

FACTS AND FORECASTS OF KEY ECONOMIC VARIABLES

May 2008

	Forecasts									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Growth (real % change)										
Gdp	2.7	3.7	3.1	4.9	5.0	5.4	5.1	2.9	3.1	5.3
Gde	2.2	4.9	5.2	7.9	5.7	9.2	6.0	3.9	5.5	6.6
Pce	3.5	3.2	3.5	6.7	6.9	8.2	7.0	2.6	3.1	6.0
Gdfi	3.5	3.7	9.1	8.9	8.9	13.8	14.8	8.5	13.9	9.0
Exports	2.4	1.0	0.1	2.9	8.0	5.6	8.3	4.6	4.9	10.0
Imports	0.2	5.3	8.1	14.5	10.3	18.8	10.4	7.5	11.5	12.5
Balance of payments (Rbn)										
Exports	265.8	333.3	291.4	310.5	352.2	434.5	535.7	765.7	910.2	1,108.6
Imports	221.2	283.0	264.8	311.8	358.5	476.5	576.0	789.1	919.3	1,100.5
Trade balance	44.6	50.2	26.7	-1.2	-6.4	-42.0	-40.2	-23.4	-9.1	8.1
Net services	-41.7	-40.6	-40.3	-43.4	-55.8	-70.3	-104.8	-126.4	-148.1	-155.4
Current account	2.9	9.7	-13.7	-44.6	-62.2	-112.3	-145.0	-149.8	-157.2	-147.3
Capital account	-15.1	6.4	8.8	82.2	96.4	142.1	192.8	148.6	176.6	210.0
Change net reserves	-12.2	16.1	-4.9	37.5	34.3	29.8	47.8	-1.1	19.4	62.7
Gross Reserves (eop)	90.6	66.0	52.9	82.8	130.5	178.3	221.2	260.9	282.9	347.0
Current account as a % of gdp	0.3	0.8	-1.1	-3.2	-4.0	-6.5	-7.3	-6.9	-6.7	-5.6
Gold price (average per ounce)										
\$	271.0	310.1	363.5	410.4	445.7	605.1	699.0	859.8	796.5	798.8
Rand	2334	3268	2757	2652	2844	4103	4937	6870	6496	6475
Exchange rates (average)										
\$/R	8.61	10.54	7.58	6.46	6.38	6.78	7.06	7.99	8.16	8.11
Euro-\$	0.90	0.94	1.13	1.24	1.24	1.26	1.38	1.54	1.54	1.54
\$/YEN	121.5	125.3	116.0	108.2	110.2	116.3	117.7	105.8	107.1	107.0
GPB-\$	1.44	1.50	1.63	1.83	1.82	1.84	2.00	1.98	1.94	1.96
Euro-R	7.71	9.93	8.56	8.03	7.93	8.51	9.71	12.28	12.60	12.51
R-YEN	14.1	11.9	15.3	16.7	17.3	17.2	16.7	13.2	13.1	13.2
GBP-R	12.41	15.81	12.39	11.83	11.60	12.48	14.13	15.79	15.85	15.86
Interest rates (end of period)										
Three-month JIBAR	9.78	13.49	7.73	7.47	7.05	9.18	11.25	11.92	10.02	9.55
Prime	13.00	17.00	11.50	11.00	10.50	12.50	14.50	15.50	13.50	13.00
Long bond	11.54	10.55	9.21	8.15	7.43	7.76	8.35	9.36	8.88	8.67
Inflation (cpi, average)										
Headline	5.7	9.2	5.9	1.4	3.4	4.6	7.1	10.0	6.0	5.7
CPIX (metro and other urban)	6.6	9.3	6.8	4.3	3.9	4.6	6.5	9.6	6.7	6.6

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