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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Superintendent of Banks

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 21 of Rule 1-2004 dated 29 December 2004,

ANNOUNCES:

1. That BANCO INTERNACIONAL DE COSTA RICA, S.A. and BICSA CORPORACIÓN FINANCIERA, S.A. have requested the Superintendency of Banks of the Republic of Panama authorize a Merger Agreement in which the two corporations will be merged into one surviving company under the name of BANCO INTERNACIONAL DE COSTA RICA, S.A.;
2. That BANCO INTERNACIONAL DE COSTA RICA, S.A. is a corporation duly established according to the laws of the Republic of Panama, registered in the Mercantile Section of the Public Registry in Volume 1247, Page 207, Entry 120963, updated in Entry 002693, and is authorized by Resolution 11-76 dated 15 June 1976 of the National Banking Commission (today the Superintendency of Banks) to carry out the Banking Business in Panama and abroad;
3. As registered in the Public Registry of the Republic of Panama, the principal Directors, Dignitaries and Executive Staff of BANCO INTERNACIONAL DE COSTA RICA, S.A. are:

Name	Position
Jose Francisco UlateUlate	Legal Representative and Manager
Oscar Emilio Barahona De Leon	Director
Gerardo Araya Paniagua	Alternate Director
LLM. Eric Thompson Chacon	Director and Chairman
Maritza Silva Gamboa	Director and Secretary
Jorge Campabadal Herrero	Alternate Director
Rodolfo Brenes Gomez	Director and Treasurer
Mariano Guardia Cañas	Director and Vice Chairman(II)
Victor Emilio Herrera Arauz	Alternate Director
Eduardo Salgado Ulloa	Director and Vice Chairman(I)
Luis Villalobos Villalobos	Director
Daniel Gonzalez Santiesteban	Deputy Manager

4. That BICSA CORPORACIÓN FINANCIERA, S.A. is a corporation established according to the laws of the Republic of Panama, registered in the Mercantile Section of the Public Registry in Microjacket 3041, Roll 116, Image 228, holder of all issued and outstanding capital shares of BANCO INTERNACIONAL DE COSTA RICA, S.A., as well as being the holding company for all of the companies conforming Grupo Bicsa;

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5. As registered in the Public Registry of the Republic of Panama, the principal Directors, Dignitaries and Executive Staff of BICSA CORPORACIÓN FINANCIERA, S.A. are:

Name	Position
LLM. Eric Thompson Chacon	Director and Chairman
Maritza Silva Gamboa	Director and Secretary
Mariano Guardia Cañas	Director and Vice Chairman(II)
Eduardo Salgado Ulloa	Director and Vice Chairman(I)
Gerardo Araya Paniagua	Alternate Director
Rodolfo Brenes Gomez	Director and Treasurer
Victor E. Herrera Arauz	Alternate Director
Oscar Emilio Barahona	Director
Luis Villalobos Villalobos	Director
Jorge Campabadal Herrero	Alternate Director
Daniel GonzalezSantiesteban	Deputy General Manager
Jose Francisco Ulate Ulate	General Manager and Executive Vice President

Given in the city of Panama on the twenty-third (23rd) days of May, two thousand five (2005).

Delia Cardenas
Superintendent