Executive Board meeting of 24 January 2007

1. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: Memo 18 January 2007 from Monetary Policy –

Developments since 6 December 2006

Draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and

the Ministry of Finance on 12 December 2006 Memo 18 January 2007 from Monetary Policy – Updated outlook for the Norwegian economy

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 24 January 2007 from Monetary Policy – Background and general

assessment

Presentations from Monetary Policy

The Governor presented a review of the main economic developments since the previous Executive Board meeting, with particular emphasis on developments in money, foreign exchange and capital markets and his assessment of these developments in relation to the monetary policy strategy.

On this basis, the <u>Executive Board</u> had a discussion. The Board decided to increase Norges Bank's key policy rate by 0.25 percentage point to 3.75 percent with effect from 25 January 2007.

The Executive Board also took note of the memo "Developments since 6 December 2006" and the minutes of the meeting between the Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 12 December 2006.