

TRANSLATION



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 the bank **METROBANK, S.A.** and the corporations **FINANCIERA RAPID CASH, S.A.**, **CORPORACIÓN UNIVERSAL DE CRÉDITO, S.A.** and **FIRST UNION CORPORATION** have submitted a request for authorization to merge through a Merger by Absorption Agreement whereby **METROBANK, S.A.** will be the surviving company;
2. That **METROBANK, S.A.** is a corporation established according to the laws of the Republic of Panama, filed in Micro jacket 247193, Roll 32330, Image 72 of the Microfilm (Mercantile) Section of the Public Registry of Panama and authorized to engage in the Banking Business within and from Panama under a General License;
3. That **FINANCIERA RAPID CASH, S.A.** is a corporation established according to the laws of the Republic of Panama, filed in Micro jacket 328252, Roll 53548, Image 108 of the Microfilm (Mercantile) Section of the Public Registry of Panama;
4. That **CORPORACIÓN UNIVERSAL DE CRÉDITO, S.A.** is a corporation established according to the laws of the Republic of Panama, filed in Micro jacket 254788, Roll 34154, Image 2 of the Microfilm (Mercantile) Section of the Public Registry of Panama;
5. That **FIRST UNION CORPORATION** is a corporation established according to the laws of the Republic of Panama, filed in Micro jacket 646234, Number 1495519 of the Microfilm (Mercantile) Section of the Public Registry of Panama;

Given in the city of Panama on the nineteenth (19th) day of January, two thousand nine (2009).

(signed)
Olegario Barrelier
Superintendent