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The Operation of Bangkok International Banking Facilities (BIBF)

Bank of Thailand (BOT) announced that the BIBF lending continued to decline.

At the end of April 2001, the outstanding loan was B416.2 billion, decreased by B80.3 billion or 16.2 percent compared to the same period last year. The main reason was the repayment of matured debt. The decrease of the Thai commercial banks' BIBF outstanding loan was B31 billion or 30.8 percent, compared to the previous year, accounting for the largest proportion of the reduction.

However, when compared to the previous month, the BIBF lending at the end of April increased slightly due to the valuation of Baht against USD, from 44.87 Baht per USD at the end of March 2001 to 45.58 Baht per USD at the end of April 2001.

The Out-In and Out-Out outstanding loans stood at B374.4 billion and B41.8 billion, declined by B65.8 billion and B14.5 billion or 14.9 percent and 25.8 percent from April 2000, respectively.

At the end of April 2001, the business sector having the largest outstanding loan with the BIBF was the Manufacturing sector with the total loan of B214.3 billion, or 51.5 percent of the total BIBF outstanding. This was followed by Public Utilities and Finance and Banking sectors having outstanding loans of B62.9 billion and B53.9 billion, respectively, contributed to 15.1 and 12.9 percent of the total BIBF outstanding loan.

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