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PRESS RELEASE ON RESERVE REQUIREMENTS

In line with the strategic framework set out at the Monetary Policy Committee meeting held on 22 January 2013, Turkish lira and FX reserve requirement ratios are revised as follows:

Turkish lira Liabilities	**Current Ratios (%)**	**New Ratios (%)**
Demand deposits, notice deposits and private current accounts, deposits/participation accounts with maturities of up to 1 month and 3 months (including 1 and 3 months)	11	11.25
Deposits/participation accounts with maturities of up to 6 months (including 6 months)	8	8.25
Deposits/participation accounts with maturities of up to 1 year	6	6.25
Deposits/participation accounts with maturities of 1 year and longer and cumulative deposits/participation accounts	5	5
Other liabilities with maturities of up to 1 year (including 1 year)	11	11.25
Other liabilities with maturities of up to 3 years (including 3 years)	8	8
Other liabilities with maturities longer than 3 years	5	5

FX Liabilities	**Current Ratios (%)**	**New Ratios (%)**
FX demand deposits, notice deposits and FX private current accounts, deposits/participation accounts with maturities of up to 1 month, 3 months, 6 months (including 1, 3 and 6 months) and 1 year	11.5	12
FX deposits / participation accounts with maturities of 1 year and longer and cumulative FX deposits / participation accounts	9	9
Other FX liabilities with maturities of up to 1 year (including 1 year)	11.5	12
Other FX liabilities with maturities of up to 3 years (including 3 years)	9.5	10
Other FX liabilities with maturities longer than 3 years	6	6

With the increase in Turkish lira reserve requirement ratios, Turkish lira required reserves will increase by approximately TL 1.4 billion. Under the assumption that the ROM facilities continue to be used at current levels, liquidity amounting to about TL 300 million, FX worth USD 750 million and gold worth USD 350 million will be withdrawn from the market and the effective reserve requirement ratio for Turkish lira currently standing at 10.6 percent will become 10.8 percent.

With the increase in FX reserve requirement ratios, liquidity amounting to about USD 900 million will be withdrawn from the market and the effective reserve requirement ratio for FX currently standing at 10.6 percent will become 11 percent.

Reserve requirement ratios will be effective as of the calculation period dated 1 February 2013 and the maintenance period will begin on 15 February 2013.

Moreover, the reserve option coefficients have been raised by 0.1 points for all tranches of gold reserves held for Turkish lira required reserves. Banks have been consistently using the facility and the utilization ratio is at 82.6 percent. At present, 237 tons of gold worth USD 12.7 billion are being held for Turkish lira required reserves. Should this facility continue to be used at the same level, the expected increase in Central Bank gold reserves is approximately 16.5 tons of gold worth USD 900 million.

Revisions in the ROCs for gold reserves held for Turkish lira required reserves will be effective as of the calculation period dated 15 February 2013 and the maintenance period will begin on 1 March 2013.