

Latvian Mortgage and Land Bank - 1999 Results

On 22 June 1999, having reviewed the further development program of the Bank for 1999-2005, the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia approved the following strategic activities of the Bank:

- €# lending to small and medium-size businesses;
- €# mortgage lending and issue of mortgage bonds for the purpose of refinancing mortgage loans.

The Mortgage bank is the only bank issuing mortgages in Latvia. In 1999, the Bank has succeeded in issuing mortgage bonds totaling LVL 530,000.

With a view to implementing the Bank's strategy, the management and the staff of the Mortgage and Land Bank of Latvia in co-operation with its owner, i.e. the Latvian government, have continued to work at:

- €# improving the lending project aimed at encouraging the development of small and medium-size business;
- €# the project on residential housing, reconstruction and maintenance and enhancement of energy efficiency
- €# improving the mortgage lending system in Latvia.

November 1999 of the draft project of lending aimed at encouraging the development of small and medium sized businesses. The Cabinet of Ministers approved also the state guarantee required to borrow LVL 10 million from foreign credit institutions in order to implement the project, including LVL 3.2 million necessary for the Mortgage Ban in 2000. These arrangements are subject to approval by the Saeima (Parliament) of the republic of Latvia.

In September 1999, the Bank completed the updating of its IT systems via implementation of the software *MIDAS KAITI INTERNATIONAL EQUATION*. As a result, all branches of the Bank are operating in on-line mode. With EQUATION in place, the Bank is committed to guarantee uninterrupted service to its clients in the year 2000.

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