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Republic of Panama Superintendency of Banks

December 13, 2002 CIRCULAR No. 046-2002

Mr. General Manager In Your Office.

Dear Manager, Sir:

For your information and application, we put at your disposal the CALENDAR OF SUSPENSION OF ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC BY THE BANKING SYSTEM adopted for the year 2003.

We will appreciate it if you kindly impart the pertinent instructions for one sample to be withdrawn at the counter for delivery and reception of correspondence of the Superintendency of Banks, located at 8th Floor, Tower HSBC, from December 20, 2002.

Likewise, we inform you that the above-referred calendar is found from this date in our site in the Internet www.superbancos.gob.pa.

We thank you for your attention, and remain,

Yours truly,

Delia Cárdenas Superintendent

THE ABOVE IS A FAITHFUL TRANSLATION OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IN SPANISH PRESENTED TO ME. Panama, June 2, 2003. Mireya Delgado Debali,

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