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Important monetary policy data for the week ending 22 December 2006

Assets and liabilities of the SNB of relevance for monetary policy

| Assets (in CHF millions) | 22 December 2006 | Changes from previous week |
|---|------------------|----------------------------|
| Claims from main financing and fine-tuning transactions | 24'602.0 | +4'600.0 |
| Claims from the liquidity-shortage financing facility | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Liabilities (in CHF millions) | | |
| Banknotes in circulation | 41'964.3 | +2'516.9 |
| Sight deposit accounts of domestic banks | 4'979.8 | +1'710.9 |
| 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 |
|----------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 18.12.06 | 1.50% - 2.50% | 2.03583% | 4.14% |
| 19.12.06 | 1.50% - 2.50% | 2.04750% | 3.62% |
| 20.12.06 | 1.50% - 2.50% | 2.05083% | 3.77% |
| 21.12.06 | 1.50% - 2.50% | 2.06083% | 4.02% |
| 22.12.06 | 1.50% - 2.50% | 2.07000% | 3.90% |

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 |

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|----------|-------|
| 24.11.06 | 5'076 | 22.12.06 | 5'444 |
| 01.12.06 | 5'246 | | |
| 08.12.06 | 5'569 | | |
| 15.12.06 | 5'145 | | |
| Final figure Period | 5'087 | | |

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 |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 20.11.05 - 19.12.05 | 7'830 | 10'123 | 4'640 | 5'484 | 129 | 3.90% |
| 20.12.05 - 19.01.06 | 7'960 | 9'995 | 5'036 | 4'959 | 126 | 3.90% |
| 20.01.06 - 19.02.06 | 8'032 | 9'451 | 4'839 | 4'612 | 118 | 3.91% |
| 20.02.06 - 19.03.06 | 8'055 | 10'042 | 4'884 | 5'157 | 125 | 4.03% |
| 20.03.06 - 19.04.06 | 8'155 | 9'795 | 4'937 | 4'859 | 120 | 4.16% |
| 20.04.06 - 19.05.06 | 8'225 | 10'023 | 4'724 | 5'300 | 122 | 4.27% |
| 20.05.06 - 19.06.06 | 8'285 | 10'473 | 4'845 | 5'627 | 126 | 4.34% |
| 20.06.06 - 19.07.06 | 8'241 | 9'822 | 4'737 | 5'085 | 119 | 4.42% |
| 20.07.06 - 19.08.06 | 8'180 | 9'565 | 4'818 | 4'747 | 117 | 4.43% |
| 20.08.06 - 19.09.06 | 8'142 | 9'479 | 4'644 | 4'834 | 116 | 4.57% |
| 20.09.06 - 19.10.06 | 8'119 | 9'765 | 4'810 | 4'956 | 120 | 4.73% |
| 20.10.06 - 19.11.06 | 8'184 | 9'464 | 4'643 | 4'821 | 116 | 4.74% |

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 |
|----------|---|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 18.12.06 | 1.62% | 2.05% | 1.45% | 3'358 | 56 |
| 19.12.06 | 1.77% | 1.90% | 1.50% | 3'022 | 63 |
| 20.12.06 | 2.02% | 2.20% | 1.90% | 3'370 | 66 |
| 21.12.06 | 1.90% | 2.08% | 1.60% | 3'488 | 67 |
| 22.12.06 | 1.83% | 1.98% | 1.63% | 3'530 | 68 |

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 |
|-------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------------|--------|------------|
| 18.12.06 | CP | 2W | 20.12.06 | 03.01.07 | R-auction | 1.89% | 13'750 | 7'601 |
| 18.12.06 | CP | Non-Std | 18.12.06 | 08.01.07 | R-auction | 1.89% | 6'610 | 1'000 |
| 18.12.06 | CP | TN | 19.12.06 | 20.12.06 | R-auction | 2.00% | 2'050 | 1'002 |

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|----------|----|---------|----------|----------|-------------|-------|--------|-------|
| 19.12.06 | CP | 1W | 21.12.06 | 28.12.06 | R-auction | 1.89% | 9'087 | 4'000 |
| 20.12.06 | CP | 1W | 22.12.06 | 29.12.06 | R-auction | 1.89% | 11'833 | 4'500 |
| 21.12.06 | CP | Non-Std | 27.12.06 | 09.01.07 | R-auction | 1.90% | 15'764 | 4'503 |
| 21.12.06 | CP | ON | 21.12.06 | 22.12.06 | R-bilateral | 2.05% | 2'000 | 2'000 |
| 22.12.06 | CP | 1W | 28.12.06 | 04.01.07 | R-auction | 1.90% | 27'020 | 5'000 |

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

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