

NOTICE

In fulfillment of the obligation set forth in article 12, caput and §4º, of CVM Normative Ruling nº 358, dated January 3, 2002, as amended (“CVM 358”), Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P., organized and existing in accordance with the laws of United States of America, headquartered on 32 Old Slip, New York, NY 10005, as shareholder of Banco do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul S.A., open company, enrolled CNPJ nº 92.702.067/0001-96 (“Company”), notifies that it has sold, directly and/or indirectly, the total amount of 4,372,899 (four million, three hundred and seventy-two thousand, eight hundred and ninety nine) class B preferred shares (“Shares”) issued by Company, corresponding to 4,76% of all share of such class. According with article 12, §6º of CVM 358, we request the Investor’s Relationship Officer to kindly take the necessary provisions for the immediate transmission of the information contained herein to CVM and to BOVESPA. This is a minority investment that does not involve changes in the composition of stock control or changes in the administrative structure of the Company. Currently, the shareholder is not designed to acquire other shares of the Company. The shareholder does not hold convertible debentures issued by the Company and is not part of any contract or agreement on having the right to vote or to the purchase and sale of securities issued by the Company.

São Paulo, December 3, 2008.

Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.