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## Economic News

### 'Reduction in reserve cash ratio positive— Zenith Bank boss'

The Managing Director/Chief Executive Office of Zenith Bank (Ghana) Limited, Mr. Daniel Asiedu, has commended the Bank of Ghana (BoG) for revising the cash reserve ratio (CRR) of banks from 11 per cent to 10 per cent last month. The reduction, he said, was timely because it would make additional funds available to the banks which could be channeled into loans and advances to businesses, particularly Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) which hitherto had been grappling with a tightened credit stance. "If the businesses get more money, it means they can invest and expand, which will increase the production of goods and services; help grow the economy and ultimately benefit the entire country," Mr. Asiedu said in an interview. **Source: Graphic Online**

### 'Inflation rises to 17percent; highest since 2010'

Inflation is still on the rise in the country. The rate increased to 17 percent in November - the highest since March 2010. It however represents a 0.1 percent increase from the 16.9 percent rate recorded in October; the Ghana Statistical Service announced this today. The non-food group recorded a marginal increase in inflation rate from 24% to 24.1% in November. The increment was mainly driven by housing, water and electricity which recorded an inflation rate of 36.2%. Education recorded the lowest inflation rate of 9%.

**Source: Myjoyonline.com**

### 'GNPC completes takeover of Ghana Gas'

Government has concluded a process for the Ghana National Petroleum Corporation (GNPC) to take over the Ghana National Gas Company, a move aimed at integrating the management of the two oil and gas establishments. A statement from the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum confirmed the consolidation of the two entities on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. "GoG has executed the legal instrument assigning its entire shareholding in GNGC to GNPC. GNPC is thus now the sole shareholder of GNGC and now has full control over GNGC", the statement signed by Head of Communications, Edward Bawa, announced. **Source: Myjoyonline.com**

## Corporate News

### 'HFC Bank gets new chairperson'

The Board of Directors of HFC Bank has elected Mrs. Muriel Susan Edusei as its new Chairperson from December 4, 2014. This follows the retirement of Nana Agyei Duku on November 27, this year. Mrs. Edusei has over 20 years working experience in the banking industry, most of which was at the National Investment Bank. She held various positions such as Head of Credit Control, Head of External Loan Department and Head of Foreign Operations. She, however, retired as Deputy Chief Manager at NIB in 1995 and joined Oikocredit International, a development finance institution with its headquarters in The Netherlands, as the Regional Manager for Anglophone West Africa. **Source: Graphic Online**

## Previous Session's Market Close- Equities

Period	GSE. C.I	GSE F.I	Mrk. Cap (GHS)	Volume Traded	Value Traded
Today	2,303.15	2,305.97	65,838	1,902,142.00	2,661,787.72
Previous	2,311.37	2,312.75	65,883	1,213,509	1,981,221
%Chg. Today	-0.36	-0.29	-0.07	56.75	34.35
%Chg. Y-T-D	7.36	29.07	7.65		

C.I – Composite Index

F.I – Financial Index

Source: Merban Stockbrokers Ltd a Subsidiary of UMB

## Market Movement

Equity	Day Close	Day open	Gain/Loss(¢)	Percent Change
SG-SSB	0.96	0.95	0.01	1.05
FML	5.15	5.13	0.02	0.39
SCB	21.20	21.16	0.04	0.19
GCB	5.80	5.83	-0.03	-0.15
EBG	7.62	7.68	-0.06	-0.78

Source: Merban Stockbrokers Ltd a Subsidiary of UMB

## Top 5 Most Traded Equities for the Week

Equity	Shares Traded	No. Of Transactions	Value of Trades (GHS)	%tage of Total Value
EGI	1,164,100	61.2	2,013,893	75.7
UTB	410,600	21.6	90,824	3.4
CPC	100,000	5.3	1,000	0.0
CAL	53,610	2.8	54,706	2.1
EBG	40,775	2.1	310,729	11.7

Source: Merban Stockbrokers Ltd a Subsidiary of UMB

## Interbank Exchange Rate Averages

Currency – Interbank	Rate 10-Dec	Rate 09-Dec	Y-T-D
USD/GHS	3.1967	3.1967	-32.38
GBP/GHS	5.0123	4.9949	-28.72
EUR/GHS	3.9702	3.9273	-24.72
CHF/GHS	3.3049	3.2665	-26.22
ZAR/GHS	0.2802	0.2758	-26.39

The Cedi struggled to maintain its firm position on the currency market today. Although the local currency remained unchanged against the Dollar, it lost grounds to the Pound, the Euro, the Swiss Franc and the Rand. The Ghanaian currency shaved 1.08% and 0.35% against the Euro and the Pound with rates on the interbank market averaging GHS3.97 and GHS5.01 respectively. The Cedi however remained stable against the Dollar at GHS3.20.

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