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## Abbreviations

ANIEM	Algemeene Nederlandsch-Indische Electriciteits-Maatschappij (General Netherlands Indies Electricity Company)
ASNI	Algemeen Syndicaat van Suikerfabrikanten in Nederlandsch-Indië (Syndicate of Java Sugar Manufacturers)
AVROS	Algemene Vereeniging van Rubberplanters ter Oostkust van Sumatra (General Association of Rubber Planters in East Sumatra)
BANAS	Badan Nasionalisasi Perusahaan-Perusahaan Belanda (Body for the Nationalisation of Dutch Companies)
BENISO	Bond van Eigenaren van Nederlands-Indische Suikerondernemingen (Union of Netherlands Indies Sugar Factories' Owners)
Borsumij	Borneo-Sumatra Handel-Maatschappij (Borneo Sumatra Trading Company)
B.O.W.	Departement der Burgerlijke Openbare Werken (Department of Civil Public Works)
BPM	Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij (Batavian Petroleum Company)
Caltex	California Texas Oil Company
DJB	De Javasche Bank (Java Bank)
DPV	Deli Planters' Vereniging (Deli Planters' Association)
DSM	Deli Spoorweg Maatschappij (Deli Railway Company)
FDI	Foreign direct investment

FEDERABO	Federatie van Verenigingen van Nederlands-Indische Bergcultuurondernemingen (Federation of Associations of Netherlands Indies Upland Estate Companies)
Finec	Financieele en Economische Overeenkomst (Financial and Economic Agreement)
GDP	Gross domestic product
GMB	Gemeenschappelijke Mijnbouwmaatschappij Billiton (Billiton Joint Mining Company)
GNP	Gross national product
HVA	Handels Vereeniging Amsterdam (Trading Association Amsterdam)
Internatio	Internationale Crediet- en Handelsvereniging 'Rotterdam' (International Credit and Trading Association 'Rotterdam')
IOB	Indische Ondernemersbond (Netherlands Indies Employers Association)
KLM	Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij (Royal Dutch Airlines)
KNILM	Koninklijk Nederlandsch-Indische Luchtvaart Maatschappij (Royal Netherlands Indies Airways)
KPM	Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij (Royal Packet Company)
LAAPLN	Lembaga Alat-Alat Pembayaran Luar Negeri (Regulating Body for Foreign Payments)
NHM	Nederlandsche Handel-Maatschappij (Netherlands Trading Association)
NIAM	Nederlandsch-Indische Aardolie Maatschappij (Netherlands Indies Petroleum Company)

NIBEM	Nederlandsch-Indische Bauxiet Exploitatie Maatschappij (Netherlands Indies Bauxite Exploitation Company)
NIEM	Nederlandsch-Indische Escompto Maatschappij (Netherlands indies Escompto Company)
NIGIMIJ	Nieuw-Guinea Import en Export Maatschappij (New Guinea Import and Export Company)
NIHB	Nederlandsch-Indische Handelsbank (Netherlands Indies Trading Bank)
NILM	Nederlandsch-Indische Landbouw Maatschappij (Netherlands Indies Agricultural Company)
NITEM	Nederlandsch-Indische Tin Exploitatie Maatschappij (Netherlands Indies Tin Exploitation Company)
NNGPM	Nederlandsche Nieuw-Guinea Petroleum Maatschappij (Netherlands New Guinea Oil Company)
NNP	Net national product
OBM	Oost-Borneo Maatschappij (East Borneo Company)
OGEM	Overzeese Gas- en Electriciteitsmaatschappij (Overseas Gas and Electricity Company)
PELNI	Pelayaran Nasional Indonesia (Indonesian National Shipping)
Permindo	Pertambangan Minyak Indonesia (Indonesian Oil Mining Company)
PKI	Partai Komunis Indonesia (Indonesian Communist Party)
PPN-Baru	Pusat Perkebunan Negara Baru (New Centre for State Estates)
RCMA	Rubber Cultuur Maatschappij Amsterdam (Rubber Cultivation Company Amsterdam)



RTC	Ronde Tafel Conferentie (Round Table Conference)
SARBUPRI	Sarekat Buruh Perkebunan Republik Indonesia (Estate Workers Union of the Republic of Indonesia)
SBBSI	All-Indonesian Union of Bank Employees (Serikat Buruh Bank Seluruh Indonesia)
SITEM	Singkep Tin Exploitatie Maatschappij (Singkep Tin Exploitation Company)
SKKK	Saibai Kigyô Kanri Kôdan (Agricultural Estates Management Corporation)
SOCFIN	Belgian-French Société Financière des Caoutchoucs
Stanvac	Standard Vacuum Petroleum Compan
TFP	Total factor productivity
TRK	Tôgyô Rengôkai (Sugar Industry Corporation)
VJSP	Vereenigde Javasuiker-Producenten (United Java Sugar Producers Association)