



# RESERVE BANK OF MALAWI

## FINANCIAL MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

*(In Millions of Malawi Kwacha, unless otherwise specified)*

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2014

### A. THE BANKING SYSTEM LIQUIDITY EXPECTATIONS

|   | Today  | Week ending 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 | Week ending 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 |
|---|--------|--|--|
| Projected Transactions<br>(+= Net injection / - = Net withdrawal) | -2,910 | -3,199                                 | 7,286                                  |
| Estimated Excess Reserves   | 9,008  | 9,008                                  | 15,892                                 |
| Required Reserves   | 45,388 | 45,388                                 | 45,388                                 |

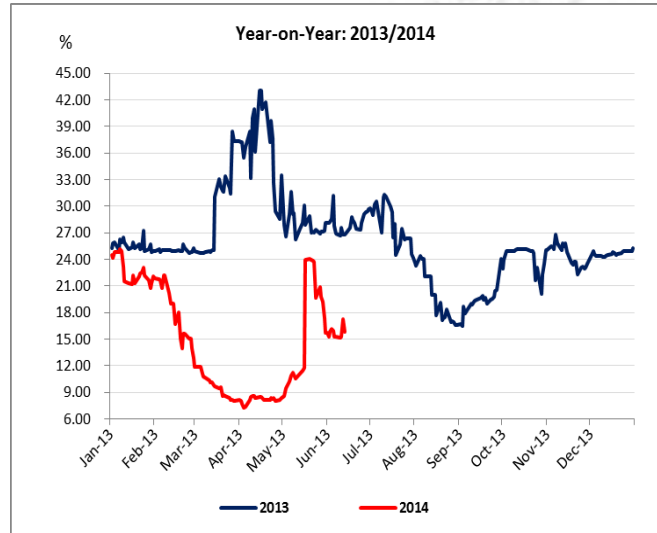
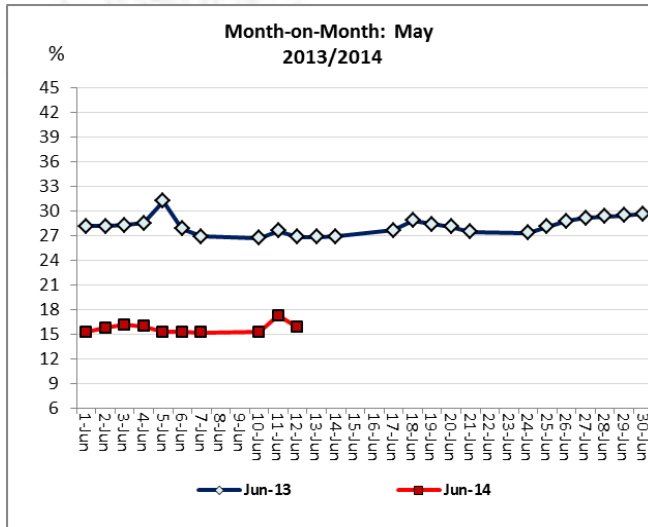
**Commentary:** Excess reserves are estimated at MK 9.0 billion today from MK4.0 billion yesterday.

### B. INTER-BANK MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

#### i. Previous Day's Domestic Money Market Activity

|                                       | Volume | Average rate (%) |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------------|
| <b>(a) Inter-bank borrowing</b>       |        |                  |
| O/N                                   | 4,900  | 15.83            |
| 7 days                                | -      | -                |
| 14 days                               | -      | -                |
| 30 days                               | -      | -                |
| <b>(b) RBM Open market operations</b> |        |                  |
| (i) Access to the Lombard facility    | 800    | 27.00            |
| (ii) Repos                            |        |                  |
| 7 days                                | -      | -                |
| 14 days                               | -      | -                |
| 30 days                               | -      | -                |
| 60 days                               | -      | -                |
| (iii) Reverse Repos                   |        |                  |
| 7 days                                | -      | -                |
| 14 days                               | -      | -                |
| 30 days                               | -      | -                |
| 60 days                               | -      | -                |

## ii. Weighted Average Interbank Rates



**Commentary:** Traded volumes on the interbank market went up to MK4.90 billion yesterday from MK1.25 billion on Wednesday. The interbank rate went down to 15.83% from 17.25% on Wednesday. Only one bank accessed the Lombard facility yesterday.

## C. FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

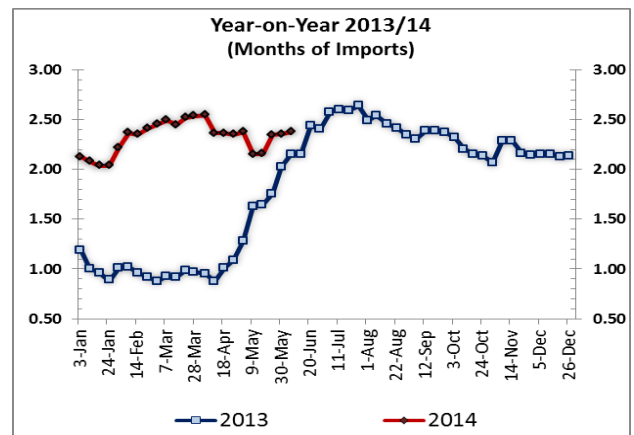
### i. Gross Official Foreign Reserves Position

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

| Week ending               | Reserves (US\$ million) | Import Cover * (Months) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 | 435                     | 2.28                    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 | 455                     | 2.38                    |

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

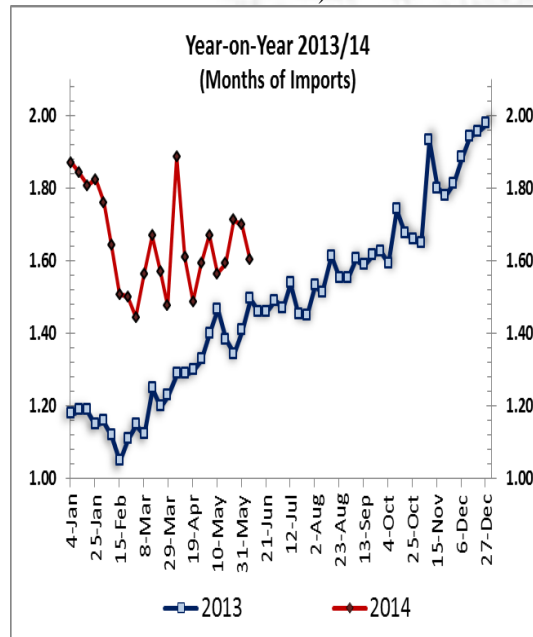
**Commentary:** Gross official reserves increased during the week under review due to purchases of foreign exchange from the ADBs.



## ii. Private Sector Foreign Reserves

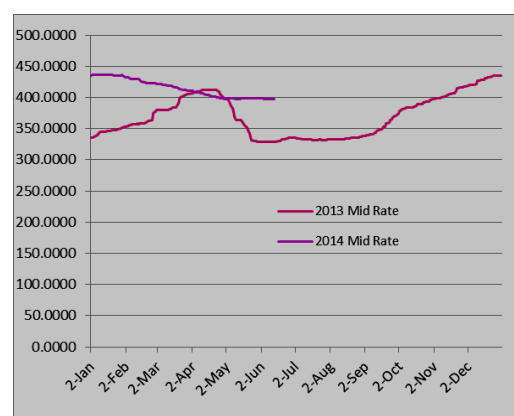
(Foreign reserves under the direct control of authorized dealer banks (ADB) which consists of ADBs own forex positions and foreign currency denominated accounts balances of their clients)

| Week Ending (US\$ m)   | ADB's Own Position | FCDA        | Total  | Import Cover * (Months) |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--------|-------------------------|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2014  | -1.38              | 326.11      | 324.73 | 1.70                    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2014  | 0.24               | 305.99      | 306.23 | 1.60                    |
| * US\$191.0 million per month is used in this calculation  |                    |             |        |                         |
| ADB's FOREIGN EXCHANGE TRADING ACTIVITY- WEEK ENDING   |                    |             |        |                         |
| Week Ending (US\$ m)   | ADB's Purchases    | ADB's Sales |        |                         |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2014  | 10.94              | 12.20       |        |                         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2014  | 15.34              | 15.21       |        |                         |
| <b>Commentary:</b> Private sector reserves fell during the week mostly due to decline in FCDAs. FCDAs continue to be volatile compared to a similar period last year. Total ADBs purchases of forex from the market registered \$15 million last week. |                    |             |        |                         |



## iii. Price Developments

| Week ending  | 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 | 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 | Today    |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| MWK/USD  | 397.9090                  | 397.5647                   | 397.5647 |
| MWK/GBP  | 669.2829                  | 673.0373                   | 673.0373 |
| MWK/EUR  | 543.5437                  | 538.7797                   | 538.7797 |
| MWK/ZAR  | 37.2302                   | 37.2475                    | 37.2475  |
| <b>Commentary:</b> Compared to end of last week, the Kwacha depreciated against the GBP and the ZAR. The local currency appreciated significantly against the Euro and marginally against the US dollar. |                           |                            |          |



## D. MONEY MARKET YIELD CURVE

|                            | Overnight | 7 days | 14 days | 30 days | 91days | 182days | 364days |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| 3rd June 2014              | 15.77%    | -      | -       | -       | 20.62% | 26.17%  | 26.17%  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 | 15.19%    | 20.00  | -       | 27.00   | 20.90% | 26.36%  | 26.59%  |
| Change in yield (bp)       | -58       | -      | -       | -       | 28     | 19      | 42      |

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