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25. ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions	409,020	338,616
Money at call and short notice	13,034,683	13,443,296
Exchange fund bills	826,136	776,408
Placements with banks and other financial institutions		
(repayable within three months)	2,200,011	2,370,007
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial		
institutions (repayable within three months)	(544,206)	(1,158,721)
	15,925,644	15,769,606

26. LOANS TO OFFICERS

The aggregate relevant loans to officers disclosed pursuant to Section 161B(4B) of the Companies Ordinance are as follows:

	THE GROUP		
	AND THE BANK		
	2001		
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Aggregate balance of all relevant loans outstanding			
at the balance sheet date	132,101	110,294	
Maximum aggregate balance of relevant loans			
during the year	141,717	117,858	

27. OFF-BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURES

	THE GROUP		THE BANK	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Contingent liabilities and commitments - contractual amounts				
Direct credit substitutes	390,897	379,255	390,897	379,255
Trade – related contingencies	195,097	238,304	195,097	238,304
Other commitments With an original maturity of under one year or which are unconditionally cancellable	3,283,442	3,822,901	3,285,072	3,823,081
With an original maturity of one year and over	1,791,073	1,126,988	1,790,559	1,125,704
Forward assets purchases	136,322	177,807	136,322	174,375
	5,796,831	5,745,255	5,797,947	5,740,719

Included under "Other commitments" are non-cancellable operating leases commitments in respect of rented premises. At the balance sheet date, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under these non-cancellable operating leases which fall due as follows:

	THE	GROUP	THE BANK		
	2001	2000	2001	2000	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Within one year	19,501	18,280	21,130	18,460	
In the second to fifth year inclusive	19,000	25,716	18,487	24,432	
	38,501	43,996	39,617	42,892	

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27. OFF-BALANCE SHEET EXPOSURES - continued

Included under "Forward assets purchases" are capital commitments as follows:

	THE	E GROUP	THE BANK		
	2001	2000	2001	2000	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Capital expenditure contracted for					
but not provided in the financial					
statements in respect of:					
- property and equipment	7,787	21,565	7,787	18,133	
- investment in fund	128,535	156,242	128,535	156,242	
	136,322	177,807	136,322	174,375	
Derivatives - notional amounts					
Forward exchange rate contracts					
- hedging	49,742	25,506	49,742	25,506	

The replacement costs and credit risk weighted amounts of the above off-balance sheet exposures are as follows:

	THE GROUP			THE BANK				
	2001		2000		2001		2000	
	Credit risk		Credit risk		Credit risk		Credit risk	
	Replacement	weighted	Replacement	weighted	Replacement	weighted	Replacement	weighted
	cost	amount	cost	amount	cost	amount	cost	amount
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Contingent liabilities and commitments Exchange rate contract	N/A ts <u>895</u> <u>895</u>	1,220,452 696 1,221,148	155	938,657 153 938,810	N/A 895 895	1,220,452 696 1,221,148	N/A 155 155	938,657 153 938,810

The above amounts do not take into account the effects of bilateral netting arrangements.

At the balance sheet, the Group as lessor had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments:

	THE GROUP		
	AND THE BANK		
	2001	2000	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Within one year	7,000	7,179	
In the second to fifth year inclusive	2,177	2,671	
	9,177	9,850	