANT CAPITAL</b>				
Balance at end of year	<b>200 000</b>	200 000	<b>200 000</b>	200 000
<b>15 OTHER RESERVES</b>				
Balance at beginning of year	–	50 000	–	50 000
Transfer to distributable reserves – Cell captive	<b>4 185</b>	(50 000)	–	(50 000)
Balance at end of year	<b>4 185</b>	–	–	–
<b>16 FUNDS UNDER ADMINISTRATION – JOB SUMMIT</b>				
Balance at end of year	<b>280 702</b>	256 406	<b>280 702</b>	256 406
<p>At the Presidential Job Summit held in October 1998, it was resolved that there was sufficient need for a National Presidential Lead Project (NPLP) on rental housing at scale, to pilot affordable mass housing delivery and alternative forms of tenure – especially rental housing. Following discussions and negotiations with National Treasury, it was decided that NHFC would, on behalf of the Department of Housing, manage the Presidential Pilot Project. The NHFC had received R225 million as a grant from the National Department of Housing for this purpose. The net income for the grant amounted to R55,7 million since first receipt and this is included in the amount of R280,7 million.</p>				
<b>17 DEFERRED INCOME</b>				
Balance at beginning of year	<b>43 686</b>	46 278	<b>43 686</b>	46 278
Deferred income arising	–	2 320	–	2 320
Deferred income amortised	<b>(5 185)</b>	(4 912)	<b>(5 185)</b>	(4 912)
Balance at end of year	<b>38 501</b>	43 686	<b>38 501</b>	43 686

The South African Housing Trust (SAHT) and the NHFC were established by the National Department of Housing (NDOH) to provide finance for low-income housing. The SAHT was closed in 2002. The assets held by SAHT included advances to homebuyers, housing subcontractors and micro lenders for low-income housing. The National Department of Housing (NDOH) sold the advance book of SAHT to the NHFC for a consideration of R1. The fair value of the advances as at 31 March 2004 is R38,5 million (2003: R43,7 million).

The deferred income of R2,3 million in 2003 arose from the consolidation of the loan books of Homebuild Discount between the NHFC and the Rural Housing Loan Fund and was fully earned in 2004.

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	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>18 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>				
Convertible debentures	-	100 000	-	100 000
Job Summit Housing Project	<b>145 040</b>	196 178	<b>145 040</b>	196 178
	<b>145 040</b>	296 178	<b>145 040</b>	296 178
<p>The debentures consist of 100 000 000 subordinated unsecured senior convertible debentures of R1 each, redeemable on 28 February 2005. Interest is payable at 16,53% semi-annually in arrears, in equal instalments on 31 August and 28 February.</p> <p>With effect from 28 February 2001 holders of the debentures could, by furnishing written notice, convert their debentures in whole or in part to ordinary shares in the capital of the Company. No debentureholders have exercised these rights and these rights have lapsed.</p> <p>These debentures will be repaid on 28 February 2005 and R101 million has been included in current liabilities.</p> <p>During the financial year, subsidy money of R38,6 million (2003: R196,7 million) was received from Mpumalanga Province and added to the Job Summit Housing Project Liability. These funds are specifically earmarked for Job Summit Housing Projects in Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal. The interest received on these funds is capitalised and is not included in the interest income of the Company or the Group. Approved disbursement on these projects is debited against funds held.</p>				
<b>19 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</b>				
Joint venture development fund	<b>80 489</b>	80 489	<b>80 489</b>	80 489
Related parties	<b>60</b>	-	<b>60</b>	-
Sundry creditors and accruals	<b>16 114</b>	13 183	<b>16 000</b>	13 164
	<b>96 663</b>	93 672	<b>96 549</b>	93 653
<b>20 REVENUE</b>				
Interest on advances	<b>64 584</b>	79 526	<b>64 584</b>	79 526
Interest on deposits and Government Stock	<b>139 955</b>	139 495	<b>122 667</b>	118 347
Fees received and other income	<b>24 419</b>	11 025	<b>15 436</b>	11 366
	<b>228 958</b>	230 046	<b>202 687</b>	209 239
<b>21 FINANCE COSTS</b>				
Interest on convertible debentures	<b>16 530</b>	16 541	<b>16 530</b>	16 541
Finance charges	<b>197</b>	98	<b>104</b>	98
	<b>16 727</b>	16 639	<b>16 634</b>	16 639

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	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>22 NET INCOME BEFORE TAXATION</b>				
Net income before taxation is arrived at after taking the following items into account:				
Revaluation of R153's	<b>2 298</b>	10 867	<b>2 298</b>	10 867
Profit on sale of R184's	-	7 117	-	7 117
Bad debts recovered	<b>3 581</b>	110	<b>3 581</b>	110
Impairments/Provisions	<b>15 962</b>	45 359	<b>15 962</b>	45 359
Revaluation of derivative instruments	-	9 918	-	9 918
Loss on sale of R194's	-	515	-	515
Premium written off on R153's	-	9 378	-	9 378
Staff costs	<b>17 996</b>	16 579	<b>17 996</b>	16 579
Number of employees	<b>78</b>	73	<b>78</b>	73
Auditors' remuneration				
Audit fees	<b>573</b>	596	<b>573</b>	484
Technical services	<b>257</b>	-	<b>257</b>	-
Prior year underprovision	<b>220</b>	274	<b>220</b>	274
	<b>1 050</b>	870	<b>1 050</b>	758
Fees for services				
Consulting and advisory	<b>4 341</b>	6 939	<b>4 341</b>	6 939
Depreciation				
Computer equipment	<b>450</b>	462	<b>450</b>	462
Computer software	<b>698</b>	575	<b>698</b>	575
Furniture and fittings	<b>302</b>	359	<b>302</b>	359
Office equipment	<b>59</b>	53	<b>59</b>	53
Motor vehicles	<b>24</b>	-	<b>24</b>	-
Leasehold improvements	<b>916</b>	498	<b>916</b>	498
	<b>2 449</b>	1 947	<b>2 449</b>	1 947
Operating lease payments in respect of premises	<b>3 926</b>	4 392	<b>3 926</b>	4 392
Provident fund contributions	<b>2 149</b>	1 806	<b>2 149</b>	1 806
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	<b>38</b>	1	<b>38</b>	1



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	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>23 DIRECTORS' AND EXECUTIVES' EMOLUMENTS</b>				
<i>Non-executive directors</i>				
Fees for services as directors	310	87	310	87
E Molobi – paid to Kagiso Trust	42	23	42	23
S Tati – paid to Khula Enterprises	98	18	97	18
D Botha – paid to Development Bank of South Africa	12	10	12	10
N Mjoli-Mncube – paid to Nurcha	50	11	50	11
N Makiwane	84	14	84	14
M Gantsho – paid to Development Bank of South Africa	14	11	14	11
S Ntsaluba	6	–	6	–
T Middleton	4	–	4	–
<i>Executive directors</i>	2 036	1 715	2 036	1 715
Bonuses	517	428	517	428
Salaries	1 275	1 020	1 275	1 020
Retirement Fund Contributions	106	102	106	102
Medical Aid Contributions	–	–	–	–
Fringe Benefits	–	165	–	165
Other	138	–	138	–
<i>Executive managers*</i>	10 083	10 110	10 083	10 110
Bonuses	1 535	1 107	1 535	1 107
Salaries	7 773	8 244	7 773	8 244
Medical Aid Contributions	130	123	130	123
Provident Fund Contributions	645	636	645	636
	12 429	11 909	12 429	11 909
No service contracts are in place with directors.				
* Details of salaries have been supplied to the shareholder.				
<b>24 TAXATION</b>				
<b>24.1 Charge for the year</b>				
Taxation on income				
South African Normal Taxation				
<i>Current</i>	35 781	45 875	33 049	45 833
<i>Deferred</i>	60	(11 188)	61	(11 188)
Total South African Taxation on income	35 841	34 687	33 110	34 645
<b>24.2 Tax rate reconciliation</b>	%	%	%	%
SA Normal Tax Rate	30,0	30,0	30,0	30,0
Other permanent differences	(1,4)	(0,9)	–	–
Assessed loss utilised	(2,3)	–	–	–
Exempt income	–	(2,9)	–	–
Effective tax rate	26,3%	26,2%	30,0%	30,0%
<b>24.3 Reconciliation of deferred taxation</b>				
Balance at beginning of year	6 488	(4 701)	6 488	(4 701)
AC133 adjustment to opening balance	(6 105)	–	(6 105)	–
Charge for the current year	(60)	11 188	(61)	11 188
Balance at end of year	322	6 488	322	6 488

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	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>25 RECONCILIATION OF CASH UTILISED IN OPERATIONS</b>				
<b>25.1 Income before taxation</b>	<b>136 235</b>	132 615	<b>110 348</b>	115 482
Adjustments for non-cash flow items:	<b>(171 737)</b>	(146 700)	<b>(154 542)</b>	(128 490)
Revaluation of R153's	<b>(2 298)</b>	(10 867)	<b>(2 298)</b>	(10 867)
Revaluation of derivative instruments	-	9 918	-	9 918
Depreciation	<b>2 449</b>	1 947	<b>2 449</b>	1 947
Impairment	<b>15 962</b>	45 359	<b>15 962</b>	45 359
Bad debts written-off	-	3 252	-	3 252
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	<b>(38)</b>	(1)	<b>(38)</b>	(1)
Profit on sale of R184's	-	(7 117)	-	(7 117)
Loss on sale of R194's	-	515	-	515
Premium written-off on purchase of R153's	-	9 738	-	9 738
Interest paid	<b>16 727</b>	16 639	<b>16 634</b>	16 639
Interest received	<b>(204 539)</b>	(216 083)	<b>(187 251)</b>	(197 873)
<b>Operating loss before working capital changes</b>	<b>(35 502)</b>	(14 085)	<b>(44 194)</b>	(13 008)
Changes in working capital: Net (increase)/decrease	<b>(47 747)</b>	58 562	<b>(65 951)</b>	(25 579)
Increase in advances	<b>(61 289)</b>	(29 885)	<b>(61 289)</b>	(210 535)
(Increase)/Decrease in intercompany loan accounts	-	-	<b>(1 757)</b>	100 211
(Decrease)/Increase in accounts receivable	<b>9 175</b>	5 095	<b>(7 181)</b>	256
Increase in accounts payable	<b>4 367</b>	83 352	<b>4 276</b>	84 489
<b>Cash (utilised in)/generated by operations</b>	<b>(83 249)</b>	44 477	<b>(110 146)</b>	(38 587)
<b>25.2 Taxation paid</b>				
Amounts receivable – beginning of year	<b>24 406</b>	3 951	<b>26 182</b>	3 951
AC133 adjustment to opening balance	<b>31 521</b>	-	<b>31 521</b>	-
Change in accounting policy	-	9 422	-	9 422
Taxation charge for the year	<b>(35 781)</b>	55 298	<b>(33 049)</b>	54 634
Amounts receivable – end of year	<b>(52 005)</b>	(24 406)	<b>(54 040)</b>	(26 183)
Taxation paid	<b>(31 859)</b>	(44 265)	<b>(29 396)</b>	(41 825)
<b>25.3 Cash and cash equivalents</b>				
Investments	<b>1 487 497</b>	1 366 376	<b>1 326 201</b>	1 265 782
Bank balances and cash	<b>194 190</b>	286 207	<b>179 869</b>	259 814
	<b>1 681 687</b>	1 652 583	<b>1 506 069</b>	1 525 596

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	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>26 LEASE COMMITMENTS</b>				
Lease commitments				
<i>Payable within 1 year</i>	<b>3 171</b>	4 936	<b>3 171</b>	4 936
Property	<b>2 833</b>	4 430	<b>2 833</b>	4 430
Office equipment	<b>338</b>	506	<b>338</b>	506
<i>Payable between 2 and 5 years</i>	<b>6 858</b>	307	<b>6 858</b>	307
Property	<b>6 466</b>	–	<b>6 466</b>	–
Office equipment	<b>392</b>	307	<b>392</b>	307
	<b>10 029</b>	5 243	<b>10 029</b>	5 243
<b>27 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Guarantees provided				
<i>Ithemba</i>	<b>6 870</b>	–	<b>6 870</b>	–
<i>Gensec</i>	<b>533</b>	–	<b>533</b>	–
<i>Cape Town Community Housing Company</i>	<b>5 000</b>	–	<b>5 000</b>	–
<i>Greater Middelburg Housing Association</i>	–	4 750	–	4 750
<i>King William's Town Housing Association</i>	–	3 500	–	3 500
	<b>12 403</b>	8 250	<b>12 403</b>	8 250
<b>28 RETIREMENT BENEFITS</b>				
Contributions to the National Housing Finance Corporation Provident Fund are charged against income as incurred. The Fund is a defined contribution fund administered by Alexander Forbes (to September 2003) and subsequently by Robson Savage, and subject to the Pension Fund Act of 1956.				
The Corporation is not liable for post-retirement benefits.				
Provident fund contributions	<b>2 149</b>	1 806	<b>2 149</b>	1 806
<b>29 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS</b>				
<b>Credit Risk</b>				
Financial assets, which potentially subject the Company to concentrations of high credit risk, consist principally of advances. Short-term deposits are placed with high credit quality financial institutions rated at least A1 or better in terms of short-term credit ratings, by at least two recognised rating agencies. Advances are presented net of impairments. Credit risk with regard to advances is limited in terms of credit policy, which provides for prudent counter party limits in respect of both individual clients and Group exposures as a percentage of the total advances portfolio. The advances at year-end reflect that the Company has exposure within approved counter party limits.				
The Company obtains collateral or other security against all advances made, other than from counter parties that have been accorded acceptable external credit ratings by recognised credit rating agencies.				
The Company's advances book comprises both fixed and variable interest rate loans.				
The rates applicable to fixed interest loans are based on agreed market rates at date of disbursement and remain fixed for the full term of the loan.				

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	Group		Company	
	2004 R'000	2003 R'000	2004 R'000	2003 R'000
<b>29 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS continued</b>				
<b>The composition of the year-end advances book is as follows:</b>				
Fixed rate advances	115 766	57 687	115 766	57 687
Linked rate advances	556 941	553 730	556 941	553 730
Less: Impairments	(119 052)	(64 079)	(119 052)	(64 079)
	<b>553 655</b>	<b>547 338</b>	<b>553 655</b>	<b>547 338</b>

**Interest rate risk**

The group is exposed to interest rate risk on the following assets and liabilities:

Strategy	2004		2003	
	Fixed rate R'000	Linked rate R'000	Fixed rate R'000	Linked rate R'000
<b>Assets</b>				
Advances – rates varied between 6,78% and 20,85% pa.	1	115 766	57 687	553 730
Long-term investments – refer to note 8. The rate varied between 8,90% and 11,35% pa.	2	–	–	138 857
Short-term investments – rates varied between 7,35% and 13,40% pa.	3	–	–	1 366 376
Bank balances and cash – rates varied between 6,50% and 12,90% pa.		–	–	286 207
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Debentures – refer to note 18. The rate is fixed at 16,53% paid semi-annually in arrears.		101 378	100 000	–
Job Summit Project Funds – rates are linked to short-term investment rates.		–	–	196 178

Interest rate risk management strategies are as follows:

- 1 Clients who enjoy linked interest rate facilities, are subject to interest rate changes in accordance with various market indices and fixed rates are applied to the period of each contract.
- 2 The R153 is carried at a clean rate, and this varies as market forces dictate.
- 3 Short-term investments are held at amortised cost.

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**29 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS continued****Fair value**

At 31 March 2004 and 2003 the carrying amounts of cash, short-term deposits, advances, accounts payable with the exception of debentures, valued at R106,5 million, investments and short-term borrowings approximated their fair values.

	<b>Carrying amount 2004 R'000</b>	<b>Fair value 2004 R'000</b>
Assets		
– Advances	553 655	553 655
– Long-term investments	141 155	141 155
– Short-term investments	1 487 497	1 487 497
– Bank balances and cash	194 190	194 190
	<b>2 376 497</b>	<b>2 376 497</b>
Liabilities		
Debentures	101 378	106 470
Job Summit Project Funds	145 040	145 040
	<b>246 418</b>	<b>251 510</b>

**30 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION**

Group business segmental analysis of income statement

	<b>Lending activities R'000</b>	<b>Investment activities R'000</b>	<b>Management fees R'000</b>	<b>Total 2004 R'000</b>	<b>Total 2003 R'000</b>
<b>Revenue – 2004</b>	64 584	139 955	24 419	<b>228 958</b>	–
<b>Revenue – 2003</b>	79 526	139 495	11 025	–	230 046
Finance costs				<b>(16 727)</b>	(16 639)
<b>Net interest income</b>				<b>212 231</b>	213 407
Impairment				<b>(15 962)</b>	(45 359)
<b>Net income</b>				<b>196 269</b>	168 048
Net trading income				–	20 650
<b>Operating income</b>				<b>196 269</b>	188 698
Operating costs				<b>(60 034)</b>	(56 083)
<b>Net income before taxation</b>				<b>136 235</b>	132 615
Taxation				<b>35 841</b>	(34 687)
<b>Net income after taxation</b>				<b>100 394</b>	97 928
<b>Group business segmental analysis of the balance sheet</b>					
Advances – 2004	553 655			<b>553 655</b>	–
Advances – 2003	547 338			–	547 338
Trading securities – 2004		141 155		<b>141 155</b>	–
Trading securities – 2003		138 857		–	138 857
Investments – 2004		1 487 497		<b>1 487 497</b>	–
Investments – 2003		1 366 376		–	1 366 376
Bank balances and cash – 2004		194 190		<b>194 190</b>	–
Bank balances and cash – 2003		286 207		–	286 207
				<b>2 376 497</b>	<b>2 338 778</b>

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**30 SEGMENTAL INFORMATION continued**

Geographical segmental analysis of income statement

	Other provinces R'000	Mpuma- langa R'000	Gauteng R'000	KwaZulu- Natal R'000	Eastern Cape R'000	Western Cape R'000	Total 2004 R'000	Total 2003 R'000
<b>Revenue – 2004</b>								
Lending	473	8 777	31 710	8 227	9 691	5 707	<b>64 584</b>	
Investment and management fees							<b>164 374</b>	
<b>Revenue – 2003</b>								
Lending	2 741	7 936	29 888	19 804	6 529	12 628	–	79 526
Investment and management fees							–	150 520
							<b>228 958</b>	230 046
Finance costs							<b>(16 727)</b>	(16 639)
<b>Net interest income</b>							<b>212 231</b>	213 407
Impairment							<b>(15 962)</b>	(45 359)
<b>Net income</b>							<b>196 269</b>	168 048
Net trading income							–	20 650
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Operating costs							<b>(60 034)</b>	(56 083)
<b>Net income before taxation</b>							<b>136 235</b>	132 615
Taxation							<b>35 841</b>	(34 687)
<b>Net income after tax</b>							<b>100 394</b>	97 928

Geographical segmental analysis of the balance sheet

	Other provinces R'000	Mpuma- langa R'000	Gauteng R'000	KwaZulu- Natal R'000	Eastern Cape R'000	Western Cape R'000	Total 2004 R'000	Total 2003 R'000
Advances – 2004	13 561	76 628	355 797	66 406	26 548	14 715	<b>553 655</b>	–
Advances – 2003	16 920	55 122	185 998	138 566	70 949	79 783	–	547 338
Trading securities – 2004			141 155				<b>141 155</b>	–
Trading securities – 2003			138 857				–	138 857
Investments – 2004			1 487 497				<b>1 487 497</b>	–
Investments – 2003			1 366 376				–	1 366 376
Bank balances and cash – 2004			194 190				<b>194 190</b>	–
Bank balances and cash – 2003			286 207				–	286 207
							<b>2 376 497</b>	2 338 778

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