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## Exchange rate dropped from $\mathrm{S} / .3,383$ to Sl . 3,318 per dollar

Between January 19 and 26, the daily average exchange rate has been appreciated 1,2 percent, without interventions of the Central Bank (CRBP) in the exchange market. This domestic currency appreciation follows the latest release of electoral surveys and advanced figures of trade balance showing a record in exports. Year-to-date the exchange rate accumulates an appreciation of 3,3 percent (against a 4,5 depreciation in 2005) and reaches $\mathrm{S} / .3,318$, similar to the figure reached in September of 2005.


## Credit dollarization fell in December for the sixth consecutive month

In December 2005, the dollarization index of the banking system credits fell for the sixth consecutive month, emphasizing the decreasing tendency in the last three years. The dollarization descended from 74 percent in June 2005 to near 70 percent in December.


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## Liquidity dollarization is stable

As for the dollarization of the banking system liquidity, the coefficient fluctuated between 52 and 55 percent during 2005.

In August and November it was registered an increasing tendency, although according to the last data as of December it would have been a slight descent. Nevertheless, the calculation of this indicator would have a smaller volatility if the deposits in foreign currency were valued with an stable exchange rate.


## Interbank interest rate climbed from 3,34 to 3,55 percent

In line with the recent increase in the CRBP's reference interest rate, from 3,25 to 3,50 percent in the January monetary program, the interbank interest rate rose from 3,34 in December to 3,55 as of January 25.


## Continues the reduction of the spread between corporate rates in soles and dollars

As of January 25 , the average 90 -day corporate rate in soles rose to 5,11 percent from 4,37 percent on end-December, whereas the rate in dollars passed from 5,51 to 5,67 percent over the same period. Thus, the spread between these rate dropped from 114 to 56 basis points, reflecting the increase in CRBP's interest rate to 3,50 made in the January monetary program.


## CRBP received overnight deposits by S/. 57 million

Between January 19 and 25, the CRBP made the following operations:

- Auctions of temporary purchases of CDBCR and BTP by S/. 1392 million on a daily basis with maturities of 1 day, 3 days and 1 week. The average interest rate ranged between 3,53 and 3,81 percent.
- Overnight deposits on January 19, 20 and 24 by S/. 7; S/. 15 and S/. 35 million, respectively.


## Net international reserves climbed US\$ 174 million and is equivalent to 2,8 times debt due in a year

As of January 24, net international reserves (NIR) amounted to US\$ 14271 million, up US\$ 174 million from end-2005. This increase is mainly explained by higher financial system deposits (US\$ 477 million), valuation effect (US\$ 140 million), investment yield (US\$ 10 million) and higher Deposits Insurance Fund (FSD) deposits (US\$ 6 million); which were partially offset by sales of foreign currency over the counter (US\$ 355 million), lower public sector deposits (US\$ 73 million), sales of foreign currency to Banco de la Nación (US\$ 22 million) and operations with ALADI (US\$ 9 million).

As of January 24, NIR are equivalent to 2,8 times debt due in a year, 14 months of imports and 0,7 times the overall liquidity in soles, which is deemed as a high level of hedging for the financial system. On the other hand, net international position of the CRBP totaled US\$ 7215 million, equivalent to 1,4 times the external debt due in one year, 7 months of imports, 2,1 times the monetary base and 0,4 times the overall liquidity in soles.


EXTERNAL VULNERABILITY INDICATORS
(Information as of January 24, 2006)

|  | RIN |
| :--- | ---: |
| Level (Million of US\$) | 14271 |
| NIR / External Debt due in one year (times) | 2,8 |
| NIR (number of monthsof imports of goods and services) | 14 |
| NIR / total monetary aggregate in soles (times) | 0,7 |

## Monetary base decrease 5,8 percent as of January 22

As of January 22, the monetary base was S/. 11049 million, down 5,8 percent (S/. 675 million) from end-December of 2005. In average terms, the last 12 month rate of expansion of the monetary base was 27,7 percent, compared with 26,9 percent on end-December.

By sources, the operations that explained the decrease in the monetary base were: sales of foreign currency over the counter (US\$ 355 million or S/. 1223 million) and to the public sector (US\$ 22 million or S/. 74 million), higher public sector deposits ( $\mathrm{S} / .582$ million) as well as the placement of CDR Certificates (S/. 30 million). Conversely, the monetary base was expanded by the redemption of Certificates of Deposit BCRP (S/. 685 million), repos (S/. 466 million) and the decrease in financial system overnight deposits (S/. 45 million).

## Central Government overall deficit drop SI. 1077 millions in 2005

Central government operations through 2005 recorded a positive primary balance of S/. 2985 million (S/. 1405 million in 2004). Current revenue increased S/. 5794 million (16 percent), whereas non-financial expenditure went up S/. 4381 million (13 percent). Interests amounted S/. 4885 million, 12 percent up so the overall deficit reached S/. 1900 million, lower in S/. 1077 million to the obtained in 2004, the lowest overall deficit since 1998 (S/. 1878 million).

In November, central government operations recorded a S/. 3055 million deficit, up S/. 1310 million from a similar month of 2004. The primary balance was negative in S/. 2603 million, down in S/. 1438 million from December 2004, due to non-financial expenditures increase (39 percent), against the increase of current revenues ( 9 percent), while interests ( $\mathrm{S} / .452$ million) drop 22 percent.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
(Millions of Nuevos Soles)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Monthly data |  |  | 12 month period |  |  |  |
|  | December |  |  | Jan 2004 | Dec 2004 | Jan 2005 |  |
|  | 2004 | 2005 | Var\% | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec } 2004 \\ \text { A } \end{gathered}$ | Nov 2005 | Dec 2005 | C/A C/B |
| 1. CURRENT REVENUES | 3322 | 3621 | 9,0 | 35381 | 40876 | 41175 | 16,4 0,7 |
| A. TAX REVENUE | 2850 | 3129 | 9,8 | 31144 | 35234 | 35513 | 14,0 0,8 |
| B. NON-TAX REVENUE | 472 | 492 | 4,2 | 4238 | 5642 | 5662 | 33,6 0,4 |
| 2. NON-FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES | 4489 | 6254 | 39,3 | 34165 | 36781 | 38546 | 12,8 4,8 |
| A. CURRENT EXPENDITURE | 3527 | 4720 | 33,8 | 29870 | 32415 | 33607 | 12,5 3,7 |
| B. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | 962 | 1534 | 59,5 | 4295 | 4366 | 4938 | 15,0 13,1 |
| 3. CAPITAL REVENUES | 2 | 30 | 1740,0 | 189 | 327 | 355 | 88,5 8,6 |
| 4. PRIMARY BALANCE | -1165 | -2 603 |  | 1405 | 4423 | $\underline{2985}$ |  |
| 5. INTEREST PAYMENTS | 580 | 452 | -22,1 | 4381 | 5013 | 4885 | 11,5-2,6 |
| 6. OVERALL BALANCE | -1745 | -3055 |  | -2977 | -590 | -1900 |  |
| 7. NET FINANCING | 1745 | 3055 |  | 2977 | 590 | 1900 |  |
| 1. External | 547 | 212 |  | 3838 | -2 785 | -3 120 |  |
| A. Disbursements | 1359 | 3233 |  | 8353 | 7086 | 8960 |  |
| B. Amortization | -811 | -3 021 |  | -4 515 | -9 871 | -12 081 |  |
| 2. Domestic | 1171 | 2803 |  | -1 251 | 3203 | 4835 |  |
| 3. Privatization | 26 | 39 |  | 389 | 172 | 185 |  |

* In order to avoid volatility in the monthly series this table presents the annual accumulated balance. The monthly series are disseminated in the "Nota Semanal" tables.

In 2005 current revenues (S/. 41175 million) increased 16 percent. Tax revenue (S/. 35 513) soared 14 percent as a result of higher income tax ( 24 percent), imports ( 15 percent) and the Value added tax -VAT- (13 percent), partially offset by lower excise tax ( 9 percent) and higher tax refunds (20 percent). Non-tax revenue (S/. 5662 million) increased 34 percent, due to larger royalties and oil and gas canon in $\mathrm{S} / .673$ million.

In December the current revenues amounted S/. 3621 million, up 9 percent from a similar month in 2004. Tax revenue (SI. 3129 million) soared 10 percent, due to the higher income tax payment in advance ( 23 percent), VAT ( 16 percent) and other taxes ( 33 percent), partially offset by lower import taxes ( 7 percent), excise tax ( 13 percent) and higher tax refunds ( 49 percent). In general, this growth reflected the economic activity dynamism and the imports growth (11 percent), offset by reductions of the oil excise tax. Non-tax revenue (S/. 492 million) were higher in 4 percent, due to higher royalties and oil an gas canon ( 47 percent) and direct revenues including S/. 42 million of transfers to the regional government of Cajamarca. This increment was compensated by the statistical effect due to the Banco de la Nación utilities recorded in advance in December 2004 (S/. 112 million).

Non-financial expenditures in 2005 (S/. 38546 million) were higher in S/. 4381 million compared to 2004 (an increase of 13 percent in nominal terms). By groups, transfers an wages and salaries increased 17 and 10 percent, respectively, whereas goods and services increased in 9 percent. Respect to the capital expenditures (S/. 4938 million), gross capital formation (S/. 4507 million) was higher in 18 percent respect 2004.

In December, non-financial expenditure (S/. 6254 million) was higher in S/. 1765 million from December 2004 (up 39 percent in nominal terms). In general, this growth, besides the dynamism of the expenditures at the end of the budgetary period, was explained mainly due to the exceptional expenditures added as the cancellation of delays in remunerations and pensions, judicial sentences, fund of oil price stabilization, etc. By groups, the increment was explained, both by the non-financial current expenditures (S/. 1193 million) and the capital expenditures (S/. 572 million). The transfers and goods and services increased in 55 and 28 percent, respectively, while the remunerations did it in 17 percent. In the capital expenditures (S/. 1534 million), the capital gross formation (S/. 1521 million) was superior in 61 percent from December of 2004.

External financing was negative in S/. 212 million (US\$ 70 million), with disbursements of US\$ 943 million and amortization by US\$ 881 million. Domestic financing was positive in S/. 2803 million, as a result of the issuance of sovereign bonds by $\mathrm{S} / .811$ million and the withdrawal of Public Treasury deposits in S/. 210 million.

## International markets: a positive context for Peru

## Riesgo país baja a 180 puntos básicos

The country risk measured by the EMBI+ Peru decreased in the last week from 205 basis points on January 18 to 180 basis points as of January 25. This evolution reflects a better climate in the financial markets respect the electoral process given the results of the last surveys.

The emerging markets' EMBI + global had also a downward tendency due to the expectations that the cycle of FED interest rates' rises would be nearby the end and because the still excessive liquidity in the markets. During the week, Brazil registered a new historic minimum (270 basis points on Wednesday 25) as well as Colombia (194 basis points) and Venezuela (269 basis points)


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## Mineral quotations keep a increasing trend

After its consolidation in previous days due to profits takings, the gold's quotation exhibited again an increasing conduct, reaching again on January 25 its maximum quotation of the last 25 years (US\$ 563 per troy ounce) in a context of inflation concerns and geopolitical problems.

Gold prices


During the analyzed week, the price of copper was maintained around US\$ 2,13 per pound, nevertheless on January 25 it reached a new historic maximum of US\$ 2,20 per pound prompted by China's higher demand and a drop of 850 MT in the London Metal Exchange (LME) inventories.

Copper prices
(cUS\$/pound) (January 2004-January 2006)


The zinc quotation continued a growing tendency, reaching on January 25 a new historic maximum of US\$ 1,03 per pound, thus accumulating a 19 percent increase year-to-date. This development was prompted by the strong industrial demand reflected in the LME inventories fall (a drop from 786 thousand tons in April 2004 to 374 thousand tons in the last days).


Over this week, the WTI oil quotation had a growing tendency reaching US\$ 68,4 per barrel on Friday, January 20, due to the political debate between Iran (OPEC's second producer) and the international community with respect to the resumption of its nuclear program. Besides, there were tension in Nigeria and low temperatures in Russia that deprived of gas supply to Europe forcing the use of more expensive fuels in the week. Nevertheless, on January 25 it was registered a level nearby the closing figure of the previous week (US\$ 65,4 by barrel).

## WTI oil prices



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## Dollar depreciates 1,2 percent against euro and 0,5 percent against yen

Between January 18 and 25, the US dollar recorded a 1,2 percent depreciation against the euro and 0,5 percent against the yen. The dollar depreciation resulted from the negative indicators of the manufacturing activity of January 2006 and the expectations of a smaller interest rates differential. Particularly, the dollar depreciated to levels not observed in the last 4 months against euro due the perception that Alan Greenspan's retirement as president of the Federal Reserve (FED) at the end of this month will mark the end of a cycle of 18 consecutive months of the interest rate adjustments, which contrasts with the expectations that the increase of the indebtedness cost decreed by the European Central Bank (ECB) last December will be the first of a series of increments.

Yen and euro


## 10-year-matured US Treasury yield soared 4,48 percent

On Monday, the Federal Reserve of San Luis (William Poole) suggested that the cycle of rises would finish soon. This statement and the inflation positive result reinforced the expectations of a quick end of FED rises cycle. Thus, the 3-month Libor interest rate did not register an important variation passing from 4,60 percent on January 18 to 4,64 percent on January 25 , while the yield of the 10-year-matured US Treasury rose from 4,33 to 4,48 percent.

Libor and yield of 10-year matured US Treasury bond
(January 2004 - January 2006)


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## Lima Stock Exchange (LSE) soared 8,3 percent in the year

In the year, the LSE recorded an 8,3 percent increase in the General Index and a 10,0 percent increase in the Blue Chip index thanks to the new maximums reached by the prices of the main metals (gold, copper and zinc).

LSE indicators


Resumen de Indicadores Económicos / Summary of Economic Indicator


* Incluye depósitos de Promcepri, Fondo de Estabilización Fiscal (FEF), Cofide, fondos administrados por la ONP; y otros depósitos del MEF. El detalle se presenta en el cuadro No. 22 de la Nota Semanal.
${ }^{* *}$ Corresponde a la mayor tasa entre $3,75 \%$ o la tasa interbancaria del día. A partir del 2 de diciembre de 2005, esta tasa se elevó a $4,0 \%$ y desde el 6 de enero de 2006 es de $4,25 \%$.
** Las tasas de interés para los créditos de regulación monetaria en dólares serán a la tasa Libor a un mes más un punto porcentual.
Fuente: BCRP, INEI, Banco de la Nación, BVL, Sunat, SBS, Reuters y Bloomberg.
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