



## COMMUNIQUÉ

With respect to the news published in a newspaper today, it is our duty to inform the public of the following:

As we stated in our last Communiqué dated 30 January 2017 and according to the existing legal framework, BALBOA BANK & TRUST, INC. is currently under Reorganization.

To date, three of the five phases in the Reorganization Plan have been completed. The Reorganization phase was extended in order to conclude the Final Phase that would represent a feasible solution in the best interests of depositors.

Consequently, as a result of an open, public and transparent process, as of today, there is a purchase offer that requires the express consent of certain Bank depositors in order to be viable. It should be borne in mind that this proposal is a more favorable scenario for all depositors and creditors than a compulsory liquidation scenario.

To this purpose, we held a meeting yesterday with a group of depositors so they could receive the information directly and evaluate the proposal, so those depositors could make their decision with as much information as possible.

In the next few days, once we have the results of that decision, the Superintendency will adopt the most appropriate measures within the legal framework, always bearing in mind the highest interests of Bank depositors and creditors.

Although the proposal was not the initiative of the Superintendency of Banks of Panama, as the regulator we must make the necessary evaluations to make a decision based on the Reorganizer's report and the provisions of the Banking Law.

We encourage depositors to maintain an open communication with the Reorganizer and the Superintendency, without breaching the level of confidentiality required for the integrity of the process or the rights of the depositors.

The Superintendency of Banks recommends the community pay attention only to the official communiqués issued by this Institution and to ignore baseless and

malicious rumors that are circulated or posted on social networks and other media. We reiterate that this type of baseless news jeopardizing the national economy or public trust may incur in the commission of offenses under Article 260 of the Penal Code.

Panama, 31 March 2017.

TRANSLATION