



Quarterly Market Update
(July 2 ó September 29, 2008)

Equities

During the Third Quarter, the stock market activity slowed down considerably. The first day of trading in the Quarter witnessed an exchange of 4,461,900 shares valued at GH¢3,308,546 from 13 listed companies. By the middle of the Quarter, there was a nearly 50% reduction in volume of shares traded, valued at GH¢7,290,998. At the last day of the Quarter, only 49,100 shares were bought or sold, valued at GH¢303,927. Two public share offerings from UT Financial Services Limited (IPO) and Ecobank Transnational Incorporated commenced during the Quarter.

Ten (10) equities experienced price appreciation, led by SPPC with a 125% rise. Other strong performers were Unilever (67%), EIC (40%) and Fan Milk (32.92%). On the reverse side, SIC fell by 8%, Ecobank Transnational and Ghana Commercial Bank by 4% each and GOIL by 3%.

Market capitalization increased, however, from GH¢ 15,582.5 million to GH¢ 17,845.8 million, representing a 14.5% increase over the beginning of the Quarter value.

Money Market

The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of Ghana maintained the prime rate at 17% at the end of the Quarter, informed by a slight decrease in inflation and decreasing crude oil prices from an all-time record high of almost \$150 per barrel. The 91-day Treasury bill rate went up from 16.3% to 24.58%. The 182-day Treasury bill rate moved up 1,033 basis points to close at 26.04%. The 1-year note also moved from 16.2% to 20% over the 3-month period, whereas the 2-year fixed-rate note decreased from 16.5% to 21%.

