



RESERVE BANK OF MALAWI

FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

(In Millions of Malawi Kwacha, unless otherwise specified)

Wednesday, 20th August 2014

A. THE BANKING SYSTEM LIQUIDITY EXPECTATIONS

	Today	Week ending 22 nd August 2014
Projected Transactions (+= Net injection / - = Net withdrawal)	1,092	-1,941
Estimated Excess Reserves	5,109	4,878
Required Reserves	46,652	46,652

Commentary:

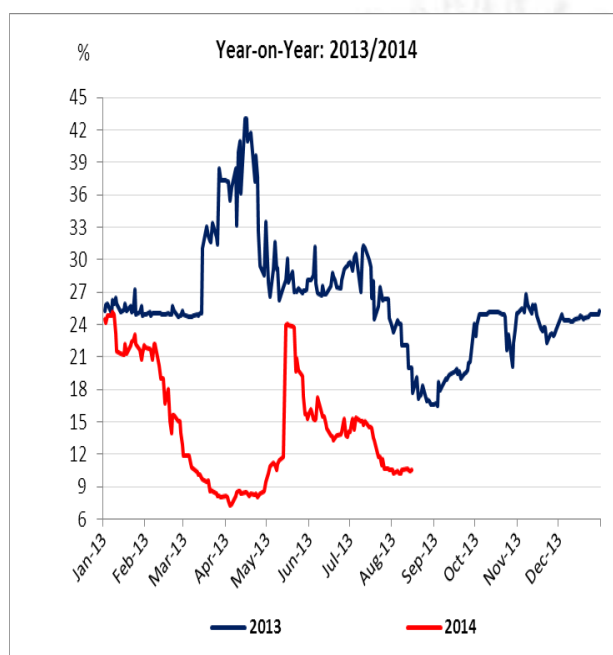
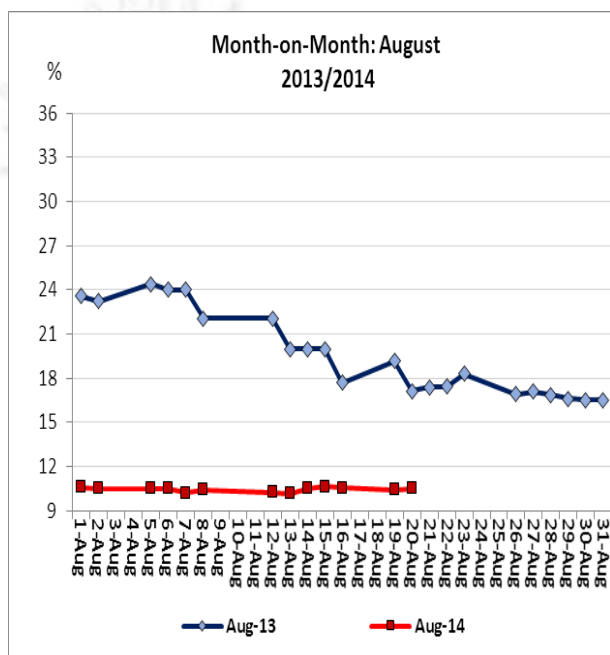
- Excess reserves are expected to close at MK5.11 billion today compared to MK4.12 billion recorded on yesterday.

B. INTER-BANK MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

i. Previous Day's Domestic Money Market Activity

	Volume	Average rate (%)
(a) Inter-bank borrowing		
O/N	600	10.50
7 days	400	13.00
14 days	-	-
30 days	-	-
(b) RBM Open market operations		
(i) Repos		
7 days	-	-
14 days	-	-
30 days	-	-
60 days	-	-
(ii) Reverse Repos		
7 days	-	-
14 days	-	-
30 days	-	-
60 days	-	-
(c) Access on the Lombard Facility	-	-

ii. Weighted Average Interbank Rates



Commentary:

- Traded volumes on the interbank market declined to MK1.00 billion yesterday from MK1.55 billion recorded on 18th August 2014.
- The interbank rate (IBR) closed at 10.50 percent yesterday up from 10.45 percent recorded on Monday, 18th August 2014.
- No access on the Lombard Facility was observed yesterday.

C. FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

i. Gross Official Foreign Reserves Position

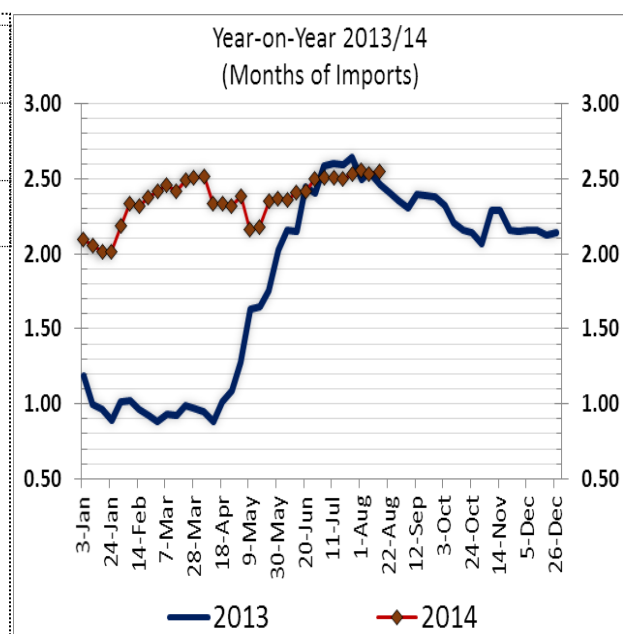
(Foreign reserves under the direct control of the Central bank)

Week ending	Reserves million (US\$)	Import Cover * (Months)
08 th August 2014	483.33	2.53
15 th August 2014	487.44	2.55

* US\$191 million per month is used in this calculation

Commentary:

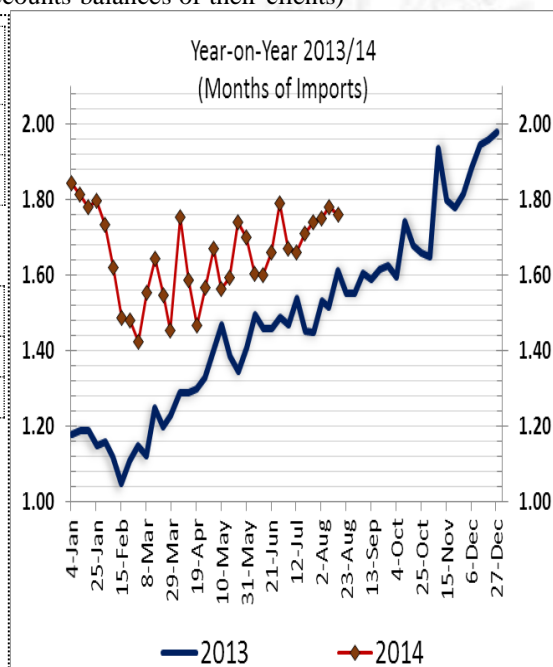
- Gross official reserves increased to U\$487 million on Friday, 15th August 2014, from U\$483 million recorded by end of the preceding week.



ii. Private Sector Foreign Reserves

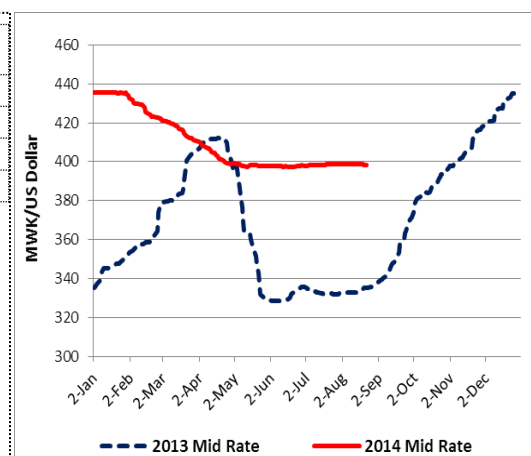
(Foreign reserves under the direct control of authorized dealer banks (ADB) which consists of ADBs own forex positions and foreign currency denominated accounts balances of their clients)

Week Ending (US\$ m)	ADB's Own Position	FCDA	Total	Import Cover * (Months)
8th August 2014	14.56	325.54	340.10	1.78
15th August 2014	12.38	323.86	336.24	1.76
* US\$191.0 million per month is used in this calculation				
ADB's FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADING ACTIVITY				
Week Ending (US\$ m)	ADB's Purchases		ADB's Sales	
8 th August 2014	52.18		52.69	
15 th August 2014	55.25		55.52	
Commentary:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">In the week ending 15th August 2014, total ADBs purchases of forex from the market at US\$55.25 million were marginally below total sales that amounted to US\$55.52 million.				



iii. Exchange Rate Developments

Week ending	08 th August 2014	15 th August 2014	Today
MWK/USD	398.7544	398.7771	398.5044
MWK/GBP	671.2233	665.3995	662.1948
MWK/EUR	532.8954	532.9656	530.8079
MWK/ZAR	37.0356	37.8013	37.4291
Commentary:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compared to last Friday, 15th August 2014, the Kwacha has appreciated against all currencies of major trading partners. 			



D. MONEY MARKET YIELD CURVE

	Overnight	07 days	14 days	30 days	91 days	182 days	364 days
12 th August 2014	10.25%	-	-	-	17.13%	17.91%	19.17%
19 th August 2014	10.50%	13.00%	-	-	18.36%	19.28%	20.50%
Change in yield (bp)	25	-	-	-	123	63	133

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