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Banif – Banco Internacional do Funchal, S.A. (“BANIF”) informs, pursuant to and for the purposes of article 1, item d) of CMVM’s regulation no. 5/2008, that the European Central Bank notified BANIF, on the 22nd of May of 2018, of its decision to withdraw BANIF’s license for the pursuit of banking activity.

The decision to withdraw BANIF’s authorisation entails the dissolution and commencement of the liquidation of the bank, in line with the numbers 1 and 2 of article 5 of Decree-Law no. 199/2006, of October 25, and further produces the effects of the declaration of insolvency (*declaração de Insolvência*).

The next steps are as follows:

(i) Portuguese Central Bank (*Banco de Portugal*) shall request, under the applicable law and before the competent court, the commencement of BANIF’ judicial liquidation, and that request will be forwarded together with Portuguese Central Bank’s (*Banco de Portugal*) appointment proposal of a judicial liquidator or a liquidation committee, to be formally appointed by the court;

(ii) The court will then issue its order for the judicial liquidation to proceed and further appoints the judicial liquidator or the liquidation committee;

(iii) Only after the court’s order will the subsequent steps of the judicial liquidation procedure take place, which will be governed by the provisions of Decree-Law no. 199/2006, of October 25 and, whenever those provisions do not provide for specific rules, by the provisions of the Portuguese Companies’ Insolvency and Recovery Act (*Código da Insolvência e Recuperação de Empresas*).

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