

Report on Nova KBM d.d. operations in the period from 1 January to 31 March 2008

In the face of adverse conditions prevailing on the financial markets Nova KBM achieved positive operating results in the first three months of 2008.

In the period from 1 January to 31 March 2008 the Bank achieved **net profit** from continuing operations in the amount of € 12,349 thousand, which represents 29 per cent of the planned target for 2008 and an increase of 90.31 per cent as compared to the net profit achieved in same period of 2007.

Book value of share increased by € 0.84 in the last twelve months (by € 0.32 since 1 January 2008) and stood at € 12.99 as at 31 March 2008.

Return on average equity before tax grew from 14.09 per cent as at 31 March 2007 to 23.63 per cent as at 31 March 2008.

Liabilities to citizens in the period of the last twelve months went up by 10.4 per cent or € 164,937 thousand respectively.

Loans to non-bank customers rose by 7.0 per cent or € 196,406 thousand in the first three months of 2008, the major portion of this growth was recorded in loans to non-financial corporations.

In the first quarter of 2008 Nova KBM upheld or increased its market shares in the key areas of operations, namely:

- the Bank's market share of loans to non-bank customers increased by 0.2 percentage points as compared to 31 December 2007.
- the Bank's market share of liabilities to citizens and to non-financial corporations has remained on the same level as it stood as at 31 December 2007.

Key performance indicators of Nova KBM d.d. as of 31 March 2008 as compared to 31 March 2007

	In thousands of euros		
	31.March 2008	31 March 2007	Index
Total balance sheet assets	4,188,289	3,701,070	113.6
Total loans to non-banking sector	2,956,819	2,259,956	130.84
Total deposits from non-banking sector	2,496,083	2,212,407	112.82
Total equity	303,329	283,733	106.91
Interest income	59,996	45,397	132.16
Interest expense	35,311	22,696	155.58
Other financial and operating income and expenses	26,399	36,638	72.05
Profit from continuing operations	16,037	8,878	180.64
Net profit for the period	12,349	6,489	190.31
Book value of share* in EUR	12.99	12.15	106.91
Net profit per share ** in EUR	0.53	0.28	189.29
ROAA - Return on average assets before tax	1.55	0.98	
ROAE – Return on average equity before tax	23.63	14.09	
Operating expenses/ average total assets	1.76	1.92	

*The book value of a share on the last day of the accounting period is calculated as the ratio between the Bank's total equity and the number of shares as of the last day of the accounting period.

** Net profit per share is calculated as the ratio between the net profit achieved in the first three months of the current business/financial year and the number of Nova KBM d.d. shares on the last day of the accounting period.

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Financial position of Nova KBM d.d., expectations for the future, plans and notes with regard to the plan

In the first quarter of 2008 **total profit before tax** exceeded €16 million, which is 29 per cent of the plan. This amount exceeds total profit before tax in the same period of 2007 by 80.64 per cent.

High profit was achieved also due to the regular annual adjustment of impairments and provisions in accordance with IFRS. By decreasing its percentages of impairments and provisions the Bank came near to levels of impairments and provisions of the entire banking system.

Return on equity before tax was 23.63 per cent as at 31 March 2008, whereas the planned ROE for 2008 is 17.16 per cent.

Net profit per share increased in the first quarter of 2008 by 89.29 per cent as compared to the same period of 2007 and represents 29.6 per cent of the plan. The targeted amount of net profit per share in 2008 is €1.79 per share.

The Bank increased its profitability. **Return on assets** came to 1.55 per cent before tax as compared to 0.98 per cent achieved in the same period of 2007. Costs to average assets ratio decreased and reached 1.76 per cent as at 31 March 2008 as compared to 1.92 per cent as at 31 March 2007.

As at 31 March 2008 the **balance sheet assets** of the Bank reached 89 per cent of the targeted amount and increased when compared to the same period of 2007 by 13.16 per cent.

Net loans to non-bank customers reached 91 per cent of the planned amount for 2008 and increased in comparison to the same period of 2007 by 30.84 per cent.

Deposits from non-bank customers reached 96 per cent of the targeted amount for 2008 and increased in comparison to the same period of 2007 by 12.82 per cent.

Changes in Management and Supervisory Board of the Bank

In the first quarter of 2008 there were no changes in the Management and Supervisory board of Nova KBM d.d.

Shareholders structure of Nova KBM d.d.

As at 31 March 2008 the shareholders structure was as follows: the Republic of Slovenia held 42.31 per cent, Kapitalska družba d.d. 4.79 per cent, Slovenska odškodninska družba d.d. 4.79 per cent, households 23.91 per cent, other financial organisations 13.09 per cent, foreign persons 6.55 per cent, non-financial companies 3.32 per cent and other banks 1.21 per cent.

Business outlook for 2008

The Supervisory Board and the Management Board of Nova KBM d.d. approved The Business Policy and the Budget of Nova KBM d.d. for 2008. The Business Policy and the Budget are elaborated in accordance with the amended action strategy for the period 2004 – 2008.

In 2008 Nova KBM d.d. plans to increase its total assets by 15 per cent. At the same time the Bank intends to increase its operating expenses (administration costs and depreciation) by 8.3 per cent. Therefore, the portion of operating expenses in total assets will come down to 2.08 per cent (in 2007: 2.25 per cent).

The Bank's projected total profit from ordinary operations is set at €54.4 million for 2008, while net profit is to reach €41.9 million.

Nova KBM d.d. will continue to position itself as a strong and trustworthy institution whose professional and experienced personnel is able to offer its clients a wide spectrum of first-class financial services and products. The Bank will expand its operations to new markets.

Numerous internal development projects and assignments will be carried out in the Bank in 2008. The main purpose of all these activities is improving the Bank's operations and the quality of its products and services. Some of the projects to be carried out:

- introduction of the new capital accord (Basel II),

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- establishment of the Single Euro Payments Area – SEPA,
- continuation of activities in connection with the Slovenian credit scoring information system (SISBON),
- upgrading of electronic banking, and
- development of an automated reporting system within the Group.

Comment on future uncertainty

The banking system in Slovenia is still witnessing quite unfavourable conditions for borrowing long-term funds from foreign banks, therefore a growth in loans from foreign banks might be lower than anticipated. Higher risk premiums make funding more costly and this will result in higher interest expenses. Should the foreign market conditions further deteriorate, the Bank will have to limit its lending activities. The Bank follows the uncertainty in capital and international money-markets and adapts its activities in accordance with the existing situation.

The Management Board of
Nova KBM d.d.

INCOME STATEMENT
for the period from 01.01. to 31.3.2008

		In thousands of euros	
Ser. no.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	1. 1. to 31. 3. 2008	1. 1. to 31. 3. 2007
1	Interest income and similar income	59.996	45.397
2	Interest expenses and similar expenses	35.311	22.696
3	Interest net income (1 - 2)	24.685	22.701
4	Dividend income	0	0
5	Fee and commission income	10.439	9.669
6	Fee and commission expenses	796	954
7	Fee and commission net income (5 - 6)	9.643	8.715
8	Realised gains and losses on financial assets and liabilities not measured at fair value through profit and loss	1.351	1.468
9	Gains and losses on financial assets and liabilities held for trading	-9.771	7.150
10	Gains and losses on financial assets and liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	0	0
11	Fair value adjustments in hedge accounting	-2.408	0
12	Exchange differences	2.787	-93
13	Gains and losses on derecognition of assets other than held for sale	0	33
14	Other operating net income	112	-336
15	Administration costs	15.606	15.082
16	Depreciation	2.579	2.315
17	Provisions	-2.846	57
18	Impairment	-4.977	13.306
19	Negative goodwill	0	0
20	Share of the profit or loss of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method	0	0
21	Total profit or loss from non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale	0	0
22	TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS BEFORE TAX FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS (3+4+7+8+9+10+11+12+13+14-15-16-17-18+19+20+21)	16.037	8.878
23	Tax expense (income) related to profit or loss from continuing operations	3.688	2.389
24	TOTAL PROFIT OR LOSS AFTER TAX FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS (22 - 23)	12.349	6.489
25	Total profit or loss after tax from discontinued operations	0	0
26	NET PROFIT OR LOSS for the financial year (24 + 25)	12.349	6.489

BALANCE SHEET as at 31.3.2008

In thousands of euros

Item no.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	31.3. 2008	31.12.2007
ASSETS			
1	Cash and cash balances with central banks	83.383	93.891
2	Financial assets held of trading	97.974	116.772
3	Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	0	0
4	Available-for-sale financial assets	694.705	799.683
5	Derivates - hedge accounting	103	329
6	Loans and receivables	3.134.245	3.043.901
	- loans to banks	177.426	283.488
	- loans to non-banking sector	2.956.819	2.760.413
7	Held-to-maturity investments	9.002	9.352
8	Fair value changes of the hedged items in portfolio hedge of interest	0	0
9	Accrued interest income on financial assets	3	2
10	Non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale	0	0
11	Tangible assets	56.499	55.995
12	Investment property	512	512
13	Intangible assets	23.689	23.440
14	Investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures	49.870	49.870
15	Tax assets	8.262	5.262
	-current tax receivable	1.570	6
	-deferred tax receivable	6.692	5.256
16	Other assets	30.042	19.783
17	TOTAL ASSETS (1 to 16)	4.188.289	4.218.792
LIABILITIES			
18	Deposits from central banks	4	8
19	Financial liabilities held of trading	94	12
20	Financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	0	0
21	Derivatives - hedge accounting	1.792	89
22	Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	3.791.791	3.832.024
	- bank deposits	14.262	34.327
	- deposits from non-banking sector	2.491.009	2.484.399
	- bank loans	963.411	988.108
	- loans from non-banking sector	5.074	5.638
	- debt securities	83.264	87.000
	- subordinated liabilities	234.771	232.552
23	Financial liabilities associated to transferred assets	0	0
24	Fair value changes of the hedged items in portfolio hedge of interest	0	0
25	Accrued interest expenses on financial liabilities	19.195	20.944
26	Liabilities included in disposal groups classified as held for sale	0	0
27	Provisions	25.443	28.317
28	Tax liabilities	8.177	4.478
	- current tax liabilities	5.119	1.432
	- deferred tax liabilities	3.058	3.046
29	Other liabilities	38.464	36.894
30	TOTAL LIABILITIES (18 to 29)	3.884.960	3.922.766
31	Basic equity capital	24.368	24.366
32	Share premium account	28.847	28.847
33	Equity component of compound financial instruments	0	0
34	Revaluation reserves	-12.925	-7.876
35	Reserves from profit (including retained earnings)	240.619	240.619
36	Treasury shares	0	0
37	Income from current year	22.420	10.070
38	TOTAL EQUITY (31 to 37)	303.329	296.026
39	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (30 + 38)	4.188.289	4.218.792