### Press release



# BANK OF ALBANIA

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## Interventions in the Money Market and in the Foreign Exchange Market during the first quarter of 2010

#### 1. BANK OF ALBANIA INTERVENTIONS IN THE MONEY MARKET

Table 1 Temporary open market operations' volume

(In ALL million \*)

DATE		One-week R/REPO at a Variable price	One- month R/REPO	Three- month R/REPO
05.1.2010				
07.1.2010	19,070.00		3,000.00	
14.1.2010		15,010.00		5,000.00
21.1.2010		22,000.00		
28.1.2010		22,350.00		5,000.00
04.2.2010		17,930.00		
08.2.2010				3,000.00
11.2.2010		16,990.00		
18.2.2010		19,580.00		
25.2.2010		19,230.00		
04.3.2010		15,860.00		
11.3.2010		13,150.00		
18.3.2010		14,500.00		
25.3.2010		15,780.00		
31.3.2010				

1.1. <u>Open market</u> <u>operations</u>

Money market interventions during the first quarter of 2010 consist of open market operations to inject liquidity.

Bank of Albania to inject liquidity employed its main instrument, the repurchase reverse agreement of one-week maturity, averagely ALL 17.49 billion\* a week as well as the adjusting instrument of longermaturity term, the repurchase agreement of one-month and threemonth maturity. The one-month R/Repo

agreement was used in 1 case, at an average ALL 3.0 billion. The three-month R/Repo agreement was used in 3 cases, averagely ALL 4.3 billion per auction. \*

<sup>\*</sup> Figures are stated at face value

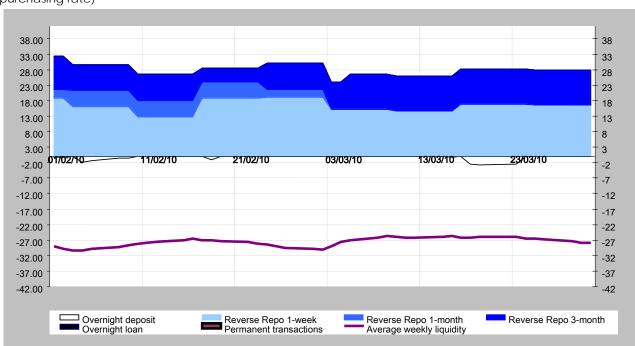
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### Use of standing facilities

On an average daily values, the overnight deposit instrument, during the first quarter of 2010, was employed by ALL 0.35 billion, relative to ALL 0.54 billion during the previous quarter. The use of overnight deposit occurred more intensively during the last days of the required reserve maintaining period.

The overnight loan instrument was used at minimum rates during this quarter (in one case amounting to ALL 10 million).

The following chart summarises the Bank of Albania interventions in the money market during the first quarter of 2010.



**Chart 1**: Bank of Albania interventions in the money market during the first quarter of 2010 (at purchasing rate)

Source: Bank of Albania

### 2. INTERVENTIONS IN THE DOMESTIC FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET

### Transactions with commercial banks

Bank of Albania has conducted none intervention in the domestic foreign exchange market, during the first quarter of 2010, and has carried out no transaction with the commercial banks.

### Transactions with other institutions

The transactions for the sale and purchase of foreign currency with the Ministry of Finance persisted to be carried out during this period. The foreign currency purchases of the Bank of Albania from the Ministry of Finance, during this period amounted to ALL 4.87 billion, whereas the sales ALL 6.22 billion.

Foreign currency purchases from foreign institutions account for ALL 0.14 billion (International Development Agency– IDA and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development - IBRD).

Financial institutions	Foreign currency purchase (in ALL million)	Foreign currency sale (in ALL million)
MINISTRY OF FINANCE	4,869.6	6,215.5
OTHER (IDA, IBRD)	137.2	

Source: Bank of Albania