

# BARBADOS PUBLIC WORKERS' CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION LIMITED

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the year ended March 31, 2014

(Expressed in Barbados dollars)

## 24. Financial risk management...(continued)

### 24.4 Market risk...(continued)

#### **Interest rate risk...(continued)**

An interest rate sensitivity analysis was performed to determine the impact on profit of reasonable possible changes in the interest rates prevailing as at March 31, 2014, with all other variables held constant.

The impact is illustrated and shown in the table below:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Increase / decrease of 100 bps</b>		
Impact on profit + 100 bps	\$ 3,343,618	3,022,227
Impact on profit – 100 bps	(3,343,618)	(3,022,227)

### 24.5 Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of direct or indirect loss arising from a wide variety of causes associated with the Group's processes, personnel, technology and infrastructure, and from external factors other than credit, market and liquidity risks such as those arising from legal and regulatory requirements and generally accepted standards of corporate behaviour.

While operational risk is inherent to each of the Group's business activities, the exposure is minimised by ensuring that the appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and human resources are in place. Key policies and procedures used in managing operating risk involve a strong internal audit function, segregation of duties, delegation of authority, and financial and managerial reporting.

Within the Group, mitigation of operating risk is assigned to senior management supported by a well-defined organisational structure that segregates operational and administrative functions. Back-up capabilities are also maintained to ensure on-going service delivery in adverse circumstances.

In addition, periodic reviews are undertaken by the Internal Audit department. The results of the reviews are discussed with the management of the business unit to which they relate, senior management and the Board of Directors.