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Important monetary policy data for the week ending 17 February 2006

Assets and liabilities of the SNB of relevance for monetary policy

| Assets (in CHF millions) | 17 February 2006 | Changes from previous week |
|---|------------------|----------------------------|
| Claims from main financing and fine-tuning transactions | 20'002.0 | +1.0 |
| Claims from the liquidity-shortage financing facility | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Liabilities (in CHF millions) | | |
| Banknotes in circulation | 37'534.0 | -649.9 |
| Sight deposit accounts of domestic banks | 4'624.3 | +660.3 |
| Liabilities from liquidity-absorbing transactions | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Reference interest rates SNB

| Date | Target range for three-month Libor | Three-month Libor | Special rate liquidity-shortage facility ¹ |
|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 13.02.06 | 0.50% - 1.50% | 1.08000% | 2.83% |
| 14.02.06 | 0.50% - 1.50% | 1.08000% | 2.84% |
| 15.02.06 | 0.50% - 1.50% | 1.08000% | 2.85% |
| 16.02.06 | 0.50% - 1.50% | 1.09833% | 2.89% |
| 17.02.06 | 0.50% - 1.50% | 1.10000% | 2.96% |

¹ Repo Overnight Index (SNB) from previous day + 2%

Minimum reserves: sight deposits of domestic banks averaged over the reporting period (in CHF millions) ²

| Previous reporting period | | Current reporting period | |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Average until | Sight deposits | Average until | Sight deposits |

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|------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| 23.12.05 | 5'346 | 20.01.06 | 4'197 |
| 30.12.05 | 5'529 | 27.01.06 | 4'502 |
| 06.01.06 | 5'269 | 03.02.06 | 4'547 |
| 13.01.06 | 5'246 | 10.02.06 | 4'609 |
| | | 17.02.06 | 4'615 |
| Final figure Period | 4'963 | | |

² The period lasts from the 20th of a month until the 19th of the following month

Minimum reserves: compliance during the last 12 periods (in CHF millions)

| Period | Requirement | Eligible assets ³ | Notes Coins | Sight deposits | Compliance in percent | Interest rate ⁴ |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20.01.05 - 19.02.05 | 7'343 | 9'343 | 4'462 | 4'881 | 127 | 3.72% |
| 20.02.05 - 19.03.05 | 7'431 | 9'260 | 4'494 | 4'766 | 125 | 3.72% |
| 20.03.05 - 19.04.05 | 7'504 | 9'378 | 4'606 | 4'771 | 125 | 3.74% |
| 20.04.05 - 19.05.05 | 7'627 | 9'548 | 4'599 | 4'949 | 125 | 3.74% |
| 20.05.05 - 19.06.05 | 7'666 | 9'158 | 4'569 | 4'589 | 119 | 3.73% |
| 20.06.05 - 19.07.05 | 7'692 | 9'206 | 4'676 | 4'530 | 120 | 3.73% |
| 20.07.05 - 19.08.05 | 7'648 | 9'122 | 4'632 | 4'490 | 119 | 3.74% |
| 20.08.05 - 19.09.05 | 7'652 | 9'084 | 4'629 | 4'455 | 119 | 3.73% |
| 20.09.05 - 19.10.05 | 7'657 | 9'385 | 4'518 | 4'867 | 123 | 3.74% |
| 20.10.05 - 19.11.05 | 7'763 | 9'201 | 4'517 | 4'683 | 119 | 3.75% |
| 20.11.05 - 19.12.05 | 7'830 | 10'124 | 4'640 | 5'484 | 129 | 3.90% |

³ Sum of notes/coins and sight deposits

⁴ Interest obligation in the event of non-fulfilment of the minimum reserve requirements

Repo Overnight Index (SNB)

| Date | Reference rate (weighted) ⁵ | Daily high | Daily low | Trading volume in CHF millions | Number of transactions |
|----------|---|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 13.02.06 | 0.84% | 0.87% | 0.80% | 3'916 | 61 |
| 14.02.06 | 0.85% | 0.90% | 0.81% | 1'963 | 43 |
| 15.02.06 | 0.89% | 1.01% | 0.83% | 3'463 | 60 |
| 16.02.06 | 0.96% | 1.05% | 0.90% | 2'586 | 53 |
| 17.02.06 | 0.91% | 0.97% | 0.85% | 2'807 | 56 |

⁵ Definition cf. www.snb.ch (News, Important monetary policy data)

Daily results of monetary policy transactions (in CHF millions)

| Transaction SNB ⁶ | Contract | from | until | Type | Price ⁷ | Bids | Allocation | |
|------------------------------|----------|------|----------|----------|--------------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 13.02.06 | CP | 1W | 15.02.06 | 22.02.06 | R-auction | 0.83% | 5'435 | 3'001 |
| 14.02.06 | CP | 1W | 16.02.06 | 23.02.06 | R-auction | 0.84% | 16'725 | 4'500 |

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| 15.02.06 | CP | 1W | 17.02.06 | 24.02.06 | R-auction | 0.84% | 11'275 | 4'501 |
| 16.02.06 | CP | 1W | 20.02.06 | 27.02.06 | R-auction | 0.85% | 15'615 | 4'501 |
| 16.02.06 | CP | ON | 16.02.06 | 17.02.06 | R-bilateral | 1.05% | 1'500 | 1'500 |
| 17.02.06 | CP | 1W | 21.02.06 | 28.02.06 | R-auction | 0.85% | 26'650 | 4'001 |

⁶ CP = cash provider CHF; CT = cash taker CHF

⁷ for bilateral transactions: average rate; for swaps: premium or discount (Pips)