REPUBLIC OF PANAMA SUPERINTENDENCY OF BANKS

January 13, 2004 CIRCULAR CF-DL9/97 No. 1-2004

Mr.

General Manager

Ref.: Preferential Mortgage Loans for Restorations. (Decree-Law No. 9 of 1997, Circular CBN No. 13-97)

Mr. General Manager:

Pursuant to provisions of Article 10, Decree-Law No. 9 of August 27, 1997, "Whereby a special incentives regimen is established for the restoration and valorization of the Old Quarters Monumental Historical Compound of the city of Panama", we hereby notify you that the Weighted Average Interest Rate (TIPPO –acronym in Spanish) for Old Quarters Restoration for the First Trimester of the year 2004, is established at **EIGHT PERCENT** (8.00%).

There being no further business, we remain,

Sincerely,

Delia Cardenas Superintendent