

#### 4. RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

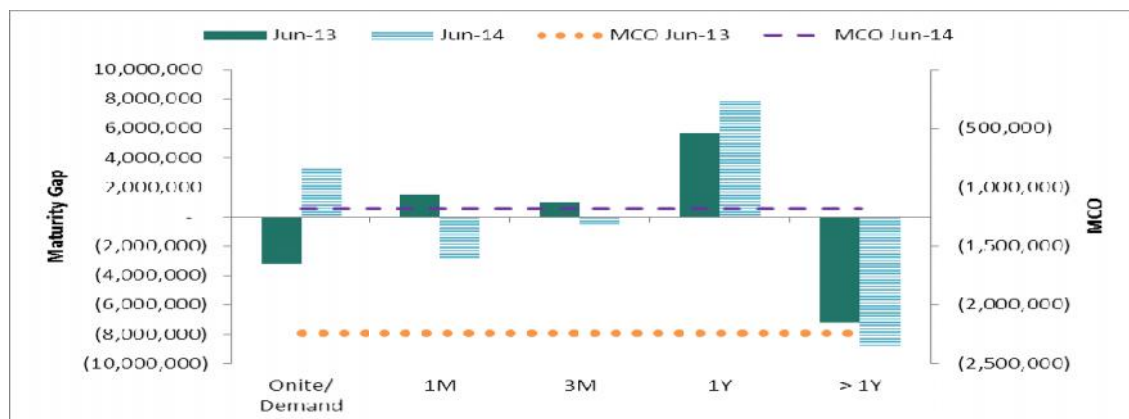
The Bank's financial risks sums up the credit and market risk exposures as a result of its dealings and inventory of financial instruments inherent in its banking functions. The Bank's BOD formulates the corporate risk policy, sets risk tolerances and appetite and provide risk oversight function through the Risk Management Committee (RiskCom), which in turn supervises the Chief Risk Officer and Head of the Risk Management Center in the development and implementation of risk policies, processes and guidelines. The Bank's policy in managing its financial risks is embodied in the BOD-approved Risk Management Manuals.

##### Liquidity Risks

Liquidity risk is the risk to income and capital as a result of the Bank failing its commitment for funds as they fall due. The Bank manages its liquidity risk through the management's monitoring of various liquidity ratios, Treasury's weekly and regular assessment of liquidity gaps, and the maturity ladder. To control liquidity gap risks, a quantitative ceiling to the net outflow of funds of the bank called Maximum Cumulative Outflow (MCO) limit is observed per currency based on the recommendation of management, which model and assumptions are reviewed by the Asset and Liability Committee (ALCO) and the RiskCom prior to the confirmation by the BOD.

Additional measures to mitigate liquidity risks include reporting of funding concentration, available funding sources, and liquid assets analysis. More frequent analysis of projected funding source and requirements as well as pricing strategies is discussed thoroughly during the weekly Asset and Liability Committee meetings.

The analysis of the cash flow gap analysis of resources, liabilities, capital funds and off-statement financial position items as of June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013 is presented below (amounts in thousands).



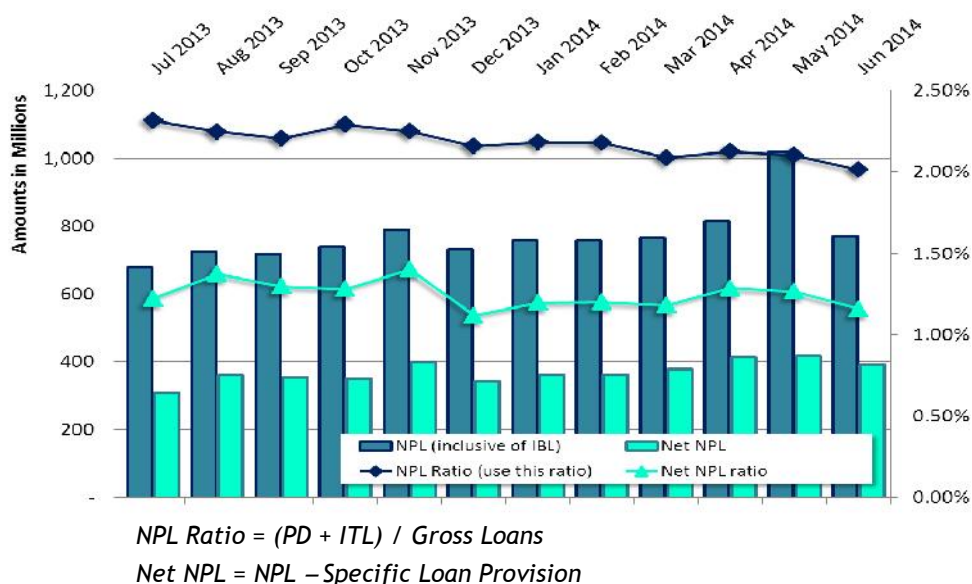
##### Credit Risks

Credit risk pertains to the risk to income or capital due to non-payment by borrowers or counterparties of their obligations, either in full or partially as they fall due, deterioration in the credit quality of a borrower, issuer or counterparty, and the reduced recovery from a credit facility in the event of default. This is inherent in the Bank's lending, investing, and trading and is managed in accordance with the Bank's credit risk framework of risk identification, measurement, control and monitoring.

Credit risk is managed through a continuing review of credit policies, systems, and procedures. It starts with the definition of business goals and setting of risk policies by the Board of Directors (BOD). Account officers and credit officers directly handle credit risk as guided by BOD-approved policies and limits. The Risk Management Center, as guided by the RiskCom, performs an independent portfolio oversight of credit risks and reports regularly to the BOD and the RiskCom.

The Bank sets aside loan loss provisions pursuant to the requirement of the BSP and performs regular impairment analysis consistent with the Philippine Accounting Standards (PAS).

Pursuant to regulatory requirements and best practices, the Bank also conducts sensitivity analysis and stress testing of the credit portfolio to assess sensitivity of the Bank's capital to BOD-approved credit risk scenarios. As of June 30, 2014, the ratio of the Bank's loan loss provisions to its non-performing loans is at 92%. The table below shows the NPL and Net NPL trend of the Bank for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2014:

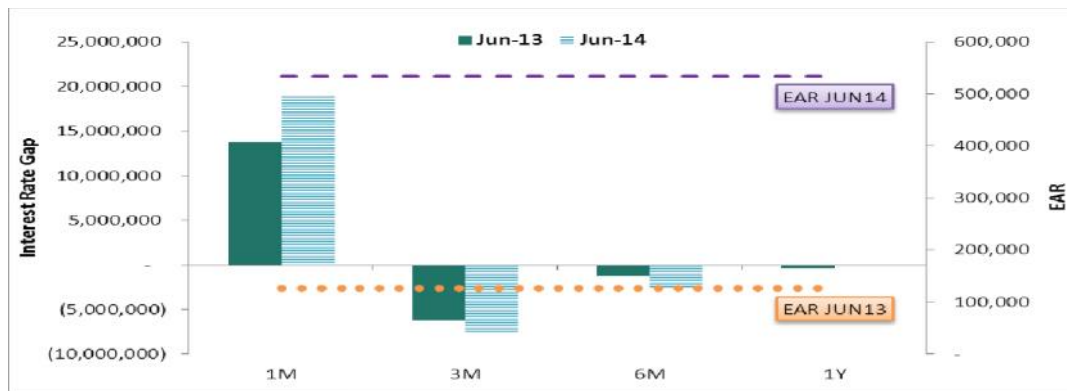


### Interest Rate Risks

Interest rate risk is the probability of decline in net interest earnings as a result of an adverse movement of interest rates.

In measuring interest rate exposure from an earnings perspective, the Bank calculates the Earnings at Risk (EAR) to determine the impact of interest rate changes on the Bank's accrual portfolio. The EAR is the potential decline in net interest income due to the adverse movement in interest rates. A negative interest rate sensitivity gap position implies that EAR increases with a rise in interest rates, while a positive interest rate sensitivity gap results in a potential decline in net interest rate income as interest rates fall. To supplement the EAR, the Bank regularly employs sensitivity analysis on the Bank's interest rate exposure.

To mitigate interest rate risk, the Bank follows a prudent policy on managing assets and liabilities so as to ensure that exposure to interest rate risk are kept within acceptable levels. The BOD has also approved the EAR Limit which is reviewed regularly. Interest rate gap & EAR are presented below (in thousands).



### Price Risks

In measuring the magnitude of exposures related to the Bank's trading portfolio arising from holding of government and other debt securities, the Bank employs Value-at-Risk (VaR) methodology. VaR is an estimate of the amount of loss that a given risk exposure is unlikely to exceed during a given time period, at a given level of statistical confidence. Analytically, VaR is the product of: (a) the sensitivity of the market value of the position to movement of the relevant market risk factors, and (b) the volatility of the market risk factor for the given time horizon at a specified level of statistical confidence. Typically, the Bank uses a 99% confidence level for this measurement (i.e. losses could exceed the VaR in one out of 100 trading days). As the VaR methodology requires a minimum historical period of reckoning with market movements from a transparent discovery platform, the Bank uses yield and price data from the Philippine Dealing Exchange Corporation and Bloomberg in the calculation of the volatility of rates of return and security prices, consistent with BSP valuation guidelines. In assessing market risk, the Bank scales the calculated VaR based on assumed defeasance or holding periods that range from one day and 10 days consistent with best practices and BSP standards.

As a prudent market risk control and compliance practice, the BOD has approved a market risk limit system which includes: (1) VaR limit on a per instrument and portfolio; (2) loss limit on per investment portfolio (3) off-market rate limits on per instrument type; and (4) holding period for investment securities.

In recognition of the limitations of VaR related to the assumptions on which the model is based, the Bank supplements the VaR with a wide range of stress tests to model the financial impact of a variety of exceptional market scenarios on individual trading portfolios and the Bank's overall position.

Table below shows HFT and FX VaR statistics from Jan-Jun 2014:

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	HFT	FX
Average	17,492	1,305
High	30,662	3,158
Low	13,971	12

### FX Risks

The Bank manages its exposure to effects of fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange rates by maintaining foreign currency exposure within the existing regulatory guidelines and at a level that it believes to be relatively conservative for a financial institution engaged in that type of business.

The Bank's foreign currency exposure is primarily limited to the foreign currency deposits, which are sourced within the Philippines or generated from remittances by Filipino expatriates and overseas Filipino workers. Also, foreign currency trading with corporate accounts and other financial institutions is a source of foreign currency exposure for the Bank. At the end of each month, the Bank reports to the BSP on its acquisition and disposition of foreign currency resulting from its daily transactions.

The Bank always maintains the BSP required asset cover for its foreign-currency liabilities.