Executive Board meeting of 1 November 2006

5. The current monetary policy situation

Related documents: Memo 26 October 2006 – Developments since 21

September 2006 from Monetary Policy

Draft minutes of meeting between Norges Bank and the Ministry of Finance on 26 September 2006 STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL memo 1 November

2006 from Monetary Policy

Background and general assessment (distributed at

the meeting)

Presentations from Monetary Policy (distributed at

the meeting)

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 sight deposit rate by 0.25 percentage point to 3.25 percent with effect from 2 November 2006. The D-loan rate will be increased correspondingly.

The Executive Board also took note of the memo "Developments since 21 September 2006" and the minutes of the meeting between the Ministry of Finance and Norges Bank on 26 September 2006.