



BANCO CENTRAL DE RESERVA DEL PERÚ

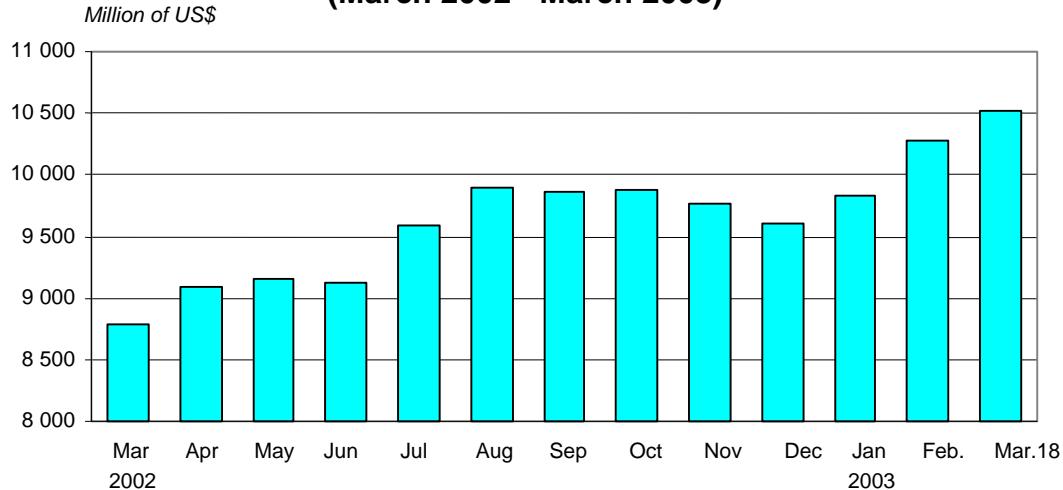
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Net International Reserves: US\$ 10 525 million

As of **March 18**, the net international reserves (NIR) of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru amounted to US\$ 10 525 million, up US\$ 248 million from end-February due to the increase of deposits at the Central Bank from the public

sector (US\$ 132 million) and financial system (US\$ 26 million), purchases of foreign currency (US\$ 87 million) as well as net investment yield and other operations (US\$ 3 million).

**Net international reserves
(March 2002 - March 2003)**

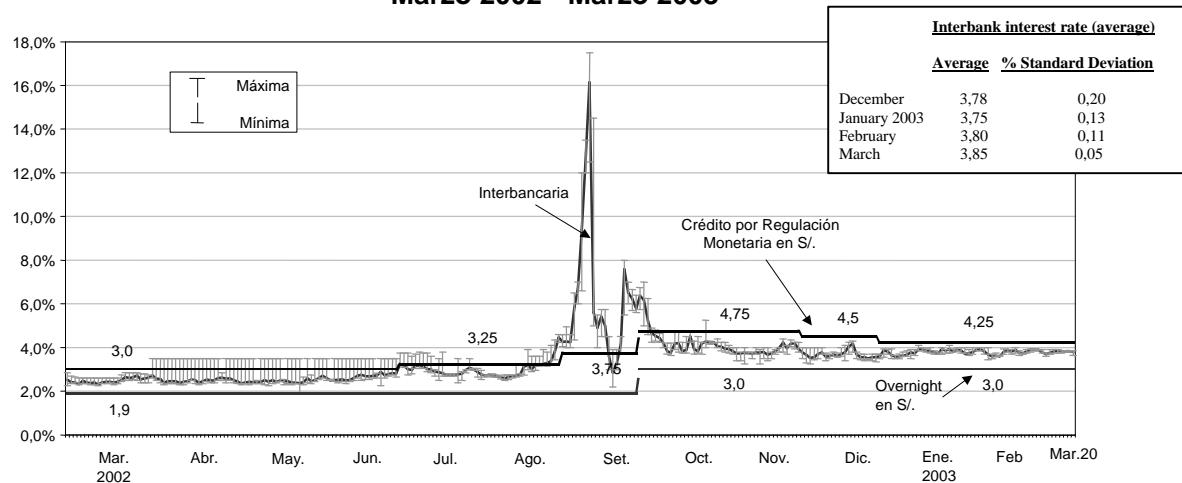


Interbank interest rate at 3,81 percent

As of March 20, the interbank interest rate was 3,81 percent, similar to that recorded in February. This rate is in line with the reference interest rates of the BCR's operations with banks: 4,25 percent for loans and 3 percent for

deposits. The variability of the interbank interest rate, measured as the standard deviation continues decreasing (from 0,20 in December to 0,06 as of March 20).

Tasa de Interés en Moneda Nacional Marzo 2002 - Marzo 2003



Monetary operation

As of March 20, the banks' current account held at the Central Bank averaged S/. 257 million, whereas the estimated balance range for March is S/. 170 to S/. 190 million.

Between March 14 to 20, the Bank made the following operations:

- On March 18, 19 and 20, auctions of CDBCOP totaling S/. 205 million, with maturities from one week to one year. The average interest rate of these operations was 4,09 percent.

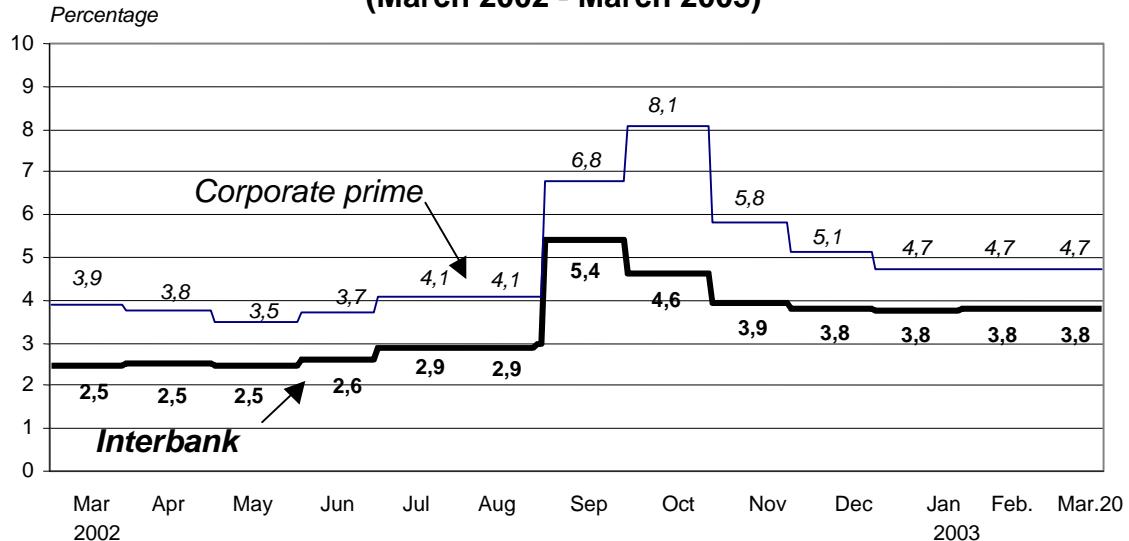
- Purchases of foreign currency from banks totaling US\$ 10 million at an average exchange rate of S/.3,476 on March 14. In March, the Central Bank's purchases reached US 77 million.
- Auctions of temporary purchases of CDBCOP and BTP totaling S/. 40 million on March 14 at an average interest rate of 3,86 percent.
- Overnight deposits on March 18, 19 and 20, amounting to S/. 59, S/.104 and S/.77 million, respectively.

Interest rates to corporate credits decrease

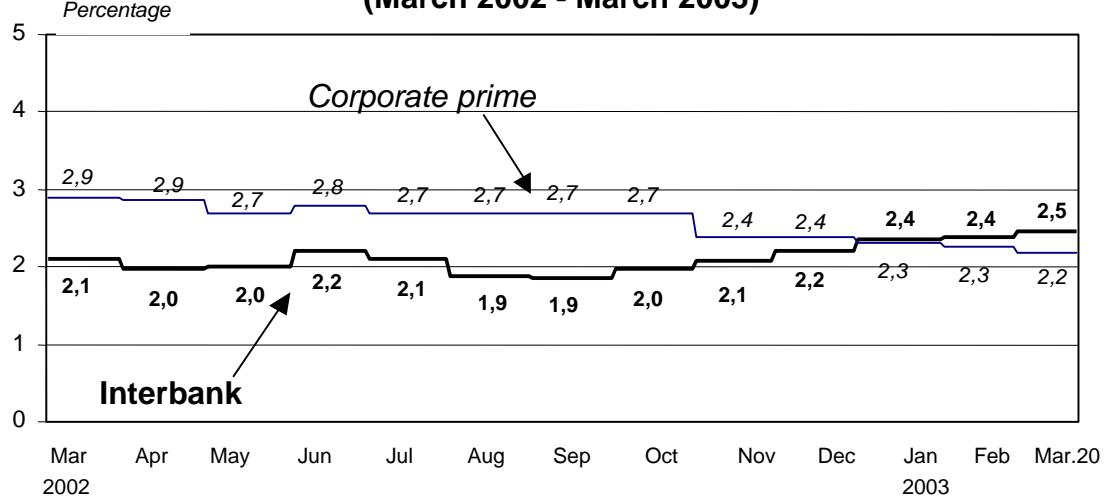
As of March 20, the corporate prime interest rate in domestic currency was 4,7 percent, similar to February. In

foreign currency, the corporate prime interest rate decreased from 2,3 to 2,2 percent.

Monthly average interest rate in domestic currency (March 2002 - March 2003)



Monthly average interest rate in foreign currency (March 2002 - March 2003)



Exchange rate: S/. 3,488

Between March 13 to 20, the exchange rate increased 0,26 percent from S/.3,479 to S/.3,488, in line with the trend recorded in other regional currencies, affected by the onset of the war in Iraq. As of March 20, the

exchange rate has increased 0,2 percent.

Between February 28 and March 20, the balance of net forward sales fell US\$ 68 million, whereas the banks' exchange position increased US\$ 3 million.

BANK'S EXCHANGE POSITION
(Millions of US\$)

	September 002	December 2002	January 2003	February	March 20
a. Net sales to the public (i-ii)					
i. Forward sales to the public	1 017	905	923	853	785
ii. Forward purchases to the public	1 302	1 141	1 167	993	930
b. Banks' exchange position	285	236	244	140	145
	706	643	617	637	640

Monetary account: February 22, 2003

Banking system liquidity in **domestic currency** as of February 22 decreased 0,7 percent (S/. 120 million) in the last 4 weeks to S/. 17 601 million. In annual terms it increased 7,1 percent. On the other hand, credit to the private sector in domestic currency rose 0,5 percent (S/. 52 million) to S/. 9 743 million in the last 4 weeks and 6,1 percent in annual terms.

In **foreign currency**, banking liquidity rose 0,3 percent (US\$ 32 million) to US\$ 9 668 million in the last 4 weeks (annual growth of 4,1 percent). Credit to the private sector in foreign currency decreased 0,9 percent (US\$ 87 million) to US\$ 10 050 million. In annual terms, this aggregate fell 6,1 percent.

	END OF PERIOD MONETARY AGGREGATES OF THE BANKING SYSTEM													
	Monetary base		Liquidity in S/		Credit in S/		Liquidity in US\$		Short term labs. t/		Credit in US\$		VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year
	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year	VAR.(%) Month	VAR.(%) Year		
2001														
Dec.	14,4%	7,9%	8,0%	13,5%	1,6%	2,7%	-1,9%	1,2%	-4,0%	-21,8%	0,7%	-3,8%		
2002														
Jan.	-7,8%	10,8%	-3,2%	14,5%	-1,8%	1,1%	-0,8%	1,2%	-2,8%	-21,4%	-1,1%	-3,2%		
Feb.	0,7%	13,9%	1,9%	18,2%	1,7%	3,6%	-0,2%	1,2%	5,7%	-15,8%	1,2%	-1,8%		
Mar.	2,0%	16,1%	2,4%	18,2%	2,7%	5,5%	-1,5%	-1,0%	-5,2%	-23,1%	-1,1%	-3,6%		
Apr.	-1,2%	9,9%	-0,6%	15,1%	-3,8%	2,2%	0,3%	-1,3%	-3,8%	-21,7%	0,5%	-3,1%		
May.	-0,1%	14,5%	-0,2%	16,8%	0,9%	4,1%	-0,2%	-1,4%	3,1%	-16,0%	0,3%	-3,4%		
Jun.	3,5%	17,2%	2,3%	20,8%	1,4%	6,0%	0,2%	-2,0%	4,8%	-17,1%	-0,5%	-3,8%		
Jul.	12,2%	19,9%	6,3%	22,9%	0,6%	6,4%	4,1%	1,1%	3,8%	-20,7%	-0,4%	-3,2%		
Aug.	-4,6%	21,4%	-1,2%	22,7%	-0,2%	5,7%	1,6%	1,8%	-1,4%	-15,6%	-0,7%	-2,8%		
Sep.	-4,1%	18,3%	-2,1%	20,0%	1,7%	7,3%	-1,6%	-0,3%	-0,6%	1,1%	-0,9%	-3,0%		
Oct.	1,0%	13,8%	-1,7%	15,6%	2,0%	8,1%	1,2%	0,8%	-2,9%	-6,3%	-1,4%	-3,7%		
Nov.	-0,4%	14,3%	0,4%	12,4%	0,9%	7,8%	1,8%	2,7%	-25,8%	-28,8%	0,8%	-2,6%		
Dec.	11,1%	11,0%	5,8%	10,1%	1,0%	7,2%	-3,0%	1,6%	-6,2%	-30,4%	-0,2%	-3,4%		
2003														
Jan.	-9,2%	9,4%	-2,8%	10,5%	-2,8%	6,1%	-0,1%	2,4%	-7,7%	-33,9%	-2,8%	-5,1%		
Feb.22	-2,2%	7,4%	-0,7%	7,1%	0,5%	6,1%	0,3%	4,1%	4,2%	-37,3%	-0,9%	-6,1%		
Memo:														
Balance as of Jan.22	6 218		17 721		9 691		9 636		846		10 137			
(Mill.S./or Mill.US\$)														
Balance as of Feb.22	6 082		17 601		9 743		9 668		882		10 050			
(Mill.S./or Mill.US\$)														

1/ Short term external liabilities of banking enterprises.

Gross domestic product

In January 2003, the **gross domestic product** (GDP) grew 4,6 percent. Primary activities grew 0,8 percent, whereas non-primary activities expanded 5,5 percent. Domestic

demand grew 3,6 percent, lower than the GDP growth, due to the dynamism of output oriented to the external markets (14,8 percent).

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT
(rates of growth)

	January	
	2002	2003
Agriculture and livestock	6,2	4,6
<i>Agriculture</i>	9,6	4,4
<i>Livestock</i>	2,5	4,9
Fishing	-15,0	-24,1
Mining and oil	29,8	3,4
<i>Metal mining</i>	32,4	4,4
<i>Oil and derivatives</i>	5,3	-7,7
Manufacturing	1,7	4,0
<i>Raw material processing</i>	2,2	-10,1
<i>Non-primary industry</i>	1,6	7,7
Construction	15,7	-4,7
Trade	2,4	6,8
Services	3,2	5,4
<i>Energy and water</i>	6,5	4,2
<i>Others</i>	3,1	5,5
Indicator of activity before taxes	5,3	4,4
<i>taxes and import rights</i>	-0,4	7,0
GDP	4,8	4,6
Primary GDP	12,3	0,8
Non-primary GDP	3,2	5,5
Memo:		
Domestic demand	5,2	3,6

The **agriculture & livestock** sector grew 4,6 percent in January, thanks to the expansion in coffee, yellow corn, other agriculture products such as tomato, tangerine, corn and poultry.

The **fishing** sector recorded a 24,1 percent contraction due to the ban on anchovy in force since December 23, 2002. However, the catch oriented to canned and frozen fish increase due to a norm that establish the exclusive use of jurel and mackerel to human consumption.

The **mining and oil** recorded a 3,4 percent growth in January, reflecting the higher output of gold and silver, partially offset by the decrease in copper and zinc. The output of hydrocarbons decline 7,7 percent, reflecting scarce investments in this sector.

The **manufacturing** sector grew 4,0 percent due to the good performance of non-primary industry (7,7 percent) that offset the decline in raw-material processing (10,1 percent).

The fall in raw material processing activities is mainly due to the lower output of fishmeal (ban on anchovy) and oil refining (lower Petroperu activity) and the refining of non-ferrous metals (lower output of blister copper).

The increase in non-primary industry reflected the growth in textile (that explains 2,2 percentage points); paper industries (1,9 percentage points); food, beverage and tobacco (1,5 percentage

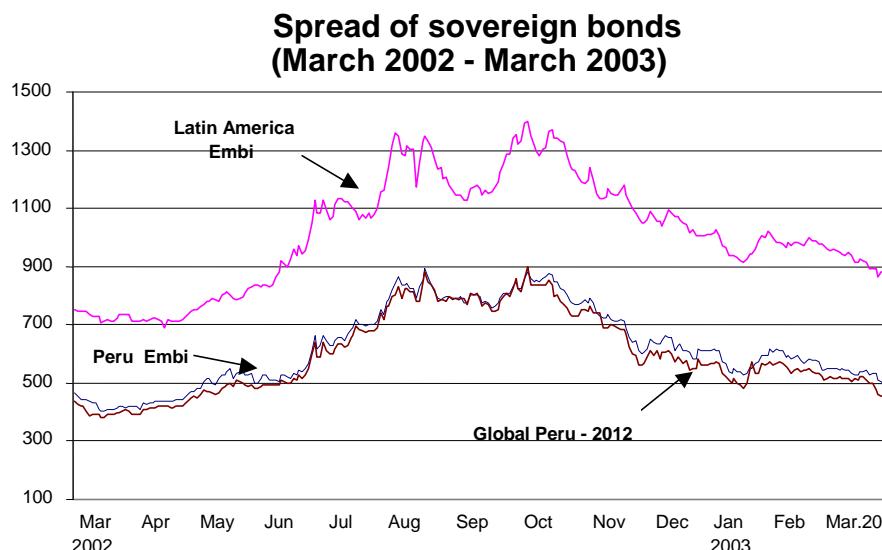
points) and non-metal minerals (1,2 percentage points). Over 37 industrial items, 24 increased (against 25 items in December).

Construction activity recorded an 4,7 percent fall due to the strike of civil construction workers (from January 28 to February 1) and lower sales of cement, after the end of reconstruction task in southern Peru.

Financial indicators

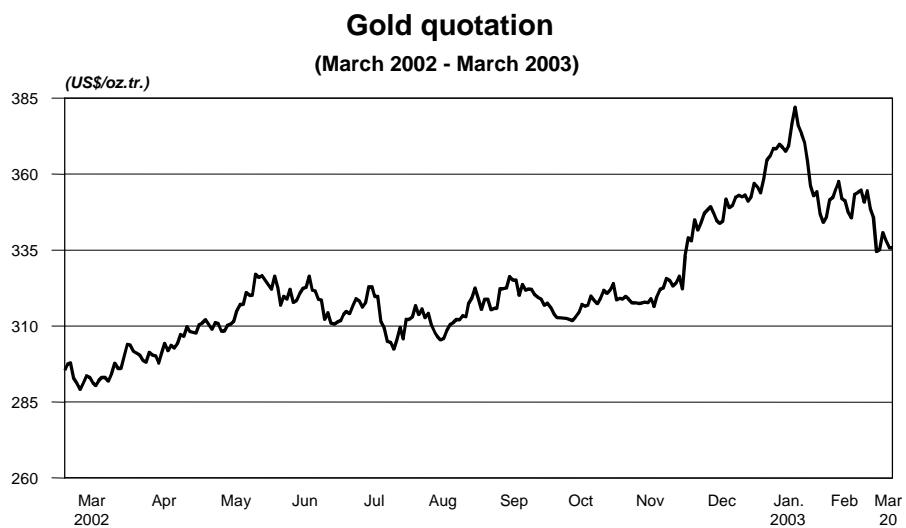
As of March 20, the spreads of the **Global and sovereign Peruvian bonds** showed a decreasing tendency. The end-of-period spread of the Global bond decreased from 5,2 percent in February to 4,5 percent on March 20, whereas in

average terms, this spread declined from 5,3 to 5,0 percent. On the other hand, the spread of the **sovereign bonds** decreased from 5,5 percent to 5,0 percent in end-of-period term and from 5,7 to 5,3 percent in average terms.



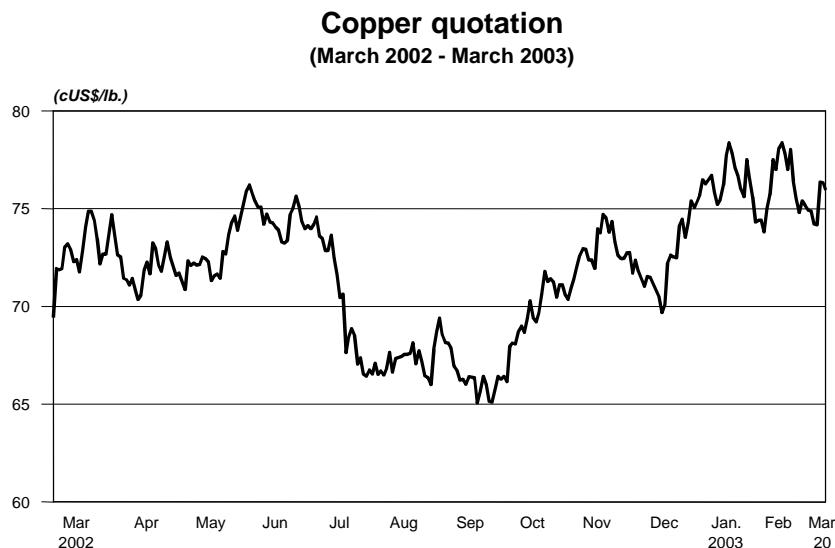
Between March 13 to 20, the gold quotation increased 0,4 percent to US\$ 335,8. Over the end of this period, the gold quotation declined once it was

known the onset of US attack to Iraq. On the other hand, the silver quotation decreased 2,4 percent to US\$ 4,46 per Troy ounce.



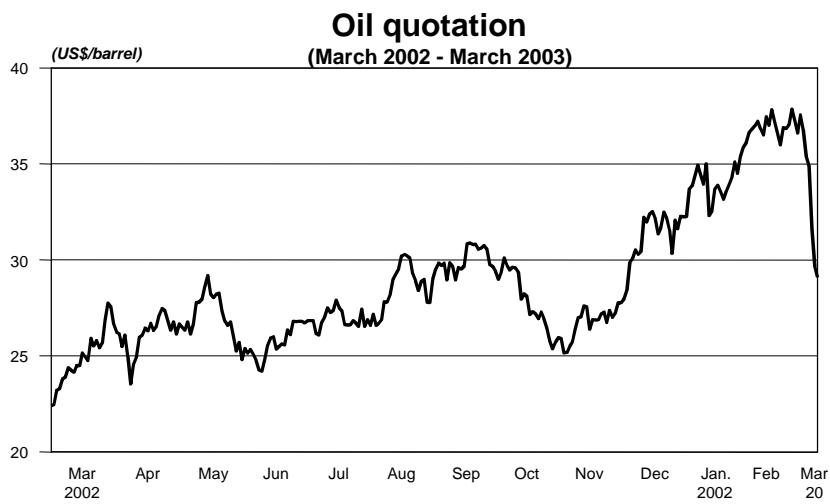
In the same period, the copper quotation increased 1,4 percent to US\$ 0,76 per lb, due to higher speculative sale and

the increase in LME inventories (1,1 percent), whereas the zinc quotation dropped 0,9 percent to US\$ 0,36 per lb.



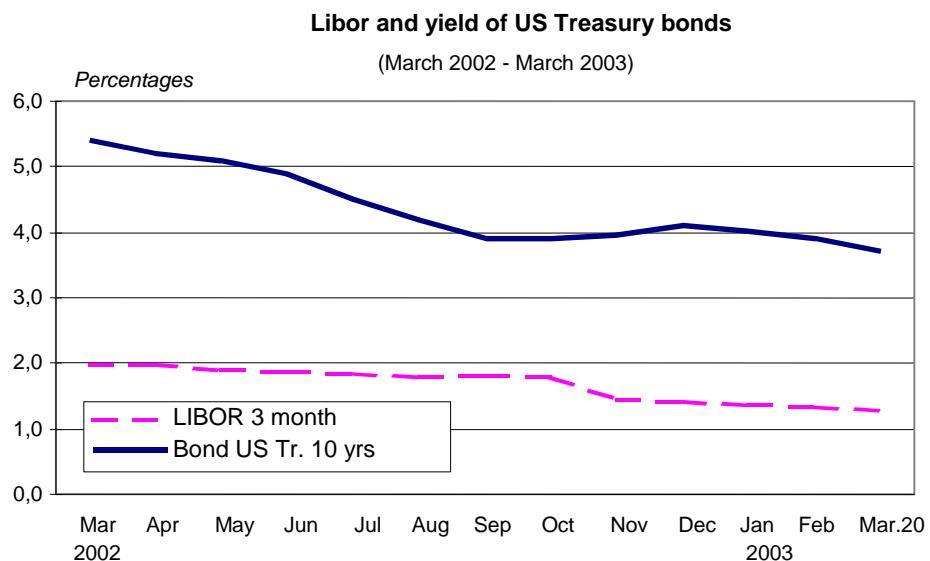
Between March 13 to 20, the WTI oil quotation decreased 15,9 percent to US\$ 30,3 per barrel, due to the expectations about a normal oil supply

and the increase of Venezuelan exports (currently at 2,4 million of barrels per day) that would offset the halt in Iraq's exports (1,7 million).



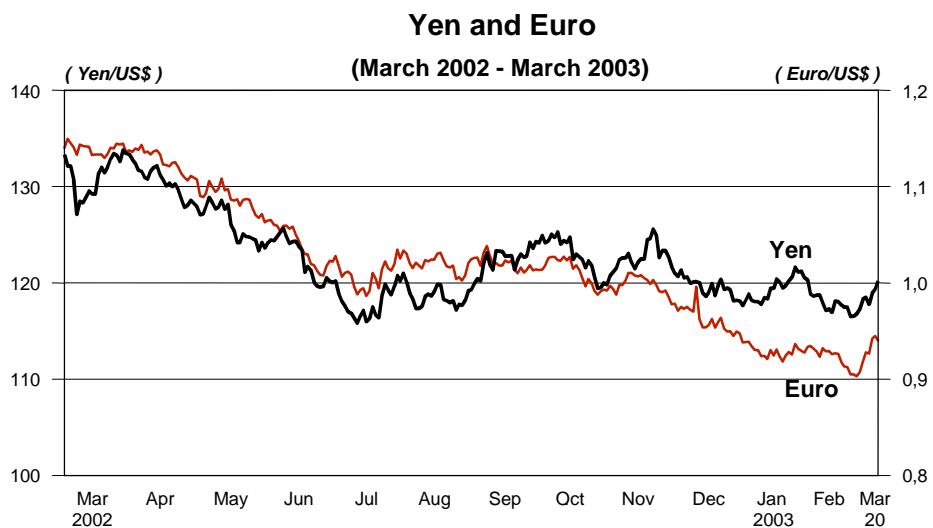
The **3-month libor** increased from 1,26 to 1,29 percent, whereas the **yield of the US Treasury bond** with a 10 year

maturity passed from 3,75 to 3,94 percent.



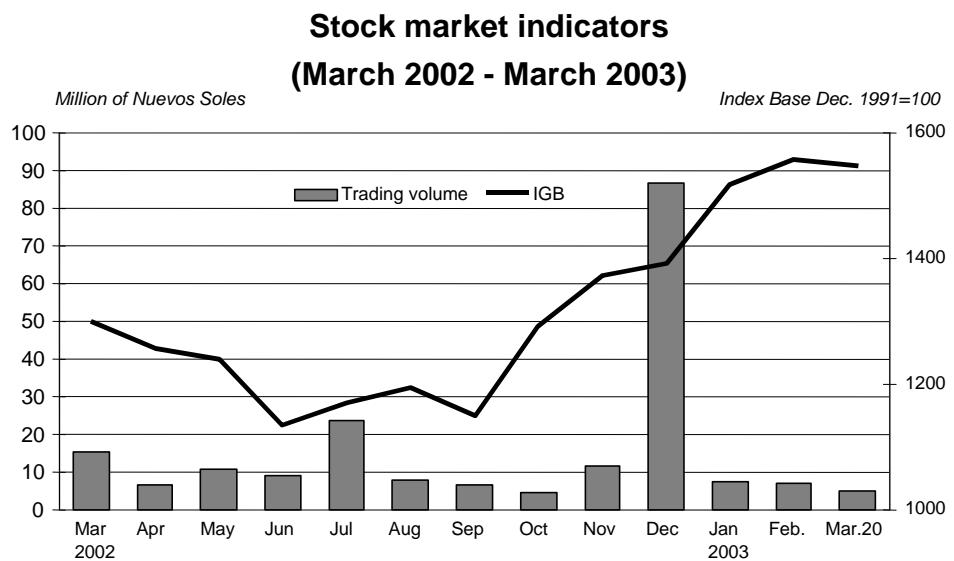
Between March 13 to 20, the US dollar appreciated 1,6 percent against the **euro** and 1,1 percent against the **yen**, due to

the expectation of a short-lived war with Iraq, reverting the trend of the previous days.



As of March 20, the General Index decreased 0,6 percent and 0,8 percent in the Blue Chip Index. However, in the

year these indices have increased 11,1 and 9,3 percent, respectively.



Indicadores Económicos / Economic Indicators

	2002				2003							
	OCT.	NOV.	DIC.	ENE.	28 Feb.	FEB.	14 Mar.	17 Mar.	18 Mar.	19 Mar.	20 Mar.	MAR.
RESERVAS INTERNACIONALES (Mills. US\$) / INTERNATIONAL RESERVES							Var.					Var.
Posición de cambio /Net international position	3 124	3 241	3 341	3 402	3 468	66	3 537	3 538	3 539	3 539	3 539	71
Reservas internacionales netas /Net international reserves	9 881	9 767	9 598	9 833	10 277	445	10 586	10 557	10 525	10 525	10 525	248
Depósitos del sistema financiero en el BCR /Financial system deposits at BCR	3 764	3 791	3 381	3 517	3 645	128	3 675	3 679	3 672	3 672	3 672	26
Empresas bancarias /Banks	3 508	3 549	3 048	3 402	3 479	77	3 530	3 541	3 538	3 538	3 538	59
Banco de la Nación /Banco de la Nación	212	196	291	69	120	52	99	92	88	88	88	-32
Sector privado /Private sector	44	46	42	46	45	-1	46	46	45	45	45	0
Depósitos del sector público en el BCR /Public sector deposits at BCR	3 004	2 860	2 900	2 926	3 169	243	3 376	3 325	3 301	3 301	3 301	132
Depósitos de privatización	60	55	24	28	0	-28	0	0	1	1	1	1
Otros depósitos /Other *	2 945	2 805	2 875	2 898	3 169	271	3 376	3 325	3 300	3 300	3 300	131
OPERACIONES CAMBIARIAS BCR (Mill. US\$) / BCR FOREIGN OPERATIONS	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.		Acum.						Acum.
Origen externo de la emisión primaria /External origin of the monetary base	-0	102	49	25	10	78	10	0	0	10	0	97
Compras netas en Mesa de Negociación / Net purchases of foreign currency	0	0	5	0	10	58	10	0	0	0	0	77
Operaciones swaps netas / Net swap operations	-6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operaciones con el Sector Público /Public sector	5	103	45	25	0	21	0	0	0	10	0	20
TIPO DE CAMBIO (S/. por US\$) / EXCHANGE RATE	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.		Prom.						Prom.
Compra interbancario/ <i>Interbank bid</i>	3,614	3,581	3,513	3,493	3,480	3,484	3,476	3,479	3,481	3,485	3,488	3,479
Promedio /Average	3,618	3,586	3,516	3,495	3,481	3,486	3,477	3,478	3,482	3,486	3,488	3,480
Venta Interbancario	3,615	3,583	3,515	3,494	3,480	3,484	3,477	3,480	3,482	3,486	3,488	3,480
<i>Interbank Ask</i>	3,615	3,581	3,515	3,494	3,479	3,484	3,476	3,484	3,483	3,486	3,489	3,481
Mediodía / <i>Midday</i>	3,615	3,583	3,515	3,494	3,480	3,484	3,477	3,480	3,482	3,486	3,488	3,480
Cierre / <i>Close</i>	3,615	3,583	3,515	3,494	3,479	3,484	3,476	3,480	3,482	3,485	3,488	3,480
Promedio /Average	3,615	3,583	3,515	3,494	3,481	3,484	3,477	3,480	3,482	3,485	3,488	3,480
Sistema bancario (SBS)	Compra / Bid	3,613	3,582	3,513	3,493	3,478	3,483	3,476	3,479	3,481	3,484	3,479
Banking System	Venta / Ask	3,616	3,584	3,515	3,495	3,481	3,485	3,478	3,480	3,482	3,485	3,488
Indice de tipo de cambio real (1994 = 100) /Real exchange rate Index (1994 = 100)	99,9	101,0	100,0	100,4		99,6						
INDICADORES MONETARIOS / MONETARY INDICATORS												
Moneda nacional / Domestic currency												
Emisión Primaria	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	1,0	-0,4	11,1	-9,2	-0,3	-0,3					
Monetary base	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	13,8	14,3	11,0	9,4	8,3	8,3					
Oferta monetaria	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	-1,7	0,4	5,8								
Money Supply	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	15,6	12,4	10,1								
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	2,0	0,9	1,0								
Crédito al sector privado	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	8,1	7,8	7,2								
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) /TOSE balance (% change)	-1,2	0,6	2,9	0,8	2,2	2,2	0,3	0,5	0,6	0,6	0,6	
Superávit de encajamiento promedio (% respecto al TOSE) /Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,3	0,4	0,3	0,5	0,6	0,6	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,6	
Cuenta corriente de los bancos (saldo mill. S./) /Banks' current account (balance)	188	165	191	178	76	178	244	260	220	98	60	
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de S./) /Rediscounts (Millions of S./)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Depósitos públicos en el BCR (millones S./) /Public sector deposits at the BCR (Mills.S./)	306	675	275	561	681	681	466	478	465	530	502	
Certificados de Depósitos BCRP (saldo Mill.S./) /CDBCRP balance (Millions of S./)	1 570	1 745	1 635	2 105	2 330	2 330	2 898	2 825	2 865	2 930	3 030	
Operaciones de reporte (saldo Mill. S./) /repos (Balance millions of S./)	0	100	0	70	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	
Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	14,6	14,7	14,8	14,9	14,4	14,9	14,2	14,2	14,2	14,3	14,2	14,4
Interbancaria / <i>Interbank</i>	4,6	3,9	3,8	3,8	3,8	3,8	3,8	3,8	3,8	3,7	3,8	3,8
Tasa de interés (%)	Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / CorporatePrime	8,1	5,8	5,2	4,7	4,7	4,7	4,7	4,7	4,7	4,7	4,7
Interest rates (%)	Operaciones de reporte con CDBCRP /CDBCRP repos	s.m.	4,2	s.m.	3,9	s.m.	3,9	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
Créditos por regulación monetaria /Rediscounts	4,8	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
Del saldo de CDBCRP / CDBCRP balance	4,4	4,6	4,7	4,6	4,6	4,6	4,7	4,7	4,7	4,7	4,7	
Moneda extranjera / foreign currency												
Crédito sector privado	(Var. % mensual) / (% monthly change)	-1,4	0,8	-0,2								
Crédito al sector privado	(Var. % últimos 12 meses) / (% 12-month change)	-3,7	-2,6	-3,4								
TOSE saldo fin de período (Var. % acum. en el mes) /TOSE balance (% change)	0,7	1,7	-2,0	-0,7	0,7	0,7	-0,2	-0,2	-0,3	-1,0		
Superávit de encajamiento promedio (% respecto al TOSE) /Average reserve surplus (% of TOSE)	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,1	-1,6	-1,2	-0,6	-0,3		
Créditos por regulación monetaria (millones de US dólares) /Rediscounts	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Prom.
Préstamos y descuentos hasta 360 días / Loans & discount	8,0	8,0	8,1	8,3	9,0	8,9	8,8	8,8	8,7	8,8	8,8	8,8
Tasa de interés (%)	Interbancaria / <i>Interbank</i>	2,0	2,1	2,2	2,4	2,3	2,4	2,5	2,5	2,5	2,5	2,5
Preferencial corporativa a 90 días / CorporatePrime	2,7	2,4	2,4	2,3	2,3	2,3	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,2
Créditos por regulación monetaria /Rediscounts	s.m.	2,5	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	s.m.	
INDICADORES BURSÁTILES / STOCK MARKET INDICES	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.	Acum.		Acum.						Acum.
Indice General Bursátil (Var. %) /General Index (% change)	7,2	11,4	1,0	9,0	0,9	2,6	1,0	0,8	0,2	-0,1	0,6	-0,6
Índice Selectivo Bursátil (Var. %) /Blue Chip Index (% change)	7,7	11,3	1,2	7,1	1,0	2,9	1,1	1,0	0,3	0,1	0,8	-0,8
Monto negociado en acciones (Mill. S./) - Prom. diario	4,4	11,6	86,8	7,3	4,3	25,7	5,8	4,5	2,7	1,8	12,9	5,1
INFLACIÓN (%) / INFLATION (%)												
Inflación mensual /Monthly	0,72	-0,40	-0,03	0,23			0,47					
Inflación últimos 12 meses / % 12 months change	1,36	1,46	1,52	2,28			2,80					
GOBIERNO CENTRAL (Mill. S./) / CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (Mills. of S./)												
Resultado primario /Primary balance	-148	-183	-95	365								
Ingresos corrientes /Current revenue	2 330	2 355	2 775	2 464								
Gastos no financieros /Non-financial expenditure	2 488	2 551	2 994	2 107								
COMERCIO EXTERIOR (Mills. US\$) / FOREIGN TRADE (Mills. of US\$)												
Balanza Comercial /Trade balance	-27	-21	80	-20								
Exportaciones /Exports	631	611	748	689								
Importaciones /Imports	657	632	668	709								
PRODUCTO BRUTO INTERNO (Índice 1994=100) / GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT												
Variac. %, respecto al mismo mes del año anterior /Annual rate of growth	4,2	6,2	6,3	4,6								
COTIZACIONES INTERNACIONALES / INTERNATIONAL QUOTATIONS	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.	Prom.		Prom.						Prom.
LIBOR a tres meses (%) /LIBOR 3-month (%)	1,8	1,4	1,4	1,4	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3	1,3
Dow Jones (Var. %) /(% change)	10,6	6,0	-5,9	-3,5	1,0	-2,0	0,5	3,6	0,6	0,9	0,3	5,0
Rendimiento de los U.S. Treasuries (30 años) /U.S. Treasuries yield (30 years)	5,0	5,0	4,9	4,9	4,7	4,8	4,7	4,8	4,9	4,9	4,9	4,7
Stripped spread del EMBI+ PERÚ (pbs) /EMBI+ PERU stripped spread (basis points)	810	671	620	573	547	569	540	531	508	504	496	530
Bono Global 2012 - Perú (en pbs) /Global Bond 2012 - Peru (basis points)	779	635	575	534	516	533	501	479	461	456	446	498

* 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.21 de la Nota Semanal.

Fuente: BCR, INEI, Aduanas, Banco de la Nación, BVL, Sunat, SBS, Reuters y Bloomberg.