

TRANSLATION



THE SUPERINTENDENCY OF BANKS OF PANAMA

COMMUNIQUE No. 2

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 154 and subsequent articles of Chapter XVIII, Title III of the Banking Law, and by means of Resolution SBP-0108-2014 dated 13 August 2014, the Superintendency of Banks of Panama ordered the **COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION** of **ES BANK (PANAMÁ), S.A.** as of 2:00 p.m. on 14 August 2014.

The Superintendency of Banks adopted this decision based on the report submitted by the appointed Interim Administrator of **ES BANK (PANAMÁ), S.A.**, which states, in brief: “that due to the poor quality of the Bank’s assets, caused by the business model and inadequate management processes, the institution is not viable under any scenario.”

In addition, the Superintendency contacted Banco de Portugal to ascertain what actions it would take, given its overall responsibility for the Group as Home Supervisor. Banco de Portugal chose to allocate resources only to the Bank in Portugal and a few other banks, including the subsidiary in Miami, Florida, while leaving the other banks around the world without Grupo Espirito Santo’s support. This supports the Superintendency of Banks’ decision to proceed with the Compulsory Liquidation of the subsidiary in Panama.

The compulsory liquidation of **ES BANK (PANAMÁ), S.A.** is an isolated event caused by the current situation faced by GRUPO BANCARIO ESPIRITO SANTO in Portugal and does not affect the remaining banks in our Banking Center.

The Superintendency of Banks appointed a liquidator to exclusively execute the legal representation, administration and control of **ES BANK (PANAMÁ), S.A.** and to conduct the Compulsory Liquidation in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Banking Law.

Panama, 14 August 2014.