



# **Annual Accounts of Byggðastofnun**

Icelandic Regional Development Institute

**2009**

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## Signatures and Report of the Board of Directors of the Icelandic Regional Development Institute

The annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and rules on the financial statements of credit institutions. The annual accounts are made according to the same accounting principles as the previous year.

The Institute is mainly in the business of providing loans or other financial support in order to, among other things, improve living conditions in individual communities and prevent unwanted demographic changes or that viable inhabited areas become deserted.

According to the profit and loss statement the Institute was operated with a loss of ISK 3,015 million in the past year. According to the balance sheet, equity capital amounted to ISK 1,130 million at year-end.

The equity ratio, as defined by the Act on Credit Institutions, is 4.92%.

At the end of the year the equity ratio was 4.92% as stated above. The Act on Financial Undertakings states that equity shall be at least 8% of the credit risk and the Institute does therefore not fulfil this provision at the end of 2009. In response to this the parliament passed an authorisation in the 2010 budget to provide the Institute with an equity contribution of ISK 1,000 million to meet the statutory limits on equity ratio.

By signing below, the Board of Directors, CEO and Director of Finance hereby confirm the Regional Development Institute's annual accounts for 2009.

*Reykjavik; 30 April 2010*

*Anna Kristín Gunnarsdóttir*  
Chairman

<i>Arndís Soffía Sigurðardóttir</i>	<i>Ásmundur Sverrir Pálsson</i>
<i>Bjarni Jónsson</i>	<i>Drífa Hjartardóttir</i>
<i>Herdís Á. Sæmundardóttir</i>	<i>Kristján Þór Júlíusson</i>

*Aðalsteinn Þorsteinsson*  
Director

*Magnús Helgason*  
Director of finance

## Independent Auditors' Report

### To the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Icelandic Regional Development Institute

On behalf of the National Audit Office, we have audited the accompanying 2009 annual accounts of the Icelandic Regional Development Institute. The annual accounts contain the signatures and report of the Board of Directors, a profit and loss account, balance sheet, statement of cash flow, information on important accounting methods, and other explanations.

### Directors' responsibility for the annual accounts

The Directors are responsible for the annual accounts being prepared and presented according to the Annual Accounts Act. The Directors shall, accordingly, organise, adopt and maintain internal controls over the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts, such that they will generally be free of significant defects, whether through fraud or mistakes. Directors' responsibility also extends to the use of accounting and valuation methods appropriate for the circumstances.

### Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility involves the opinion we give of the annual account, as based on our audit. Our audit was carried out in accordance with international auditing standards. According to these standards, we must observe ethical rules and organise and perform the audit in a manner that provides sufficient certainty that the annual accounts have no substantial shortcomings.

The audit entails measures to confirm amounts and notes in the annual accounts. The selection of auditing procedures was based on the auditor's professional assessment, for instance of the risk of substantial shortcomings in the annual accounts, whether due to fraud or mistakes. This risk assessment took into consideration the Institute's internal control over the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts, in order to plan appropriate auditing measures rather than to give an opinion on the effectiveness of the Institute's internal control. Moreover, the audit includes an assessment of the accounting methods and methods of valuation used by the Directors in compiling the annual accounts as well as an assessment of their overall presentation.

We believe that during our audit, we have obtained sufficient and appropriate data to base our opinion on.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the annual accounts provide a true and fair view of the performance of the Icelandic Regional Development Institute during 2009, its financial position as of 31 December 2009, and the changes in its liquid assets during 2009, in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

### Comment

Without qualifying the accounts we would like to draw attention to Note 16, concerning the ability of the Institute as a going concern after having to make large provisions for loan losses. The Institute has, cf. Note 14, been allocated funds intended to secure that it meets minimum equity ratio requirements and also to remove any uncertainty as to its ability to continue as a going concern.

*Reykjavik; 30 April 2010*

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## Income statement for the year 2009

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2009</b> ISK 000s	<b>2008</b> ISK 000s
<b>Interest income</b>			
Interest from bankdeposits and securities		293.633	77.212
Interest on loans		1.685.689	1.894.991
		<b>1.979.323</b>	<b>1.972.204</b>
<b>Interest expenses</b>			
Interest on borrowings		1.292.804	1.511.513
Other interest expense		1.914	1.070
		1.294.718	1.512.583
<i>Net interest income</i>		<b>684.604</b>	<b>459.621</b>
<b>Other income</b>			
Regular budget allocation		385.200	386.300
Other budget allocation	5	46.535	118.858
Foreign exchange differences		41.188	711.082
Other income		36.333	14.211
		509.256	1.230.450
<i>Net income</i>		<b>1.193.861</b>	<b>1.690.071</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>			
Grants to economic development agencies		164.700	173.160
Other grants		49.437	106.445
Salaries and related expenses	3,4	162.831	157.768
General operating expenses		104.521	118.876
Depreciation of operational assets		6.052	1.408
Allowance for losses on loans and change in share capital	2,9	3.720.936	1.660.399
		4.208.477	2.218.055
<b>Net profit (loss)</b>		<b>(3.014.616)</b>	<b>(527.984)</b>

**Balance sheet**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2009</b> ISK 000s	<b>2008</b> ISK 000s
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Funds and claims against financial institutions</b>			
Bank deposits and securities	6	2.167.413	2.472.498
<b>Loans</b>			
Loans to customers	7	17.412.611	19.348.264
Appropriated assets	8	350.755	355.235
		17.763.366	19.703.499
<b>Shares held in companies</b>			
Shares	10	1.054.191	1.064.417
		1.054.191	1.064.417
<b>Other assets</b>			
Accounts receivable		2.675.108	13.966
Operational assets	11	54.223	54.551
		2.729.331	68.517
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>23.714.302</b>	<b>23.308.932</b>

## as of 31 Desember 2009

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2009</b> ISK 000s	<b>2008</b> ISK 000s
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>			
<b>Borrowings</b>			
Securities issued		7.606.178	5.764.993
Loans from financial institutions		14.832.426	15.896.356
	13	22.438.604	21.661.349
<b>Other liabilities</b>			
Allowance for losses on collateral		19.383	11.255
Creditors		126.394	91.791
		145.778	103.046
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>22.584.381</b>	<b>21.764.395</b>
<b>Equity capital</b>	2,14	<b>1.129.921</b>	<b>1.544.537</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>23.714.302</b>	<b>23.308.932</b>
<b>Outside the balance sheet items</b>			
Guarantees provided		368.282	363.914

## Statement of cash flow, 2009

	<b>2009</b> <b>ISK 000s</b>	<b>2008</b> <b>ISK 000s</b>
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>		
Net profit (loss)	(3.014.616)	(527.984)
<i>Items not affecting liquid assets:</i>		
Allowance for losses on loans and reduction in share capita	3.720.936	1.660.399
Depreciation of fixed assets	6.052	1.408
Interest, indexation and exchange rate difference	(191.570)	(111.714)
Unpaid grants	1.225	(3.199)
<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>522.028</b>	<b>1.018.910</b>
 <b>Investment activities</b>		
Repayment of loans	781.246	807.445
New loans made	(1.147.937)	(3.880.601)
Redeemed assets	(13.512)	68.198
Shares	(64.846)	(10.715)
Operational assets bought	(5.724)	0
Money market loan SPRON	(256.086)	0
Debtors	2.880	(3.819)
<b>Investment activities</b>	<b>(703.979)</b>	<b>(3.019.491)</b>
 <b>Financing activities</b>		
Repayment of borrowings	(1.156.511)	(1.602.883)
New borrowings	1.000.000	4.156.125
Accounts payable	33.378	20.689
<b>Financial activities</b>	<b>(123.133)</b>	<b>2.573.931</b>
 <b>Increase (decrease) in cash on hand</b>	<b>(305.085)</b>	<b>573.350</b>
<b>Cash on hand at beginning of year</b>	<b>2.472.498</b>	<b>1.899.148</b>
<b>Cash on hand at year-end</b>	<b>6</b> <b>2.167.413</b>	<b>2.472.498</b>



## Notes to the 2009 financial statements

### 1. Information on the Institute

The Regional Development Institute is a credit institution, its Id. No. 450679-0389, and its main business is providing loans and other financial support. The Institute's registered domicile is Ártorg 1, IS-550 Saudárkrókur, Iceland.

### 2. Accounting Methods

#### Basis of financial statement

The annual accounts are prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and rules on the financial statements of credit institutions. It is a cost accounting statement, except for investment assets, derivatives and financial instruments intended for resale which are assessed at fair value. The annual accounts are made according to the same accounting principles as the previous year. It is in Icelandic krona (ISK) and all amounts are in ISK thousands, except where otherwise indicated.

#### Methods of assessment

The directors must assess and make specific decisions regarding important items in the annual accounts that are subject to assessment from time to time due to their nature. The methods of assessment are based on generally accepted accounting principles. The real value of items assessed in this way may prove different from the assessment upon sale or other disposal.

#### Assets and liabilities linked to a price index and foreign exchange rates

Accrued exchange rate difference is entered in the annual accounts, as well as inflation adjustments to the principals of assets and liabilities. Indexed assets and liabilities are entered based on the indices of 1 January 2010. Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted into Icelandic krona at the last registered rate of the year. The exchange rate difference is then entered in the profit and loss account.

#### Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are entered at cost, less depreciation. Improvements are capitalised if they are considered likely to yield a profit to the Institute in the future and if the cost can be reliably assessed. Any maintenance cost is charged in the profit and loss account as incurred. Depreciation is based on the estimated useful life of individual fixed assets and calculated as a fixed annual percentage of the initial purchase price, less estimated residual value, considering the period of ownership during the year.

#### Provisions for losses on loans

Provisions for losses on loans are made to meet the risk associated with lending, however, this does not constitute a final write-off. Provisions for losses on loans are charged to the profit and loss account less repayments for loans previously written-off.

#### Ownership in companies

Ownership in companies is entered at cost or fair value where possible. Changes in assessment are entered in the profit and loss account.

#### Investments

The Institute's investments are divided into loans and claims. They are originally assessed at fair value or cost plus transaction costs. All investment trade by the Institute is recorded on the business day, which is the date when the Institute has undertaken to make the trade.

#### Loans and claims

Loans and claims are financial assets, excluding derivatives that have a fixed or predetermined payment flow and are not registered in an active market. Loans and claims are generally assessed at cost price.

#### Debtors

Claims on debtors are recorded according to the original trade price, following exchange rate adjustments and less a write-down to meet claims that may be lost. The write-

down is based on an assessment of the risk of loss with respect to individual claims and the claims as a whole. Claims that are considered completely lost are removed from the Institute's books.

#### Cash

Cash in the balance sheet and cash flow statement includes bank deposits and due claims on credit institutions.

#### Income

Income is recorded when there is a considerable probability that the financial benefit thereof will come to the Institute and when it can be assessed in a reliable manner. Interest income is entered in the profit and loss account when they occur.

Dividend income is entered when the Institute's right to collect is recognised.

Lease income from leasing of investment assets is recognised on a straight-line basis during the lease period.

### 3. Salaries and related expenses

	2009	2008
	ISK 000s	ISK 000s
Wages	134,092	130,202
Pension contribution	16,369	16,042
Other salaries-related expenses	12,370	11,524
<b>Total</b>	<b>162,831</b>	<b>157,768</b>

In terms of full-year positions, the Institute had an average of about 20 employee's in 2009. At year-end 2009 the company had 20 employees on the payroll.

### 4. Payments to the Board and Director-General

Wages to the Board and Director-General of the Institute of Regional Development were as follows:

Örlygur Hnefill Jónsson, Chairman until 20.05.2009	933	2,239
Anna Kristín Gunnardóttir, chairman from 20.05.2009	1,769	0
Other Board Members (6)	6,324	6,829
Aðalsteinn Þorsteinsson, Director-General	10,683	11,561
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,709</b>	<b>20,629</b>

**5. Allocations from supplementary budget**

	2009	2008
Budget allocations for employment promotion	42,935	91,808
Budget allocations for economic dev. projects	3,600	5,050
Other budget allocations	0	22,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,535</b>	<b>118,858</b>

**6. Cash and claims on financial**

Cash on hand consists of unrestricted bank deposits in domestic and foreign currencies and claims due at credit institutions.

Bank deposits in ISK	2,162,639	1,081,605
Bank deposits in foreign currencies	4,774	1,390,893
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,167,413</b>	<b>2,472,498</b>

**7. Loans****Breakdown by sector:**

Municipalities	0,57%	0,57%
Individuals	5,82%	5,89%
<b>Industry:</b>		
Services	36,60%	34,69%
Fisheries	32,60%	33,08%
Manufacturing	15,97%	14,81%
Financial Institute	5,85%	5,57%
Agriculture	2,59%	2,36%
Other	0%	3,04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,00%</b>	<b>100,00%</b>

Loans by maturity:

On demand	534,765	463,213
Up to 3 months	275,757	380,670
3 months up to 1 year	1,079,371	1,259,855
1 to 5 years	5,073,926	5,561,940
Over 5 years	10,448,792	11,682,586
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,412,611</b>	<b>19,348,264</b>

**8. Appropriated assets**

Real estate	350,155	355,035
Moveable assets	600	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,755</b>	<b>355,235</b>

**9. Provision to loan-loss account****Changes during year (ISK 000s)**

Balance at the beginning of the year	1,767,115	795,918
Provision for impairment losses	3,295,694	1,237,392
Loans write off	(430,387)	(266,195)
<b>Balance at end of year</b>	<b>4,632,422</b>	<b>1,767,115</b>

**2009 2008**

Allowance during the year	3,295,694	1,237,392
Provision for guarantees	8,128	1,440
Changes in shares	228,097	421,567
Impairment for other claims	192,065	0
Prev. written off loans	(3,048)	0
Allowance for credit losses, according to profit and loss statement	3,720,936	1,660,399
Allowance for credit losses, as a percentage of loans	21,01%	8,37%

**10. Shareholdings**

Breakdown of shares held by the IRDI at year-end, by nominal value and holding proportion:

	Share %	Normal value ISK 000s
<b>Real estate</b>		
Ámundakinn ehf.	13,16%	19,000
Ásgarður hf. eignarhaldsfélag	13,10%	15,000
Dalagisting ehf.	12,11%	8,000
Dýralíf ehf.	28,92%	4,000
Fasteignafélagið Borg ehf.	29,78%	18,825
Fasteignafélagið Hvammur ehf.	24,86%	16,924
Fjarðaraldan hf.	29,88%	15,000
Grand hótél Mývatn ehf.	7,22%	10,000
Hótél Hellissandur hf.	24,98%	19,534
Hótél Norðurljós ehf.	46,40%	2,320
Tröllasteinn ehf.	18,92%	7,000
Urtusteinn ehf.	8,36%	32,487
<b>Total real estate</b>		<b>168,090</b>

**Banks and financial**

Saga Capital hf.	0,36%	35,378
<b>Total banks and financial</b>		<b>35,378</b>

**Holding:**

Eignarhaldsfélag Suðurlands hf.	40,00%	109,142
Eignarhaldsfélag Suðurnesja hf.	19,03%	96,840
Eignarhaldsfél. Vestmannaeyja hf.	38,77%	7,850
Fjárfestingafélagið Vör hf.	41,83%	35,940
Gjöll ehf.	22,04%	4,000
Hvetjandi ehf.	49,85%	53,109
<b>Total Holding</b>		<b>306,881</b>

**Travel**

Brimnes hótél ehf.	12,00%	4,610
Ferðaskrifstofa Austurlands ehf.	29,03%	4,500
Hótél Flúðir hf.	11,94%	3,109
Hótél Húsavík hf.	0,38%	136
Hótél Valaskjál hf.	18,80%	4,500
Hótél Varmahlíð hf.	13,04%	3,000
Hvalamiðstöðin Húsavík ehf.	19,70%	2,000
Hvildarklettur ehf.	26,63%	30,000
Nes-Listamiðstöð ehf.	41,67%	5,000
P/F Smyril-line	1,30%	76,778
Rauðka ehf.	16,67%	2,000
Snorri Þorfinnsson ehf.	19,89%	12,000
Sæferðir ehf.	37,52%	29,903
Textilsetur Íslands ses.	32,15%	2,000
<b>Total travel</b>		<b>179,536</b>

	Share %	Normal value ISK 000s			
<b>Industrie</b>			<b>Fisheries</b>		
Borg, saumastofa ehf.	19,82%	170	Bakkavík ehf.	17,14%	21,589
Eðalís ehf.	11,06%	3,000	Bernskan ehf.	29,54%	8,132
Fjallalamb ehf.	10,68%	10,000	Eignarhaldsfélagið Gláma hf.	36,52%	114,500
Kjörorka ehf.	8,25%	2,000	Fossvík ehf.	15,38%	9,000
Raflagnir Austurlands ehf.	22,37%	12,000	Kampi ehf.	35,35%	23,328
Sigurjón Magnússon ehf.	30,00%	214	Norðurskel ehf.	1,34%	1,261
Skaginn hf.	3,08%	5,928	Reykofninn-Grundarfirði ehf.	15,24%	5,160
TH ehf.	4,50%	2,000	Tó hf.	10,40%	2,667
Trico ehf.	33,33%	5,000	Pórsberg ehf.	7,65%	2,900
Ullarvinnsla frá Láru ehf.	29,76%	2,500	<b>Total Fisheries</b>		<b>188,537</b>
Vilko ehf.	8,22%	2,955	<b>IT</b>		
Þvottatækni ehf.	30,00%	729	Gagnaveita Skagafjarðar hf.	7,66%	10,000
Þörungaverksmiðjan hf.	27,67%	7,919	HotMobileMail ehf.	24,53%	15,000
<b>Total Industrie</b>		<b>54,415</b>	Óley ehf.	42,02%	10,000
<b>Health and Biotechnology</b>			<b>Total IT</b>		<b>35,000</b>
Globodent á Íslandi ehf.	7,18%	2,353	<b>Total shares as ISK</b>		
ORF Líftækni hf.	3,55%	3,339			<b>1,025,896</b>
<b>Total Health and Biotechnology</b>		<b>5,692</b>	The value of shares held by the Institute is entered á in the financial statement as ISK 1,054,191		
<b>Agriculture</b>					
Fóðuriðjan Ólafsdal ehf.	28,57%	6,000			
Sláturfélag Austurlands fsvf.	28,00%	18,000			
Yrkjar ehf.	7,29%	1,800			
<b>Total Agriculture</b>		<b>25,800</b>			
<b>Consulting</b>					
Atvinnuþróunarfélag Vestfjarða hf.	22,10%	1,933			
Atvinnuþróunarfélag Þingeyinga hf.	31,86%	1,833			
Forsvar ehf.	12,28%	2,000			
Frumkvöðlasetur Austurlands ehf.	14,08%	7,000			
<b>Total Consulting</b>		<b>12,766</b>			

## 11. Operational assets

Fixed asset revaluation and depreciation of operational assets:

	Real Estate	Fixtures	Cars	Total
Total value 1/1	70.389	29.601		99.990
Depreciated total 1/1	(18.798)	(26.641)		(45.439)
Added in year			5.724	5.724
Depreciated during the year	(1.947)	(2.960)	(1.145)	(6.052)
Book value 31/12	49.644	0	4.579	54.223
Total value 31/12	70.389	29.601	5.724	105.714
Total depreciated 31/12	(20.745)	(29.601)	(1.145)	(51.491)
Book total 31/12	49.644	0	4.579	54.223
Depreciation ratios	2 - 3%	20%	20%	

The institutions real estate are valued according to the following way. For comparison is the book value.

	Retail value	Insurance value	Book value
Skagfirðingabraut 17-21	26.900	83.685	36.136
Háuhlíð 4	26.807	46.650	13.508
	53.707	130.335	49.644

**12. Assets and liabilities linked to foreign currencies or inflation-indexed**

	2009 ISK 000s	2008 ISK 000s
Exchange rate-indexed:		
Assets	13.289.618	16.053.200
Liabilities	14.832.426	15.567.528
Difference	(1.542.808)	485.672
Inflation-indexed:		
Assets	4.298.063	4.685.957
Liabilities	7.606.178	5.764.993
Difference	(3.308.115)	(1.079.036)

**13. Borrowing**

Breakdown of liabilities by maturity:

On demand	0	328.828
Up to 3 months	331.018	373.218
3 month up to 1 year	4.435.196	889.112
1 to 5 years	7.072.110	9.806.118
Over 5 years	10.600.280	10.264.073
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.438.604</b>	<b>21.661.349</b>

**14. Equity capital**

According to provisions in the Act on Financial Undertakings, No. 161/2002, a lending institution's equity may at no time fall below an amount equivalent to 8% of the risk base. In reference to this, the equity ratio of the Icelandic Regional Development institute amounted to 4.92% at year end.

In 2010, a 1,000 million ISK contribution was agreed in the national budget to respond to the fact that the institution's equity ratio did not meet the provisions No. 161/2002 on financial undertakings at year end 2009.

Equity capital and equity ratio, as stipulated by law:

Balance at the beginning of the year	1.544.537	2.072.521
Budget contribution	2.600.000	0
Year loss	(3.014.616)	(527.984)
	1.129.921	1.544.537
Equity ratio	4,92%	2,80%

**15. Remuneration to auditors was distributed as follows:**

Auditing	3,255	2,492
Other professional services	4,085	4,155
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,340</b>	<b>6,647</b>

**16. Events after statement date**

According to Note 14, the Institute did not meet the equity requirements for financial undertakings, but as indicated in Note 9, the Institute had to make considerable provisions for losses on loans. This alone constitutes circumstances that may cause a considerable uncertainty on the going concern and thereby an uncertainty on whether the Institute can sell its assets and pay its liabilities under normal operating conditions. The Institute is, however, owned by the state and, according to Note 14, the parliament included in the 2010 budget an authorisation to strengthen the Institute's equity so that it meets statutory equity ratio requirements. For this reason and with reference to the Institute being owned by and the responsibility of the State Treasury, we consider it secure as an ongoing concern and that there is no uncertainty in that regard.