# Republic of Panama Superintendency of Banks

## **RESOLUTION SBP-0016-2017**

(dated 27 January 2017)

### THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS

in use of his legal powers, and

#### WHEREAS:

**BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP.** is a corporation established and existing according to the Laws of the Republic of Panama, filed on Page 427208 (S) in the Mercantile Section of the Public Registry and the holder of a General License granted by the Superintendency by means of Resolution SB 33-2005 dated 1 April 2005;

On 5 May 2016, the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) included **BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP.**, some subsidiaries and its holding company in the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List, the OFAC List, because of administrative investigations related to the alleged commission of the illegal activities of drug trafficking and money laundering;

The direct effects of this measure represented: (i) the prohibition of any financial or business relationship with the Bank by United States individuals and legal entities; and (ii) the freezing of assets located in the United States of America (USA), including interbank deposits and investments made by the Bank, significantly compromising **BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP.**'s liquidity and preventing the bank continuing with its operations without jeopardizing depositor interests;

As a consequence of the above, by means of Resolution SBP-0087-2016 dated 5 May 2016 and based on the provisions of Articles 131 and 132 of the Banking Law, the Superintendency of Banks ordered the seizure of Administrative and Operating Control of **BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP.** effective on 5 May 2016, as a legitimate means of safeguarding the interests of the Bank's depositors;

By means of Resolution SBP-0098-2016 dated 2 June 2016, the Superintendency ordered the extension of the Seizure of Administrative and Operating Control of **BALBOA BANK & TRUST**, **CORP.** for an additional period of thirty (30) days from the expiration of the term provided in Resolution SBP-0087-2016 dated 5 May 2016, permitting the assessment of the Bank's portfolio and financial condition in order to define a roadmap of the possible alternatives permitted by Law;

Adopting the Interim Administrator's recommendation, by means of Resolution SBP-0116-2016 dated 1 July 2016, the Superintendent ordered the Reorganization of **BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP.**, during a period of 120 days beginning 4 July 2016, in order to sell the Bank as an operating business and obtaining the best value possible for its depositors and creditors, with OFAC's commitment to release the funds within the Reorganization process at a time to be determined:

Based on Article 146 of the Banking Law, on 26 July 2016 the Reorganizer of **BALBOA BANK** & **TRUST**, **CORP**. submitted the **Plan for Reorganizing** for the Bank containing five phases to achieve the Bank's sale. This plan was approved by the Superintendency;

By means of Resolution SBP-0198-2016 dated 27 October 2016, the extension of the **REORGANIZATION** of **BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP.** was ordered effective at 2:30 p.m. on 1 November 2016. The extension was for a ninety (90) -day period concluding at 2:30 p.m. on 30 January 2017, in order to obtain the approval of the Bank's shareholders, complete the assessment of the offers, conclude the negotiations and, if possible, formalize the transaction;

On 17 January 2017, the Reorganizer of **BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP.** submitted a Report of his tenure, including the recommendations he deem relevant to the described situation;

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The report stated that as of that date, the Reorganization was in the negotiation stage of its five phases, and close to entering the projected closing stage;

In that sense, extensive consultations and negotiations were held with all the parties involved in the issue, in order to achieve a viable solution that would allow the sale of the bank in the best interests of its depositors. Consequently, the Reorganizer of **BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP.** recommended providing an additional extension for these purposes;

By means of Resolution SBP-JD-0001-2017 dated 24 January 2017, Gustavo Adolfo Villa, Secretary General, was appointed Acting Superintendent;

In connection with the above, due to the Bank's situation, the Reorganizer's recommendation and pursuant to the provisions of Article 141 and following articles of the Banking Law, the Acting Superintendent of Banks;

#### **RESOLVES:**

<u>ONE</u>: TO ORDER the extension of the REORGANIZATION of BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP., a corporation filed on Page 427208 (S) in the Mercantile Section of the Public Registry, to be concluded within a period of seventy-five (75) days. This period can be curtailed or extended by the Superintendency based on a justified request by the person responsible for the Reorganization, as provided for in Paragraph 3 of Article 142 of the Banking Law.

**TWO:** TO ORDER the posting of a Notice in a visible and public place in the Bank's main offices, along with a copy of the present Resolution, for five (5) business days. At the same time, a copy of this Resolution will remain posted for the entire Reorganization period.

<u>THREE</u>: TO MAINTAIN in effect all provisions of Resolution SBP-0116-2016 enacted 1 July 2016 that do not contradict this current Resolution.

<u>FOUR</u>: TO ORDER the Public Registry to make the relevant marginal notations to register the extension of the Reorganization of BALBOA BANK & TRUST, CORP., a corporation filed on Page 427208 (S) in the Mercantile Section of the Public Registry, which was originally ordered by means of Resolution SBP-0116-2016 dated 1 July 2016.

**FIVE**: **TO ORDER** the publication of this Resolution in a newspaper with broad national circulation for five (5) business days.

This Resolution shall become effective at two thirty (2:30 p.m.) on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of January, two thousand seventeen (2017).

This Resolution may be appealed to the Third Chamber of the Supreme Court of Justice, which has full jurisdiction over administrative litigation. An appeal will not suspend these administrative actions.

**LEGAL GROUNDS:** Article 16, Paragraph I, Subparagraph 4; and Article 141 and following articles of the Banking Law.

Given in the city of Panama on the twenty-seventh (27th) day of January, two thousand seventeen (2017).

FOR COMMUNICATION, PUBLICATION, AND ENFORCEMENT,

THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS,

(original signed) Gustavo Adolfo Villa

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