Executive Board meeting of 30 June 2005

2. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: Memo 23 June 2005 – Developments since 18

May 2005 from Monetary Policy

Draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and the Ministry of Finance on 24 May 2005 STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 30 June 2005

from Monetary Policy.

Background and general assessment (distributed

at the meeting)

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. Presentations from Monetary Policy (distributed at the meeting)

The Deputy 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 sight deposit rate by 0.25 percentage point to 2.00 percent with effect from 1 July 2005. The D-loan rate will be increased correspondingly to 4.00 percent.

The Executive Board also took note of the memo "Developments since 18 May 2005". The Deputy Governor informed the Board that the minutes of the meeting between the Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 24 May 2005 had now been approved.