REPUBLIC OF PANAMA SUPERINTENDENCY OF BANKS

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General Manager

Dear Manager:

For your information and action, we have put at your disposal the 2000 CALENDAR FOR THE SUSPENSION OF CUSTOMER SERVUCE BY THE BANKING SYSTEM. We will greatly appreciate your having a copy picked up at our Reception Desk located on the 8th Floor of the HSBC Tower.

Best regards,

Delia Cárdenas Superintendent

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