



# PROSPECTUS

## FOR BOND ISSUE OF EC\$40 MILLION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

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## I GENERAL INFORMATION ON BOND ISSUE

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- Date of Publication:** July 2006
- Registration:** This prospectus will be registered with the Regional Debt Coordinating Committee (RDCC).
- Purpose of Issue:** To finance various projects under the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines Public Sector Investment Programme 2006 and to provide Liquidity in these instruments by virtue of being traded on the secondary Market via the ECSE platform.
- Amount of Issue:** Forty million Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$40,000,000)
- Legislative Authority:** Public Sector Investment Loan Act No.5 of 2006

*This Prospectus is issued for the purpose of giving information to the public. CMMB and NCB SVG Ltd make no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of any information contained herein or otherwise provided with respect to this bond offering.*

*Statements contained in this prospectus describing documents are provided in summary form only and are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents. Therefore, the ultimate decision and responsibility to proceed with any transaction with respect to this offering rest solely with you. Prior to entering into the proposed investment, you should consider the economic risks and merits, as well as the legal, tax and accounting characteristics and consequences of this bond offering, and that you are able to assume these risks.*

*The prospectus and its content are issued for the specific bond issue described herein. Should you require advice, consult a licensed intermediary under the securities act or any other duly qualified person who specializes in advising on the acquisition of government instruments or other securities.*

## **II. INFORMATION ON BOND ISSUE**

- a.** The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines (GOVSVG or Government) proposes to issue a 10-year forty million Eastern Caribbean dollars (\$40,000,000.00) bond.
- b.** The coupon rate payable on the bond will be 7.50% per annum.
- c.** The bond will be auctioned on August 15 and 16 2006
- d.** The bond issue will be settled on August 17, 2006.
- e.** The maturity date of the issue will be on August 17, 2016 consistent with the maturity terms of the bond issue.
- f.** No taxes are payable on the bond.
- g.** Interest coupon payments will be payable semi-annually on February 16th and August 17th starting February 2007. Principal will be repaid in twenty (20) equal semi-annual payments commencing six (6) months after issue date and payable on each interest payment date. Interest will be calculated based on the reducing balance
- h.** The bond is being issued under the authority of the Public Sector Investment Loan Act No. 5 of 2006. Under the constitution, the interest and principal repayments are a direct charge on the consolidated revenue fund of the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines.
- i.** The Government has not yet been rated by any regional or international rating agency. The GOVSVG assigns very high priority to honouring its debt commitments.

- j.** The Bond will be issued on the Regional Government Securities Market (RGSM) and will be traded on the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE).
- k.** The method of issue will be a fixed price auction bond with closed bidding.
- l.** The minimum bid amount is EC\$5,000.00
- m.** The bid multiplier will be set at EC\$1,000.00
- n.** The trading symbol for the bond will be VCG100816
- o.** Each investor is allowed one bid with the option to increase the amount of the bid at any time during the bidding period.
- p.** The bidding period will be opened at 9.00 a.m. and will close at 4.00 p.m. on August 15 2006 and re-open at 9.00 a.m. and will close at 12.00 noon on August 16 2006.
- q.** Investors can participate in the issue through the services of any of the Licensed Intermediaries for a fee.
- r.** The current Licensed Intermediaries are:
  - ABI Bank Limited
  - Antigua Commercial Bank Limited
  - Bank of Nevis Limited
  - Bank of Saint Lucia Limited
  - National Commercial Bank (SVG) Limited
  - National Mortgage Finance Company of Dominica Limited
  - St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla National Bank Limited
  - Republic Finance and Merchant Bank Ltd (FINCOR). – Grenada
  - Caribbean Money Market Brokers Limited (CMMB). – Trinidad

- Caribbean Money Market Brokers Limited (CMMB). – St. Lucia
  - National Bank of Anguilla Limited
- s. All currency references will be the Eastern Caribbean Dollar unless stated otherwise.

### **III. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT**

The Ministry is headed by the Minister of Finance and comprises several Departments over which the Director General has administrative control. Debt management functions have been centralized in the Debt Management Unit of the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Development. The Debt Management Unit performs all debt management activities and provides policy advice on the overall debt management strategy of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) conducts quarterly economic and financial reviews that are published across the region ([www.eccb-centralbank.org](http://www.eccb-centralbank.org)). *Article IV Country Reviews* conducted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are also published and available on the Fund's Website ([www.imf.org](http://www.imf.org)).

The Ministry of Finance, Planning and Development seeks to establish a client-oriented environment conducive to the attainment of sustainable economic development and improvement of the quality of life of all citizens of St. Vincent and the Grenadines through sound economic management and the promotion of good governance.

#### **Debt Management Objective**

The objective of the GOSVG is to ensure that the proceeds of debt are used in the most effective manner and that the terms and conditions of debt, including maturity and interest rate, result in the most efficient repayment schedules that are compatible with the periodic cash flows of the Government.



## **IV. MACRO ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE**

### **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

Preliminary statistics for 2005 indicate that the economy of St. Vincent and the Grenadines recorded an increase in real GDP of 2.2% compared with 6.8% in 2004. Real GDP during the period 2001-2005 averaged approximately 3.0%. Despite several exogenous shocks, St. Vincent and the Grenadines continue to record positive growth.

### **SECTORAL DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **Agriculture**

Notwithstanding the declining contribution of this sector to GDP, its contribution to the economic development of St. Vincent and the Grenadines remain significant. The sector contributes significantly to the level of rural employment and the enhancement of the national food supply and is thus an important pillar in the government's poverty alleviation initiatives.

In 2005, agricultural production declined 5.96%, this was as a direct result of contraction in the Banana, and Fishing sub-sectors (*24.88% and 13.11% respectively*). In this regard, the government intends to step up its diversification efforts around bananas through the Agricultural Diversification Unit and other agencies. The Kingstown Fish Market remodeling project has been completed and this in conjunction with the upgrading of the Bequia Fisheries Center, upgrading of the Fisheries Center in Union Island and the construction of new fisheries facilities in Owia is expected to provide a further boost to the Fishing Industry. Government also intends to continue with its revitalization work on the Arrowroot Industry.

#### **Manufacturing**

In 2005, the manufacturing sector grew by 2.12%, down from 3.27% in 2004, nevertheless, the sector's contribution to GDP remained constant at 5.6%. Growth in the sector slowed due to declines in the production of Flour and Rice of 3.9% and 6.4% respectively. Of the other manufactured products, output of brewed production improved by 13.2% (*83,759 h/litres in 2005 up from 74,022 h/litre in 2004*).

Government is continuing its effort to make the sector internationally competitive. Firms are encouraged, through fiscal incentives, to lift their productivity and Government is also continuing to integrate manufacturing with other sectors of the economy by:

- Developing the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector through improvement of business and entrepreneurial skills and increasing access to credit;
- Modernizing the manufacturing sector as a whole through the provision of the necessary infrastructure to attract investors.

### **Construction**

Whereas in 2004, this was the leading growth sector in the economy growing by 14.7%, in 2005, growth in this sector slowed to 0.41%. Its contribution to GDP however remained consistently high at approximately 10%, suggesting a tapering off of output in the sector. It is anticipated that the sector will return to strong growth following the implementation of a number of government projects in 2006, including:

- the National Library Project,
- the Arnos Vale Playing Field rehabilitation for Cricket World Cup 2007
- and the continuation of phase II and III of the Windward Highway.

Private sector residential construction activity is also expected to remain high.

### **Tourism**

Despite the impact of external shocks, the tourism industry continues to be resilient and was the lead growth sector in the economy in 2005 growing by 10.57% up from 7.30% in 2004. This is mainly on account of a 5.33% and a 10.75% increase in the Yachting and Stay-Over categories, off-setting the decline of 26.63% in the Cruise category.

The government, recognizing the pivotal importance of this sector has increased its allocation of public expenditure on tourism and physical infrastructural facilities, which will help to boost the tourism product. Government is also fostering economic linkages

between tourism and other sectors of the economy. The Government's Tourism Strategic Plan will also be reviewed in 2006.

## **GOVERNMENT FISCAL OPERATIONS**

### **Performance**

The current account operations of the central government weakened somewhat during the year 2005 as reflected in the decline in the recurrent account surplus to \$10.79 million (1% of GDP) from 30.18 million (2.9% of GDP) in 2004. This reduction in the current surplus is a result of a 9.5% increase in recurrent expenditure to \$322.45 million while recurrent revenue grew modestly by 2.6% to \$333.24 million. The growth in revenue was due primarily to an increase in the receipt of taxes on income and profits (11.6%), licenses (3.4%) and taxes on international trade (3.1%).

There were higher levels of expenditure in most of the major categories of expenditure except for goods and services. The largest increase was recorded for interest payment which was 26.9% higher than that of the previous year. Other major categories such as transfers and subsidies, wages and personal emoluments rose by 15.4%, 15.5% and 8.2% respectively.

### **Policy Objectives**

The economic approach of the Government includes the following central elements:

1. The maintenance of macro-economic fundamentals of a stable currency, low inflation, fiscal prudence, enhanced competitiveness, and increased productivity.
2. The placement of social equity at the center of the considerations in the fashioning of economic policy.
3. The pursuance of a policy of balanced economic growth which is sustainable and which generates more jobs, especially quality employment.
4. Establishing partnerships with the Private Sector for creating wealth and to boost economic activity.
5. Implementation of a Public Sector Investment Programme to create, among other things, a fiscal stimulus to the economy.

6. Provide an appropriate balance between the conflicting objectives of providing fiscal stimulus while maintaining a sustainable debt path.

The achievement of the medium-term fiscal targets will be greatly facilitated in the coming months with the introduction of a Value Added Tax (VAT) from January 2007. A VAT Implementation Unit has been established and is working under the guidance of a Steering Committee comprising representatives from the public and private sectors and civil society.

The Public Sector Investment Program is viewed as key to stimulating economic activity and providing the basis for private sector-led growth. The PSIP is projected to increase sustainability in 2006 when the following major projects will be implemented:

- Arnos Vale Sports Complex Redevelopment,
- E.T. Joshua Airport Improvement,
- Canouan Airport Expansion,
- Priority Road Rehabilitation,
- Basic Education Project II,
- Rehabilitation of the Windward Highway,
- National Library Complex,
- Cross Country Road, Education Support Project,
- Correctional Facility and
- New Customs Building.

## **DEMOGRAPHY**

In 2001, St. Vincent and the Grenadines' population totaled 112,000 with GDP per capita of US\$3,116 compared with a 2000 GDP per capita of US\$3,055. In 2001, males accounted for 50.9% of the population while females accounted for 49.1%, indicating that at the last census the sex ratio of the population was almost equal. This is consistent with the findings of the 1991 census. St. Vincent and the Grenadines has an area of 388 sq. km and population density per sq. km of 288. Life expectancy at birth is 68.8 years and infant mortality rate, per thousand live births is 16.3.

## V. PUBLIC DEBT

As at December 31, 2005 the total disbursed outstanding public debt for St. Vincent and the Grenadines was estimated at \$975.17 million, which comprises External Debt of \$636.42 million and Domestic Debt of \$338.75 million (See Appendix VI). This represents an increase of 10.3% over the stock of \$884.12 million recorded at the end of December 2004. This 10.3% increase comes on the heel of a 16.1% increase in 2004, which means that the public debt has increased by 27.4% over the last two years. The Debt to GDP ratio has increased from 80.2% as at the end of 2004 to 84.3% for the end of 2005 against the IMF's benchmark of 60%. However, the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines will pursue debt reduction and rescheduling aimed at reducing debt and debt servicing costs. Over the medium to long term, a 75% Debt to GDP ratio is being targeted. Additionally, in order to maintain the Public debt within manageable limits, the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has drafted and will be implementing a Debt Management Strategy.

The main objectives of this Strategy are:

- To satisfy the financing needs of the public sector at minimum cost over the medium to long term, in a prudent and sustainable manner;
- To limit exchange rate risk by minimizing the non-US\$ denominated foreign debt;
- To promote the development of Money and Capital Markets within the ECCU.

## VI. CURRENT ISSUES OF GOVSVG SECURITIES ON RGSM.

### TREASURY BILLS

There are currently three (3) 91 day Treasury Bill issues listed on the East Caribbean Securities Exchange of EC\$16 million each.

- **Issues Outstanding** Issue \$48.0M (Three issues of \$16million each)
- **Type of Issue** Government of St Vincent and The Grenadines Treasury Bills
- **Maturity in days** 91 days
- **Date of Issues** Every 91 days

• <b>Discount rate</b>	N/A
<b>Yields</b>	Weighted Average for 2006 -5.82%
<b>Discount Price</b>	\$98.58

## **BONDS**

• <b>Issues Outstanding</b>	\$90.0 M ( Three issues of \$30M each)
• <b>Type of Issue</b>	St Vincent and The Grenadines Development Bonds
• <b>Maturity in Years</b>	10 years respectively.
• <b>Date of subscription</b>	Feb 1997, 16 March 2002 and 9 August 2004
• <b>Redemption Date</b>	Jan 2007, 15 March 2012 and 10 August 2014
• <b>Coupon Rate</b>	7%
• <b>Amount offered for sale</b>	\$30.0M each

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Upcoming Auctions**

- The Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines will continue to issue its EC \$48 million in Treasury bills on the following dates:
  - EC\$16 million on August 9 2006 and
  - EC\$16 million on September 5 2006.

## **VII. SECURITY ISSUANCE PROCEDURES, CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT, REGISTRATION OF OWNERSHIP AND SECONDARY MARKET ACTIVITY**

The Bond will be issued on the primary market of the Regional Government Securities Market (RGSM) utilizing a fixed price auction methodology and listed on the secondary market of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE). The ECSE is responsible

for dissemination of market information, providing intermediaries with market access, administering the bidding process and monitoring and surveillance of the auction.

The ECSE, through the Eastern Caribbean Central Securities Depository (ECCSD), is responsible for facilitating clearance and settlement for securities allotted. The ECCSD ensures that funds are deposited to the issuing government's account. The ECSE, through the Eastern Caribbean Central Securities Registry (ECCSR), records and maintains ownership of government securities in electronic book-entry form. The ECCSR mails confirmation of proof of ownership letters to all investors who were successful in the auction. The ECCSR will also process corporate action on behalf of issuing governments.

The Licensed Intermediaries are responsible for interfacing with prospective investors, collecting applications for subscription and processing the same for bidding on the ECSE auction platform. Investors must provide the intermediaries with funds to cover the cost of the transaction.

For this particular offering, all commissions and brokerage fees are to be borne by investors. A list of licensed intermediaries is provided in Appendix I. Clients that are successful will be informed of their payment obligations and funds deducted from their respective accounts held with the intermediary.

As an issuer in the RGSM, the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines is also subject to the rules, guidelines and procedures of the Regional Debt Coordinating Committee (RDCC) and the ECSE.

**APPENDIX I. - LIST OF LICENSED INTERMEDIARIES**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Contact Addresses</b>	<b>Associated Persons</b>
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## APPENDIX II - ECONOMIC INDICATORS

### St. Vincent and the Grenadines

#### Selected Economic Indicators

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	EC\$M	EC\$M	EC\$M	EC\$M	EC\$M
Nominal GDP at Market Prices (EC\$)	932.1	986.1	1032.4	1120.9	1165.9
Real GDP Growth Rate (%)	(0.1)	3.2	2.8	6.8	2.2
<b>Percentage Contribution of GDP by Selected Sectors (at basic prices, in current prices)</b>					
Agriculture	9.6	9.9	8.8	8.2	8.2
Manufacturing	6.8	6.7	5.8	5.8	5.7
Construction	11.9	11.3	11.9	12.6	12.3
Wholesale and Retail	18.6	18.3	18.4	19.0	19.4
Transportation	13.8	13.7	13.9	14.1	12.5
Government Services	19.3	19.9	19.0	18.5	19.5
Other	17.7	18.1	19.9	19.6	20.0
Hotels and Restaurants	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.4
<b>Balance of Payments (in percentage of GDP at market prices)</b>					
Merchandise Exports	12.1	10.8	9.9	8.3	9.2
Merchandise Imports	43.8	43.0	46.1	47.8	49.0
Trade Balance	(31.8)	(32.3)	(36.1)	39.0	39.8
Current Account Balance	(10.4)	(11.3)	(20.8)	(24.7)	25.5
<b>Central Government (in percent of GDP at market prices)</b>					
Current Revenue	29.1	30.6	29.9	29.0	28.6
Current Expenditure	27.8	27.9	26.0	26.3	27.7
Current Account Balance	1.3	2.7	3.5	3.1	2.9
Overall Balance	(1.7)	(2.0)	(1.9)	(3.3)	(5.5)
<b>External Debt</b>					
Debt as a % of GDP	49.2	46.5	50.3	53.2	54.6
Debt Service as a % of GDP	3.4	3.1	3.6	3.4	4.0

Source: Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department and ECCB Estimates

## APPENDIX III – GOVERNMENT FISCAL OPERATIONS

(in millions of Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	2001	2002	2003 <sup>R</sup>	2004 <sup>R</sup>	2005
<b>Current Revenue</b>	<b>271.7</b>	<b>302.0</b>	<b>311.5</b>	<b>318.7</b>	<b>324.7</b>
Tax Revenue	230.1	259.8	259.9	272.1	282.9
Taxes on Income & Profits	70.8	87.9	77.0	79.3	89.3
of which:					
Individual	33.8	35.0	35.1	37.4	40.8
Company Tax	33.5	45.2	38.2	37.4	44.3
Taxes on Property	3.5	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.5
Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	43.9	42.7	47.1	51.8	49.7
of which:					
Stamp Duty	18.6	17.2	19.9	20.9	20.8
Consumption Duties	6.2	5.9	6.0	7.1	5.9
Hotel Turnover Tax	5.4	4.5	4.2	5.1	6.8
Taxes on Int'l Trade & Transaction	111.9	126.7	133.0	138.5	141.3
of which:					
Import Duty	25.4	25.6	29.2	30.7	32.1
Consumption Tax	65.1	77.9	79.1	81.3	78.5
Customs Service Charge	16.6	18.2	19.3	20.6	21.9
Non-Tax Revenue	41.6	42.2	51.6	46.6	41.7
<b>Current Expenditure</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>275.2</b>	<b>276.1</b>	<b>288.1</b>	<b>322.0</b>
Personal Emoluments	128.6	138.3	139.1	144.8	158.9
Other Goods & Services	56.2	62.7	61.5	66.6	72.9
Interest Payments	24.6	26.1	27.8	27.6	35.0
Domestic	12.6	15.8	16.4	11.5	15.5
External	12.1	10.3	11.5	16.0	19.5
Transfers & Subsidies	49.7	48.1	47.6	49.1	55.1
of which: Pensions	17.5	19.3	19.7	19.8	23.3
<b>Current Account Balance</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>35.4</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Capital Revenue	1.0	0.8	1.7	3.9	8.8
Grants	18.7	6.8	6.3	7.8	5.2
of which: Capital Grants	18.7	6.8	6.3	7.8	5.2
<b>Capital Expenditure &amp; Net Lending</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>75.6</b>	<b>75.1</b>	<b>78.8</b>
of which: Capital Expenditure	48.2	57.7	82.0	78.9	83.3
Primary Balance (after grants)	8.7	6.6	(4.5)	(5.2)	(27.2)
Overall Balance (before grants)	(34.7)	(26.3)	(38.6)	(40.6)	(67.3)

<b>Overall Balance (after grants)</b>	<b>(15.9)</b>	<b>(19.5)</b>	<b>(32.3)</b>	<b>(32.8)</b>	<b>(62.2)</b>
<b>Financing</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>32.8</b>	<b>62.2</b>
Domestic	(7.0)	(0.3)	(14.4)	(83.5)	4.4
ECCB (net)	(2.1)	4.2	12.2	(54.5)	19.8
Commercial Banks (net)	(16.1)	37.9	(51.0)	16.4	47.4
Other	11.2	(42.3)	24.4	(45.5)	(62.8)
External	22.9	19.8	46.7	116.3	57.7
Net Amortisation	30.4	24.3	50.9	120.8	64.6
Disbursements	43.6	40.5	114.4	229.5	191.2
Amortisation	(13.2)	(16.2)	(63.5)	(108.7)	(126.7)
Change in Govt. Foreign Assets	(7.5)	(4.5)	(4.2)	(4.5)	(6.8)

Source: Ministry of Finance, Treasury Department and ECCB Estimates

<sup>P</sup> = Preliminary

<sup>R</sup> = Revised

## APPENDIX IV - BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUMMARY

	2001	2002	2003	2004 <sup>P</sup>	2005 <sup>E</sup>
<b>CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>(96.9)</b>	<b>(111.9)</b>	<b>(214.6)</b>	<b>(276.8)</b>	<b>(297.2)</b>
Goods and Services	(86.5)	(97.2)	(185.1)	(236.8)	(256.5)
Goods	(294.9)	(314.6)	(369.1)	(431.2)	(458.3)
Merchandise	(295.9)	(318.1)	(373.1)	(436.6)	(463.8)
Repair on goods	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Goods procured in ports by carriers	1.0	3.4	4.0	5.5	5.5
Services	208.4	217.5	184.1	194.4	201.8
Transportation	(43.7)	(45.6)	(54.4)	(57.9)	(62.6)
Travel	213.7	218.2	212.1	219.4	244.6
Insurance Services	(9.3)	(11.3)	(12.3)	(13.9)	(14.5)
Other Business Services	51.8	58.6	43.7	52.1	51.1
Government Services	(4.2)	(2.5)	(5.0)	(5.4)	(16.8)
Income	(44.5)	(47.5)	(64.4)	(78.2)	(88.5)
Compensation of Employees	2.3	2.0	1.6	1.8	1.3
Investment Income	(44.8)	(49.5)	(66.0)	(80.0)	(89.7)
Current Transfers	34.1	32.8	34.8	38.1	47.8
Central Government	(1.3)	(2.2)	(2.7)	(1.0)	(2.4)
Other Sectors	35.3	35.0	37.6	39.1	50.2
<b>CAPITAL &amp; FINANCIAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>171.0</b>	<b>271.8</b>	<b>213.7</b>
Capital Account	23.7	28.6	38.8	51.1	38.1
Capital Transfers	23.7	28.6	38.8	51.1	38.1
Acquisition & Disposal of Non-produced, Non-financial Assets		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Account	97.8	65.4	132.3	220.6	175.6
Direct Investment	56.8	100.8	148.9	177.4	150.1
Portfolio Investment	9.4	4.7	55.9	89.6	85.8
Other Investments	31.6	(40.1)	(72.6)	(46.3)	(60.3)
Public Sector Long Term other Public Sector Capital	35.1	5.6	(3.2)	6.9	11.7
Commercial Banks	43.3	(41.2)	(46.1)	(49.3)	23.4
Other Assets	(28.9)	(20.9)	(47.3)	(23.4)	(100.5)
Other Liabilities	(17.9)	16.4	24.1	19.5	5.1
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>(1.3)</b>	<b>68.6</b>	<b>(9.7)</b>
<b>FINANCING</b>	<b>(24.6)</b>	<b>(17.8)</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>(68.6)</b>	<b>9.7</b>
Change in SDR Holdings	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Reserve Position with the fund	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Government Foreign Assets	(7.5)	(4.5)	(4.2)	(4.5)	(6.8)
Change in Imputed Reserves	(17.1)	22.3	5.5	(64.2)	16.5

Source: Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department and ECCB Estimates

**APPENDIX V- MEDIUM-TERM PROJECTIONS****ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Real GDP growth (at factor cost; percent)	3.3	3.3	3.5
Inflation (period average; percent)	2.0	2.0	2.0
<b>(In millions of Eastern Caribbean dollars)</b>			
Nominal GDP	1192.0	1257.4	1320
Current account balance	-281.7	-281.8	-284.1
Exports, f.o.b	114.3	118.7	123.6
Imports, f.o.b.	606.9	630.8	656.1
Services (net)	221.5	239.3	257.1
Income (net)	-65.3	-65.0	-66.1
Current transfers (net)	48.6	49.8	51.1
Capital and financial account	291.3	281.8	284.1
Overall balance	9.6	0.0	0.0
<b>(In percent of GDP, unless otherwise stated)</b>			
External current account balance	-15.7	-18.6	
Exports of goods and services	46.7	48.4	48.6
Imports of goods and services	70.1	69.6	68.9
Total public debt	80.8	80.1	73.8
Public external debt (end –period)	37.3	36.4	33.7
Public sector overall balance	1.1	1.1	1.1
Public sector savings	10.5	10.5	10.5
Overall central government balance	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Central government primary balance	2.4	2.3	2.3
Central government savings	5.0	5.0	5.0
National savings	17.6	17.5	17.5
Public	10.5	10.5	10.5
Private	7.1	7.0	7.0
Investment	33.3	36.1	36.1

Source: Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department and ECCB Estimates  
Estimates as at June 2006 subject to revision

## APPENDIX VI – PUBLIC SECTOR DEBT

	2001-2005				
	2001 EC\$M	2002 EC\$M	2003 EC\$M	2004 EC\$M	2005 EC\$M
Total Public Debt	<b>660.2</b>	<b>708.04</b>	<b>761.61</b>	<b>884.12</b>	<b>975.17</b>
External Debt	458.45	458.46	519.61	596.53	636.42
Central Government	440.04	438.01	495.04	563.89	583.92
Public Corporations	18.4	20.45	24.47	32.64	50.50
Domestic Debt	201.75	249.58	242.01	287.59	338.75
Central Government	175.81	217.02	208.99	245.00	272.85
Public Corporations	25.94	32.56	33.02	42.59	65.90
Debt Servicing					
External	27.58	27.91	37.65	37.86	46.27
Central Government	24.74	25.80	35.94	35.53	44.70
Public Corporations	2.84	2.11	1.71	2.33	1.57
Domestic					
Central Government	16.10	20.15	24.58	19.01	18.28
Sinking Fund	7.50	4.50	6.00	6.00	11.83
GDP ( at mkt prices)	940	977	1003	1101	1157
Current Revenue	272.23	305.63	318.48	322.38	333.24
Debt as % of GDP	70.20	72.40	75.90	80.20	84.3
Central Gov't Debt Servicing as % of Current Revenue	17.80	16.50	20.9	18.8	22.4

Source: Ministry of Finance, Statistical Department and ECCB Estimates