Management Report on Financial Statement and Internal Accounting Controls

Ex-Im Bank's management is responsible for the content and integrity of the financial data included in the Bank's annual report and for ascertaining that this data fairly presents the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Bank.

The Bank's operations fall under the provisions of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990. This law provides that subsidy calculations must be performed (on a present value basis) for all new loan, guarantee and insurance commitments, and the resulting cost, if any, must be covered by funds appropriated by Congress. Credits may not be approved if the cost has not been appropriated in advance.

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As explained in more detail in the notes, the financial statements recognize the impact of credit reform legislation on the Bank's commitments. Other financial information related to the Bank included elsewhere in this report is presented on a basis consistent with the financial statements.

The Bank maintains a system of internal accounting controls that is designed to provide reasonable assurance at reasonable cost that assets are safeguarded and that transactions are processed and properly recorded in accordance with management's authorization, and that the financial statements are accurately prepared. The Bank believes that its system of internal accounting controls appropriately balances the cost/benefit relationship.

Ex-Im Bank's board of directors pursues its responsibility for the Bank's financial statements through its audit committee. The audit committee meets regularly with management and the independent accountants. The independent accountants have direct access to the audit committee to discuss the scope and results of their audit work and their comments on the adequacy of internal accounting controls and the quality of financial reporting.

The Bank believes that its policies and procedures, including its system of internal accounting controls, provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with provisions of applicable laws and regulations.

The Bank's financial statements were audited by independent accountants. Their opinion is printed in this annual report immediately following the notes to the financial statements.

John E. Robson Chairman and President

James K. Hess Chief Financial Officer

October 12, 2001

Statement of Financial Position

(in millions)	September 30, 2001	September 30, 2000
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$7,132.5	\$9,086.6
Loans Receivable, Net	5,855.3	5,725.8
Receivables from Subrogated Claims, Net	2,140.7	2,107.0
Accrued Interest, Fees Receivable and Other Assets	184.4	164.9
Total Assets	\$15,312.9	\$17,084.3
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S DEFICIENCY		
Borrowings	\$7,975.9	\$7,751.9
Allowance for Off-Balance Sheet Risk	6,411.5	7,030.0
Claims Payable	33.2	51.1
Amounts Payable to the U.S. Treasury	557.0	1,574.9
Other Liabilities	977.7	849.1
Total Liabilities	15,955.3	17,257.0
Capital Stock held by the U.S. Treasury	1,000.0	1,000.0
Tied Aid Appropriations	397.3	410.4
Credit Appropriations	190.6	38.8
Accumulated Deficit	(2,230.3)	(1,621.9)
Total Stockholder's Deficiency	(642.4)	(172.7)
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Deficiency	\$15,312.9	\$17,084.3

Statement of Operations

(in millions)	For the Year Ended September 30, 2001	For the Year Ended September 30, 2000
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INTEREST INCOME		
Interest on Loans	\$740.1	\$838.8
Interest on Cash and Cash Equivalents	416.3	582.6
Total Interest Income	1,156.4	1,421.4
INTEREST EXPENSE		
Interest on Borrowings	544.7	609.6
Other Interest Expense	2.8	26.9
Total Interest Expense	547.5	636.5
Net Interest Income	608.9	784.9
Provision for Credit and Claim Losses	(195.1)	701.0
Net Income after Provision for Losses	804.0	83.9
NON-INTEREST INCOME		
Commitment Fees	34.4	32.9
Exposure Fees	240.3	224.0
Guarantee Fees and Insurance Premiums	28.0	29.9
Other Income	15.8	42.6
Total Non-Interest Income	318.5	329.4
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE		
Administrative Expense	53.5	55.1
Other Expense	7.7	12.4
Total Non-Interest Expense	61.2	67.5
Net Income	\$1,061.3	\$345.8

Statement of Changes in Capital and Accumulated Deficit

Appropriated Capital Pre-Fiscal Post-Fiscal 1992 Capital Tied 1991 Accumulated (in millions) Stock Aid Credits Credits Deficit Total BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 \$1,000.0 \$412.2 \$0.0 \$176.1 (\$1,404.2)\$184.1 Appropriations Received 20.6 811.2 831.8 Appropriations Obligated Excluding Tied Aid (20.6)(992.7)1,013.3 0.0 Net Income 345.8 345.8 Appropriations Deobligated and Reavailable, Net 63.4 (63.4)0.0 Transferred (to)/from the U.S. Treasury, Net 42.3 (11.2)53.5 Tied Aid Appropriations Disbursed (1.8)(1.8)Amounts Payable to the U.S. Treasury (1,566.9)(1,574.9)(8.0)**BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2000** \$1,000.0 \$410.4 \$0.0 \$38.8 (\$1,621.9)(\$172.7)Appropriations Received 31.9 925.8 957.7 Appropriations Obligated Excluding Tied Aid (31.9)(887.9)919.8 (0.0)Net Income 1,061.3 1,061.3 Appropriations Deobligated and Reavailable, Net 114.3 (114.3)0.0 Transferred to the U.S. Treasury, Net (2,060.1)(2,060.1)Tied Aid Appropriations Disbursed (13.1)(13.1)Amounts Payable to the U.S. Treasury (0.4)(415.1)(415.5)**BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2001** \$1,000.0 \$397.3 \$0.0 \$190.6 \$(2,230.3) (\$642.4)

Statement of Cash Flows

(in millions)	For the Year Ended September 30, 2001	For the Year Ended September 30, 2000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS		
Net Income	\$1,061.3	\$345.8
Adjustments To Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash from Operations	:	
Amortization of Discount on Loan Disbursements, Net	(8.6)	16.7
Amortization of Loan Exposure Fees, Net	52.3	(1.5)
Provision for Credit and Claim Losses	(195.1)	701.0
Claim Payments	(405.5)	(289.3)
Claim Recoveries	417.9	524.8
Increase in Accrued Interest, Fees Receivable and Other Assets	(19.6)	(0.5)
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Interest Payable	0.8	(426.9)
Increase in Other Liabilities	155.0	40.9
Net Cash Provided by Operations	1,058.5	911.0
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Loan Disbursements	(1,559.2)	(947.0)
Repayment of Loans Receivable	898.8	992.9
Net Cash (Used in)/Provided by Investing Activities	(660.4)	45.9
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Borrowings from the U.S. Treasury	1,789.6	2,275.0
Repayment of Borrowings from the U.S. Treasury	(1,427.8)	(2,194.7)
Credit Appropriations Received	957.7	831.8
Amounts Returned to the U.S. Treasury	(3,493.5)	(1,985.2)
Claim Payment Certificates Paid	(165.1)	(180.9)
Tied Aid Disbursements	(13.1)	(1.8)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(2,352.2)	(1,255.8)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,954.1)	(298.9)
Cash and Cash Equivalents – Beginning of Year	9,086.6	9,385.5
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$7,132.5	\$9,086.6
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information:		
Cash Paid During the Year for Interest	\$546.7	\$1,063.4

Export-Import Bank of the United States Notes to Financial Statements

1. Impact of September 11, 2001, Terrorist Actions

The events in New York City and Washington, D.C., on September 11, 2001, and the consequences of those events may affect the risk profile of both specific transactions of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) and its overall credit portfolio. As of the date of these statements, there is insufficient time and information to adequately assess the impact (direct or indirect) of these events on Ex-Im Bank's financial position. Therefore, these statements do not contain any provisions to reflect the potential impact of the September 11, 2001, terrorist actions.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting and Reporting Policies

Enabling Legislation and Mission

Ex-Im Bank is an independent corporate agency of the United States that was first organized as a District of Columbia banking corporation in 1934. Ex-Im Bank's operations subsequent to September 30, 1991, are subject to the provisions of the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-508).

Ex-Im Bank's mission is to facilitate U.S. exports by providing financing in order to level the playing field for American exporters facing unfair foreign financing competition and bridge export financing shortfalls caused by market failures.

Use of Estimates

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States of America. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalent balances as of September 30, 2001 and 2000 were as follows (in millions):

Cash Accounts	2001	2000
RESTRICTED:		
Credit Reform Financing Accounts	\$5,062.0	\$6,245.6
Unexpended Appropriations	1,927.2	1,750.1
UNRESTRICTED:		
Pre-Credit Reform Accounts	94.1	1,064.7
Other Cash	49.2	26.2
Total	\$7,132.5	\$9,086.6

Ex-Im Bank is restricted in its use of certain cash and cash equivalent balances. Unexpended appropriations are appropriated funds received that are deposited in a non-interest-bearing account at the U.S. Treasury. These funds are available to Ex-Im Bank when the credit activity to which they relate takes place or to finance administrative expenses. Upon occurrence of the credit activity, disbursement of the related loans or shipment of goods under guarantee or insurance policies written by Ex-Im Bank, the funds become available either to subsidize the related loan disbursement or to be invested in the credit reform financing accounts to fund the credit costs of the guarantee and insurance policies.

Unrestricted funds include funds resulting from pre-credit reform activities and represent highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and cash balances at the U.S. Treasury.

Accrued Interest on Loans and Claims Receivable

Interest is accrued on loans and claims as it is earned. Generally, loans and claims receivable delinquent 90 days or more are placed in a non-accrual status unless they are well secured and significant collections have been received during the past year. At the time that a loan or claim is placed in non-accrual status, any accrued but unpaid interest previously recorded is reversed against current period interest income.

Accounting for Capitalized Interest on Rescheduled Loans and Claims

Rescheduling agreements frequently allow Ex-Im Bank to add uncollected interest to the principal balance of rescheduled loans and claims receivable (i.e., capitalized interest). In such circumstances,

interest income resulting from capitalized interest is recorded only when, in management's judgment, borrowers have demonstrated the ability to repay the debt in the normal course of business.

Allowance for Credit and Claim Losses

The allowance for credit and claim losses provides for possible losses inherent in the loan, claim, guarantee and insurance portfolios. Providing for such losses recognizes that collection of some loans and claims are doubtful and their value, including claims to be filed under Ex-Im Bank's guarantee and insurance programs, is impaired. The allowance is available to absorb credit losses related to the total credit portfolio. The allowance is increased by provisions charged to expense and decreased by write-offs, net of recoveries. The provision for credit and claim losses of (\$195.1) million for fiscal year 2001 is comprised of a charge of \$487.3 million for estimated loan losses, and credits of (\$63.9) million and (\$618.5) million, that reflect a reduction in estimated losses from claims and off-balance sheet risk, respectively.

Commitment and Exposure Fees

Commitment fees on direct loans and guarantees, which are generally non-refundable, are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the commitment.

Ex-Im Bank charges a risk-related exposure fee under both the loan and guarantee programs that is based on each loan disbursement or shipment of goods under the guarantee policy. Exposure fees for loans are recognized as interest income over the life of the loan using the effective yield method. Exposure fees for guarantees are recognized as other income on a straight-line basis over the term of the guarantee.

Insurance Fees

Fees charged under insurance policies are recognized as income on the straight-line basis over the life of the insurance policies.

Claims Payable

Liabilities for claims arising from Ex-Im Bank's guarantee and insurance activities, and the related estimated losses and loss adjustment expenses, are accrued upon approval of a claim filing.

Discount on Loans Receivable

In fulfilling its mission to aid in financing and facilitating exports of U.S. goods and services to foreign countries and to provide U.S. exporters with financing that is competitive with that provided by foreign governments to their exporters, Ex-Im Bank, at times, lends money at interest rates lower than its cost of borrowing. When this occurs, Ex-Im Bank records a charge to income equivalent to the discount at inception of the loan and amortizes the discount over the life of the loan as interest income.

Appropriated Capital

Appropriations received by Ex-Im Bank pursuant to the Credit Reform Act are recorded, in effect, as paid-in-capital. Such appropriations are applied to Ex-Im Bank's retained earnings in accordance with directions on the use of credit reform appropriations issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Appropriations not required to finance credit activities are returned to the U.S. Treasury when the period of availability ends.

3. Credit Reform

The Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, which became effective on October 1, 1991, significantly affected the manner in which Ex-Im Bank finances its credit activities. The primary purpose of this Act is to measure more accurately the cost of federal credit programs and to place the cost of such credit programs on a basis equivalent with other federal spending.

Ex-Im Bank received appropriations aggregating \$925.8 million in fiscal year 2001 and \$811.2 million in fiscal year 2000, which represented the annual appropriation to cover the estimated subsidy cost of providing new direct loans, guarantees and insurance, and the associated administrative costs of these programs.



The following table summarizes appropriations received and used during fiscal years 2001 and 2000 (in millions):

	2001	2000
RECEIVED AND AVAILABLE:		
For Credit Subsidies	\$863.1	\$756.1
For Credit-related Administrative Costs	62.7	55.1
Total Received	925.8	811.2
Unobligated Balance Carried Over		
from Prior Year	363.2	480.4
Cancellations of Prior Year Obligations	114.3	71.6
Total Available	1,403.3	1,363.2
OBLIGATED:		
For Credit Subsidies Excluding Tied Aid	826.1	937.8
For Credit-related Administrative Costs	61.8	54.9
Subtotal	887.9	992.7
For Tied Aid	0.6	0.0
Total Obligated	888.5	992.7
UNOBLIGATED BALANCE:		
Unobligated Balance	514.8	370.5
Unobligated Balance Lapsed	0.4	7.3
Remaining Balance	\$514.4	\$363.2

Of the remaining balance of \$514.4 million at September 30, 2001, \$7.3 million is available until September 30, 2002, \$4.6 million is available until September 30, 2003, \$178.6 million is available until September 30, 2004, and \$323.9 million is available until expended and may be used for tied aid.

The cost of credit risk (credit subsidy) shown above, is the net present value of expected cash receipts and cash disbursements associated with loans, guarantees and insurance. Cash receipts typically include fees or premiums and loan principal and interest, and cash disbursements typically include claim payments and loan disbursements.

When the present value of expected cash receipts exceeds the present value of expected cash disbursements, a "negative" credit subsidy arises. Negative subsidies are remitted to the U.S. Treasury upon disbursement of the underlying credits. Ex-Im Bank transferred \$21.1 million and \$11.9 million of negative subsidies to the U.S. Treasury in fiscal years 2001 and 2000, respectively.

The appropriation for administrative costs is based on an annual estimate of the costs to administer and service Ex-Im Bank's entire credit portfolio. It is obligated at the time administrative expenses are accrued. The credit subsidy appropriations are obligated to cover the estimated subsidy costs at the time loans, guarantees and insurance are committed. As the loans are disbursed or when the insured or guaranteed event has taken place (generally when the related goods are shipped), the obligated amounts are used to cover the estimated costs of the subsidies related to the disbursements and shipments. The portion of the appropriation related to Ex-Im Bank's lending programs is used to partially finance the loan disbursements while the portions related to Ex-Im Bank's guarantee and insurance programs are invested in an interest-bearing account with the U.S. Treasury. Prior to this use, all of the appropriated funds are held in a non-interest-bearing U.S. Treasury account.

OMB Circular A-11 requires that unobligated funds relating to credits authorized prior to October 1, 1991, are to be returned to the U.S. Treasury. At the end of fiscal year 2001, Ex-Im Bank returned \$1,477.8 million of these funds. In fiscal year 2000, \$1,000 million was returned.

Because financial and economic factors affecting the repayment prospects change over time, the net estimated subsidy cost of the outstanding balance of loans, guarantees and insurance financed by the subsidies is re-estimated periodically in accordance with OMB guidelines. Re-estimates that result in increases in subsidy costs are covered by additional appropriations, which become automatically available, while decreases in estimated subsidy costs result in excess funds returned to the U.S. Treasury. As of September 30, 2000, a re-estimate indicated that \$1,414.1 million was no longer needed to cover commitments and was due to the U.S. Treasury. Subsequent to September 30, 2000, using updated risk premia the subsidy re-estimate was increased by an additional \$561.3 million, for a total of \$1,975.4 million, which was transferred to the U.S. Treasury in March 2001. As of September

30, 2001, a re-estimate of the subsidy costs of the outstanding balances of fiscal year 1992 through 2000 commitments indicated that of the fees, interest and appropriations in the financing accounts, the net amount of \$367.0 million was no longer needed to cover commitments and is due to the U.S. Treasury. These amounts are included in the Amounts Payable to the U.S. Treasury on the Statement of Financial Position.

The manner in which Ex-Im Bank uses its credit appropriations differs from the way in which it calculates its credit-related loss allowances and net income under GAAP. Both GAAP and the credit appropriation calculation similarly factor into the loss allowance individual credit risks. Both recognize the cost to Ex-Im Bank of issuing loans at interest rates below Ex-Im Bank's borrowing rate. However, the GAAP loss allowances do not recognize the present value of future fees and premiums as an offset to the allowance since to do so would effectively record revenue prior to realization. As discussed in Note 12, Ex-Im Bank calculates the fair value of its credit instruments using the Credit Reform methodology.

Effective for fiscal year 2002, OMB has issued new risk premia to calculate estimated subsidy costs for new loans, guarantees and insurance obligated in fiscal year 2002. The new risk premia were also used to calculate the credit-related loss allowances as of September 30, 2001. The net impact of using the new risk premia, as opposed to the old risk premia, in the loss reserve calculation was a decrease in the loss reserves of approximately \$1.3 billion.

4. Loans Receivable

Ex-Im Bank extends medium-term and long-term direct loans to foreign buyers of U.S. exports. Loans extended under the medium-term loan programs have repayment terms of one to seven years, while loans extended under the long-term loan programs have repayment terms in excess of seven years. Generally, both the medium-term and long-term loan programs cover up to 85 percent of the U.S. export value of shipped goods. Ex-Im Bank's direct loans carry the lowest fixed interest rate permitted for the importing country and term under the "Arrangement on Guidelines for Officially Supported Export Credits" negotiated among members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Ex-Im Bank's loans receivable, as shown in the Statement of Financial Position, are net of uncollected interest capitalized upon rescheduling, unamortized exposure fees, unamortized discounts and an allowance for loan losses. At September 30, 2001 and 2000, the allowance for loan losses equaled 31.0 percent and 27.3 percent, respectively, of the outstanding loans receivable balance, excluding uncollected capitalized interest and unamortized exposure fees and discounts. The net balance of loans receivable at September 30, 2001 and 2000 consists of the following (in millions):

	2001	2000
Asia	\$5,294.4	\$4,928.6
Latin America	2,919.2	2,711.3
Africa/Middle East	1,803.7	1,672.6
Eastern Europe—Non-NIS	414.1	424.5
United States/Other	0.2	0.7
Western Europe/Canada	183.0	210.8
	10,614.6	9,948.5
Less: Capitalized Interest	1,830.9	1,823.5
Unamortized Discount and Exposure Fee	es 292.9	249.3
	8,490.8	7,875.7
Less: Allowance for Loan Losses	2,635.5	2,149.9
Net Balance	\$5,855.3	\$5,725.8

Changes in the allowance for loan losses for fiscal years 2001 and 2000 are as follows (in millions):

	2001	2000
Balance at Beginning of Year	\$2,149.9	\$2,135.0
Net Write-offs	(1.7)	(28.9)
Provision Charged to Operations	487.3	43.8
Balance at End of Year	\$2,635.5	\$2,149.9

The allowance for loan losses is based on Ex-Im Bank's evaluation of the loan portfolio taking into consideration a variety of factors, including repayment status of the loans, assessment of future risks, and worldwide, regional and local economic and political conditions.

Although Ex-Im Bank has a diversified loan portfolio, some of its loans are more heavily concentrated in certain countries or industries. At September 30, 2001, the largest concentrations of gross loans outstanding were in the following countries and industries (in millions):

Country		Industry	
Indonesia	\$1,586.6	Power Projects	\$3,253.6
Brazil	1,580.9	Manufacturing	1,256.0
China	1,528.2	Infrastructure Projects	1,049.4
Philippines	677.7	Telecommunications	561.4

From time to time, Ex-Im Bank extends the repayment date and modifies the interest terms of some or all principal installments of a loan because the obligor or country has encountered financial difficulty and Ex-Im Bank's board of directors has determined that providing relief in this manner will enhance the ability to collect the loan. The outstanding balances related to rescheduled installments included in loans receivable at September 30, 2001 and 2000 were \$2,707.4 million and \$2,749.2 million, respectively. Rescheduled loan installments of principal and interest were \$99.4 million and \$79.5 million, respectively, in fiscal year 2001, and \$192.3 million and \$87.6 million, respectively, in fiscal year 2000. The interest rate on rescheduled loans is generally a floating rate of interest which is 37.5 to 62.5 basis points over Ex-Im Bank's cost of borrowing.

5. Receivables from Subrogated Claims

Receivables from subrogated claims represent the outstanding balance of claims that were submitted to Ex-Im Bank in its capacity as guarantor or insurer under Ex-Im Bank's export guarantee or insurance programs. Under the subrogation clauses in its insurance contracts,

Ex-Im Bank receives all rights, title and interest in all amounts relating to claims paid under insurance policies and therefore establishes an asset to reflect such rights.

Ex-Im Bank's receivables from subrogated claims, as shown in the Statement of Financial Position, are net of uncollected capitalized interest for rescheduled claims and an allowance for claim losses.

The net balance of receivables from subrogated claims at September 30, 2001 and 2000 consists of the following (in millions):

	2001	2000
Claims Previously Paid and Unrecovered:		
Rescheduled	\$2,097.1	\$2,104.1
Non-rescheduled	2,051.1	2,078.2
Claims Filed Pending Payment	33.2	51.0
	4,181.4	4,233.3
Less: Capitalized Interest	432.5	434.6
	3,748.9	3,798.7
Less: Allowance for Claim Losses	1,608.2	1,691.7
Net Balance	\$2,140.7	\$2,107.0

Changes in the allowance for claim losses for fiscal years 2001 and 2000 are as follows (in millions):

2001	2000
\$1,691.7	\$1,760.7
(19.6)	(31.3)
(63.9)	(37.7)
\$1,608.2	\$1,691.7
	\$1,691.7 (19.6) (63.9)

The allowance for claim losses is based on Ex-Im Bank's evaluation of the receivables from the subrogated claims portfolio taking into consideration a variety of factors, including repayment status of the claims, assessment of future risks, and worldwide, regional and local economic and political conditions. Write-offs are net of recoveries of

funds received on claims that were previously written-off. At September 30, 2001 and 2000, the allowance for claim losses equaled 42.9 percent and 44.5 percent, respectively, of the outstanding balance, excluding uncollected capitalized interest.

6. Non-Accrual of Interest

The weighted average interest rate on Ex-Im Bank's loan and rescheduled claim portfolio at September 30, 2001, equaled 4.80 percent (6.83 percent on performing loans and rescheduled claims). Interest income is recognized when collected on non-rescheduled claims paid and unrecovered or on claims filed pending payment.

Generally, the accrual of interest on loans and rescheduled claims is discontinued when the credit is delinquent for 90 days. Ex-Im Bank had a total of \$2,721.6 million and \$1,057.9 million of loans and rescheduled claims, respectively, in non-accrual status at September 30, 2001, and \$2,836.1 million and \$1,086.7 million respectively at September 30, 2000. Had these credits been in accrual status, interest income would have been \$171.2 million higher in fiscal year 2001 (amount is net of interest received of \$87.0 million) and \$132.1 million higher in fiscal year 2000 (amount is net of interest received of \$107.4 million).

7. Borrowings

Ex-Im Bank's outstanding borrowings come from two sources: direct borrowings from the U.S. Treasury and the assumption of repayment obligations of defaulted guarantees under the Bank's guarantee program via Claim Payment Certificates. Claim Payment Certificates are, in effect, marketable securities issued by Ex-Im Bank under the same terms as the original obligation.

Under provisions of Ex-Im Bank's guarantee program, the insured party has the option of accepting payment via a Claim Payment Certificate.

At September 30, 2001, \$931.1 million was outstanding under Claim Payment Certificates. Maturities of Claim Payment Certificates are as follows (in millions):

Fiscal Year	Amount
2002	\$187.2
2003	177.6
2004	169.2
2005	129.2
2006	92.1
2007-2017	175.8
	\$931.1

The weighted average interest rate on Ex-Im Bank's outstanding Claim Payment Certificates at September 30, 2001 equaled 6.04 percent.

Payments due on Claim Payment Certificates, for which the underlying commitment was authorized prior to October 1, 1991, are funded through net cash receipts related to loans, guarantees and insurance committed prior to October 1, 1991. To the extent the net receipts are not sufficient to repay the debt as it becomes due, Ex-Im Bank has available a permanent and indefinite appropriation for this purpose.

Direct borrowings from the U.S. Treasury are primarily used to finance the Bank's medium- and long-term loans committed on or after October 1, 1991. At September 30, 2001, Ex-Im Bank had \$7,044.8 million of borrowings outstanding with the U.S. Treasury at a weighted average interest rate of 6.07 percent.

The U.S. Treasury borrowings are repaid, primarily, with the repayments of the medium- and long-term loans they financed. To the extent the repayments on the underlying loans, combined with the commitment and exposure fees and interest earnings received on the loans, are not sufficient to repay the borrowings, appropriated funds are available to Ex-Im Bank through the re-estimation process for this purpose. Accordingly, the U.S. Treasury borrowings do not have a set repayment schedule; however, the full amount of the borrowings are expected to be repaid by fiscal year 2033.

8. Related Party Transactions

The financial statements reflect the results of contractual agreements with the Private Export Funding Corporation (PEFCO). PEFCO, which is owned by a consortium of private sector banks, industrial companies and financial services institutions, makes medium- and long-term fixed and variable rate loans to foreign borrowers to purchase U.S.-made equipment when such loans are not available from traditional private sector lenders on competitive terms. PEFCO has agreements with Ex-Im Bank which, for fees totaling \$29.7 million in fiscal year 2001 and \$14.4 million in fiscal year 2000, provide that Ex-Im Bank will (1) guarantee the due and punctual payment of principal and interest on export loans made by PEFCO, (2) guarantee the due and punctual payment of interest on PEFCO's long-term secured debt obligations when requested by PEFCO, and (3) guarantee certain fees paid by borrowers on behalf of PEFCO. Such guarantees, aggregating \$5,465.8 million at September 30, 2001 and \$4,418.4 million at September 30, 2000, are reported by Ex-Im Bank as off-balance sheet risk and the exposure is included in its allowance for off-balance sheet risk calculation.

Ex-Im Bank's credit and guarantee agreement with PEFCO extends through December 31, 2020. Through its contractual agreements with PEFCO, Ex-Im Bank exercises a broad measure of supervision over PEFCO's major financial management decisions including approval of both the terms of individual loan commitments and the terms of PEFCO's long-term debt issues, and is entitled to representation at all meetings of PEFCO's board of directors, advisory board and exporters' council.

As discussed in Note 7, Ex-Im Bank has significant transactions with the U.S. Treasury. The U.S. Treasury, although not exercising control over Ex-Im Bank, holds the common stock of Ex-Im Bank creating a related-party relationship between Ex-Im Bank and the U.S. Treasury.

9. Pensions and Accrued Annual Leave

Virtually all of Ex-Im Bank's employees are covered by either the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). For CSRS employees, Ex-Im Bank withholds a portion of their base earnings. The employees' contributions are then matched by Ex-Im Bank and the sum is transferred to the Civil Service Retirement Fund, from which the CSRS employees will receive retirement benefits. For FERS employees, Ex-Im Bank withholds, in addition to Social Security withholdings, a portion of their base earnings. Ex-Im Bank contributes an amount proportional to the employees' base earnings towards retirement, and an additional scaled amount towards each individual FERS employee's Thrift Savings Plan, depending upon the employee's level of savings. The FERS employees will receive retirement benefits from the Federal Employees Retirement System, the Social Security System, and Thrift Savings Plan deposits that have accumulated in their accounts.

Total Ex-Im Bank (employer) matching contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan, CSRS and FERS for all employees, included in administrative expenses, were approximately \$3.6 million and \$3.4 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Although Ex-Im Bank funds a portion of pension benefits under the CSRS and FERS relating to its employees and makes the necessary payroll withholdings for them, it has no liability for future payments to employees under these programs and does not account for the assets of the CSRS and FERS, nor does it have actuarial data with respect to accumulated plan benefits or the unfunded pension liability relative to its employees. These amounts are reported by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for the Retirement Systems and are not allocated to the individual employers. OPM also accounts for the health and life insurance programs for current and retired civilian federal employees. Similar to the accounting treatment afforded the retirement programs, the actuarial data related to the health and life insurance programs is maintained by OPM and is not available on an individual employer basis.

Ex-Im Bank's liability to employees for accrued annual leave, included in other liabilities, was \$2.2 million and \$2.4 million for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

10. Statutory Limitations

Under provisions of the Export-Import Bank Act, as amended in fiscal year 1997, Ex-Im Bank's statutory authority is limited to \$75.0 billion of loans, guarantees and insurance outstanding at any one time. At September 30, 2001 and 2000, Ex-Im Bank's statutory authority used was as follows (in millions):

	2001	2000
Outstanding Loans	\$10,614.6	\$9,948.5
Undisbursed Loans	1,858.8	2,612.2
Outstanding Claims	4,181.4	4,233.3
Guarantees	36,948.2	36,944.2
Insurance	4,822.5	7,857.5
Total	\$58,425.5	\$61,595.7

Congress provides an appropriation to cover the subsidy cost of the transactions committed. Transactions can be committed only to the extent that appropriated funding is available to cover such costs. In fiscal years 2001 and 2000, Congress placed no limit on the total amount of loans, guarantees and insurance that could be committed in those years, provided that the \$75.0 billion limit established by the Export-Import Bank Act was not exceeded.

During fiscal year 2001, Ex-Im Bank entered into commitments for loans of \$871.2 million using \$93.8 million of the appropriation (\$1.7 million for tied aid) and commitments for guarantees and insurance of \$8,370.3 million using \$733.9 million of the appropriation. During fiscal year 2000, Ex-Im Bank entered into commitments for loans of \$932.6 million using \$11.7 million of the appropriation (none for tied aid) and commitments for guarantees and insurance of \$11,704.5 million using \$926.1 million of the appropriation.

11. Commitments and Contingencies

Enabling Legislation

In accordance with its enabling legislation, continuation of Ex-Im Bank as an independent corporate agency of the United States is subject to periodic extensions granted by Congress. Congressional authorization has been temporarily extended through October 31, 2001. Management believes that Ex-Im Bank's authorization will be further extended during the first quarter of fiscal year 2002.

Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk

In addition to the risks associated with its loans and claims receivable, Ex-Im Bank is subject to credit risk for financial instruments not reflected in its Statement of Financial Position. These financial instruments consist of (1) guarantees and insurance that provide repayment protection against political and commercial risks and (2) guarantees of letters of credit underlying future loan disbursements. Political risks covered by Ex-Im Bank involve nonpayment as a result of war, cancellation of an existing export or import license, expropriation, confiscation of or intervention in a buyer's business, or transfer risk (failure of foreign government authorities to transfer foreign deposits into dollars). However, losses due to currency devaluation are not considered a political risk by Ex-Im Bank. Commercial risks involve nonpayment for reasons such as deterioration of markets, unanticipated competition and buyer insolvency. Ex-Im Bank generally does not hold collateral or other security to support its medium- and short-term financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk, except for credits supporting export of aircraft and a variety of security arrangements made in the case of project finance transactions. When issuing working capital guarantees, Ex-Im Bank frequently requires the guaranteed party to obtain collateral or a third-party guarantee from the debtor. The amount of collateral is based on management's credit evaluation. All Ex-Im Bank guarantees and insurance benefits carry the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

The risks associated with the overall portfolio of off-balance sheet financial instruments differ from those associated with the loan portfolio. Loans are spread more evenly than guarantees over the entire risk spectrum, while off-balance sheet financial instruments are concentrated in relatively lower risk countries. Also, exporters and financial intermediaries who use Ex-Im Bank short-term insurance bear a portion of losses resulting from nonpayment.

Following is a summary of Ex-Im Bank's off-balance sheet risk at September 30, 2001 and 2000 (in millions):

FY 2001

	Total	Commitments Unused	Outstanding*
Guarantees	\$36,948.2	\$ 7,584.4	\$29,363.8
Insurance	4,822.5	3,660.3	1,162.2
Undisbursed Loans	1,858.8	1,858.8	-
Total	\$43,629.5	\$13,103.5	\$30,526.0

^{*} Shipment of goods has taken place.

FY 2000

	Total	Commitments Unused	Outstanding*
Guarantees	\$36,944.2	\$8,342.5	\$28,601.7
Insurance	7,857.5	6,676.8	1,180.7
Undisbursed Loans	2,612.2	2,612.2	_
Total	\$47,413.9	\$17,631.5	\$29,782.4

^{*} Shipment of goods has taken place.

Ex-Im Bank is exposed to credit loss with respect to the amount at risk in the event of nonpayment by other parties in the agreements. The commitments shown above are agreements to lend monies and issue guarantees and insurance so long as there is no violation of any condition established in the credit agreement.

Substantially all of Ex-Im Bank's off-balance sheet financial instruments involve credits located outside of the United States. Following is a breakdown of such total commitments at September 30, 2001, by major geographic area (in millions):

	Undisbursed			
	Guarantees	Insurance	Loans	Total
Asia	\$12,113.9	\$176.8	\$626.4	\$12,917.1
Latin America	8,836.8	1,397.5	1,036.4	11,270.7
New Independent States (NIS)	2,863.7	13.1	_	2,876.8
Africa/Middle East	5,546.8	105.3	189.5	5,841.6
United States/Other	1,965.0	_	3.7	1,968.7
Eastern Europe—Non-NIS	1,690.3	53.9	_	1,744.2
Western Europe/Canada	3,931.7	236.7	2.8	4,171.2
S/T Insurance (unshipped)	_	2,839.2	_	2,839.2
Total	\$36,948.2	\$4,822.5	\$1,858.8	\$43,629.5

At September 30, 2001, Ex-Im Bank's largest commitments at risk were in the following countries and industries (in millions):

Country		Industry		
China	\$4,435.8	Air Transportation	\$17,187.5	
Mexico	4,324.0	Oil and Gas	6,106.5	
Turkey	3,143.5	Power Projects	5,210.5	
Venezuela	2,526.8	Financial Services	3,541.8	

Changes in the allowance for off-balance sheet risk for fiscal years 2001 and 2000 are as follows (in millions):

Balance at End of Year	\$6,411.5	\$7,030.0
Provision (Credited)/Charged to Operations	(618.5)	694.9
Balance at Beginning of Year	\$7.030.0	\$6.335.1
	2001	2000

Leasing Activities

Ex-Im Bank has no capital leases. Operating lease arrangements are renewable annually. These leases consist primarily of rental of office space. Office space is leased primarily from the General Services Administration (GSA) through the Public Buildings Fund. The annual lease amount is determined each year at the discretion of GSA. Lease expenses, included in administrative expenses, were \$3.8 million for fiscal years 2001 and 2000.

Pending Litigation

As of the end of fiscal year 2001, Ex-Im Bank was named in several legal actions, virtually all of which involved claims under the guarantee and insurance programs. It is not possible to predict the eventual outcome

of the various actions; however, it is management's opinion that these claims will not result in liabilities to such an extent they would materially affect the financial position or results of operations of Ex-Im Bank.

Project Finance

In certain project finance cases, Ex-Im Bank's assistance during the construction period generally is in the form of a political risk guarantee to the private lender. At the end of the construction period, the borrower has the option of converting the private guaranteed financing to an Ex-Im Bank direct loan or to a comprehensive guarantee. As of September 30, 2001, Ex-Im Bank had \$2,118.5 million of such contingent loan commitments outstanding.

12. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of financial instruments to which Ex-Im Bank has a contractual obligation to deliver cash or a contractual right to receive cash from another entity were estimated based on the methods and assumptions identified with each class of financial instrument listed below.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying value approximates fair value because of the short maturities of such investments.

Loans and Subrogated Claims Receivable and Financial Instruments with Off-Balance Sheet Risk

Substantially all of these instruments involve credit risks that private lenders or guarantors would not accept. However, as discussed in Note 3, the Credit Reform Act requires Ex-Im Bank to calculate the net present value of the cost of its credit programs based on management's assumptions with respect to future economic conditions, the amount and timing of future cash flows, and estimated discount rates. Ex-Im Bank believes that the values derived by applying these assumptions to Ex-Im Bank's loans, claims and financial instruments with off-balance sheet risk approximate their fair values.



Borrowings and Claims Payable

The fair values of these instruments were estimated based on discounting the future cash flows using interest rates currently available to Ex-Im Bank for U.S. Treasury debt with comparable maturities. The U.S. Treasury interest rate plus one percent was used for claims payable as this is the rate available in the claim document.

	2001		2000	
(in millions)	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
FINANCIAL ASSETS:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$7,132.5	\$7,132.5	\$9,086.6	\$9,086.6
Loans Receivable, Net	5,855.3	7,374.4	5,725.8	7,173.9
Receivable From Subrogated Claims, Net	2,140.7	2,356.4	2,107.0	2,320.4
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES:				
Off-balance Sheet Financial Instruments	6,411.5	6,411.5	7,030.0	7,030.0
Borrowings From the U.S. Treasury	7,044.8	7,925.3	6,683.1	6,796.0
Claim Payment Certificates	931.1	939.9	1,068.8	1,032.6
Claims Payable	33.2	32.3	51.1	47.0

Use of different methods and assumptions could significantly affect these estimates. Accordingly, the net realizable value could be materially different. In addition, settlement at the reported fair value may not be possible due to contractual constraints or other reasons unique to federally backed credits.

13. PRIVATE SECTOR GAAP TO GOVERNMENT GAAP RECONCILIATION (UNAUDITED)

Ex-Im Bank prepares its financial statements in accordance with GAAP. In January 2000, the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) recognized the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board (FASAB) as the standard setting body for federal entities. FASAB established generally accepted accounting principles for the preparation of federal agencies' financial statements (government GAAP) which differ in some respects from private sector GAAP.

The manner in which loss reserves are calculated under private sector GAAP differs from the way they are calculated under government GAAP. As detailed in Note 3, Ex-Im Bank's operations are subject to the Credit Reform Act of 1990. Under the Credit Reform Act, the cost of credit risk is defined as the net present value of cash disbursements offset by the net present value of cash receipts, such as fees, premiums, and loan principal and interest. This definition of cost of credit risk is used to determine the level of credit related loss reserves under government GAAP. However, private sector GAAP does not recognize future fees and premiums as an offset to the allowance since to do so would recognize income before it is earned. The difference in treatment of the

level of loss reserves between government and private sector GAAP is reflected in the Government/Private Sector GAAP Statement of Financial Position. Under government GAAP guidance, there is a higher level of loans and claims receivable, a smaller reserve for off-balance sheet risk and more equity.

The amount of net income reported under government GAAP is also different than net income reported under private sector GAAP accounting. Depending on the level of activity, net income reported on

a government GAAP basis may be more or less than net income reported on a private sector GAAP basis.

Ex-Im Bank's audited Statement of Financial Position is presented in accordance with private sector GAAP for financial reporting purposes. Ex-Im Bank's Statement of Financial Position prepared in accordance with government GAAP and the reconciliation of net income from the accompanying private sector GAAP Statement of Operations to net income in accordance with government GAAP follow:

Government/Private Sector GAAP Statement of Financial Position Supplemental Reconciliation

	2001		2000	
(in millions)	Private Sector GAAP	Government GAAP	Private Sector GAAP	Government GAAP
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$7,132.5	\$7,132.5	\$9,086.6	\$9,086.6
Loans Receivable, Net	5,855.3	6,695.8	5,725.8	6,055.9
Receivables from Subrogated Claims	2,140.7	2,171.7	2,107.0	2,136.8
Subsidy Receivable from Program Account	N/A	1,828.4	N/A	2,221.7
Accrued Interest, Fees Received and Other Assets	184.4	184.4	164.9	164.9
Total Assets	\$15,312.9	\$18,012.8	\$17,084.3	\$19,665.9
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Borrowings	\$7,975.9	\$7,975.9	\$ 7,751.9	\$ 7,751.9
Allowance for Off-Balance Sheet Risk	6,411.5	N/A	7.030.0	N/A
Claims Payable	33.2	33.2	51.1	51.1
Guarantee Loan Liability	N/A	3,327.3	N/A	3,531.3
Liability for Subsidy Related to Undisbursed Loans/Gua	arantees N/A	1,387.6	N/A	1,224.8
Subsidy Payable to Financing Account, Net	N/A	440.8	N/A	996.9
Amounts Payable to the U.S. Treasury	557.0	1,560.8	1,574.9	3,654.2
Other Liabilities	977.7	977.7	849.1	849.1
Total Liabilities	15,955.3	15,703.3	17,257.0	18,059.3
Capital Stock held by the U.S. Treasury	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0	1,000.0
Tied Aid Appropriations	397.3	N/A	410.4	N/A
Credit Appropriations	190.6	N/A	38.8	N/A
Unexpended Appropriations	N/A	1,750.3	N/A	1,603.5
Accumulated Deficit	(2,230.3)	(440.8)	(1,621.9)	(996.9)
Total Stockholder's (Deficiency)/Equity	(642.4)	2,309.5	(172.7)	1,606.6
Total Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity	\$15,312.9	\$18,012.8	\$17,084.3	\$19,665.9

The following are the differences between government GAAP and private sector GAAP in the statements above:

Loans Receivable, Net under government GAAP is higher by \$840.5 million in FY 2001 and \$330.1 million in FY 2000. Loan interest and fee income is credited to the loan loss reserve under government GAAP, which results in a smaller loss reserve and a larger receivable.

Receivables from Subrogated Claims under government GAAP is higher by \$31.0 million in FY 2001 and \$29.8 million in FY 2000. Interest income on rescheduled claims is credited to the loan loss reserve under government GAAP, which results in a smaller loss reserve and a larger receivable.

Under government GAAP, the Subsidy Receivable from the Program Account of \$1,828.4 million for FY 2001 and \$2,221.7 million for FY 2000 is fully offset by the Liability for Subsidy Related to Undisbursed Loans and Guarantees and the Subsidy Payable to the Financing Account, Net. These amounts are payable to and receivable from different Ex-Im Bank accounts at the U.S. Treasury and net to zero. They are not broken out separately under private sector GAAP.

The Allowance for Off-Balance Sheet Risk shown under private sector GAAP is the equivalent of the Guarantee Loan Liability under government GAAP. The government GAAP figure is lower by \$3,084.2 million in FY 2001 and \$3,498.7 million in FY 2000 because fee income is taken into account in government GAAP before it is earned.

Amounts Payable to the U.S. Treasury are higher by \$1,003.8 million in FY 2001 and \$2,079.3 million in FY 2000 under government GAAP. The annual subsidy re-estimate calculation is made up of two components, an amount due from the U.S. Treasury for cohorts of loans and guarantees that have increased in risk and an amount payable to the U.S. Treasury for cohorts of loans and guarantees that have decreased in risk. Under private sector GAAP, the two components are netted and shown as Amounts Payable to the U.S. Treasury. Under government GAAP, the amount due to the U.S. Treasury is shown as a payable and the amount due from the U.S. Treasury is recorded as an increase to subsidy expense, which is reflected in the Accumulated Deficit. In addition, the net value of credits authorized prior to October 1, 1991, is recorded as a payable to the U.S. Treasury under government GAAP but is reflected in the Accumulated Deficit under private sector GAAP.

Under government GAAP, Stockholder's Deficiency is lower by \$2,951.9 million in FY 2001 and \$1,779.3 in FY 2000 than under private sector GAAP. Smaller loss reserves under government GAAP result in less loss expense, which results in higher equity. Also, under government GAAP, Unexpended Appropriations of \$1,750.3 million in FY 2001 and \$1,603.5 million in FY 2000 includes both obligated and unobligated balances. Under private sector GAAP, only the obligated portion of unexpended appropriations is reflected in the Accumulated Deficit.

Government/Private Sector GAAP Statement of Operations Supplemental Reconciliation

(in millions)	2001	2000
Reported Net Income, Private Sector		
GAAP Basis	\$1,061.3	\$345.8
ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME:		
Subsidy Appropriation Used	675.3	826.3
Appropriation from Prior Year Re-estimate	918.7	1,663.2
Administrative Expense Appropriation Used	53.5	55.1
Total Adjustments to Income	1,647.5	2,544.6
ADJUSTMENTS TO EXPENSE:		
Subsidy Expense	(1,417.9)	(678.0)
Financing Resources Transferred Out	(1,290.9)	(2,212.4)
Future Funded Expense	556.1	(169.5)
Total Adjustments to Expense	(2,152.7)	(3,059.9)
Net Income/(Loss) and Change in Accumulat	ed	
Deficit, Government GAAP Basis	\$556.1	\$(169.5)

All of the differences in the schedule above result from differences in the treatment of appropriations and re-estimates between government and private sector GAAP. Under government GAAP, the receipt and use of appropriations for credit activity, administrative expense and re-estimates is reflected in the Statement of Operations. Under private sector GAAP, this activity is shown as part of the Statement of Changes in Capital and Accumulated Deficit.

Report of Independent Accountants

To the Board of Directors Export-Import Bank of the United States

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of financial position and the related statements of operations, changes in capital and accumulated deficit, and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) at September 30, 2001 and 2000, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of Ex-Im Bank's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the comptroller general of the United States, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing

the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 12, 2001, on our consideration of Ex-Im Bank's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants for the year ended September 30, 2001. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The private sector GAAP to government GAAP reconciliation appearing in Note 13 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financials statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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Washington, D.C. October 12, 2001

Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of the Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Directors Export-Import Bank of the United States

We have audited the financial statements of the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated October 12, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the comptroller general of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ex-Im Bank's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of the financial statement amounts. For purposes of this report, we have categorized the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants we tested as part of obtaining such reasonable assurance into the following categories:

- Personnel engagement, maintenance and separation
- Budget preparation and execution
- · Debt authorization and restrictions
- · Deposits and investments restrictions
- · Procurement policies and procedures
- Enabling legislation authorizations and restrictions

However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Ex-Im Bank's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that we have reported to the management of Ex-Im Bank in a separate letter dated October 12, 2001.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management of Ex-Im Bank, and the Congress, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Washington, D.C. October 12, 2001