

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS****INTEREST ON EQUITY PAYMENT RELATED TO THE 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER OF 2009**

We hereby inform the Shareholders, according to the decision made at the Board of Director's Meeting held on May 06, 2008, that we will carry out the payment of interest on equity related to the first quarter of 2009, in the amount of **R\$ 47,110,828.79** (forty seven million, one hundred and ten thousand, eight hundred and twenty eight Reais and seventeen nine cents) which, after Income Tax withholding at source, results on net interest on equity of **R\$ 40,044,204.47** (forty million, forty four thousand, two hundred and four Reais and forty seven cents).

All shareholders registered with this company as owners or beneficial owners of these shares on March 11, 2009 will be entitled to these payments.

*Initial Payment: March 31, 2009*

<b>Class / Type of Share</b>	<b>Interest on Equity's Gross Value, per Share</b>	<b>Income Tax Withholding at Source (15%)</b>	<b>Interest on Equity's Net Value, per Share</b>
<b>ON</b>	R\$ 0.11519259	R\$ 0.01727889	R\$ 0.09791370
<b>PNA</b>	R\$ 0.11519259	R\$ 0.01727889	R\$ 0.09791370
<b>PNB</b>	R\$ 0.11519259	R\$ 0.01727889	R\$ 0.09791370

As stated in article 79 of the Company's Bylaws, in article 9 of Law no. 9,249/95 and in item V of the Instruction no. 209/96 of the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission (*Comissão de Valores Mobiliários – CVM*), the amount of Interest on Equity will be credited to the dividend referring to fiscal year 2009.

*Income Tax:*

The payments will be subject to Income Tax withholding at source, pursuant to the pertinent legislation, except for corporate shareholders with proof of immune or exempt condition, which should be produced until March 23, 2009 and delivered at the following address:

Banco do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul

Unidade Financeira – Gerência de Relações com Investidores e Mercado de Capitais

Rua Caldas Júnior, 108 – 7º Andar – Centro – Porto Alegre – RS – Brazil

CEP: 90018-900

Phone: 55 51 3215-3232

E-mail: ir@banrisul-ri.com.br

*Forms of Payment:*

The payments will be credited to the current accounts of the shareholders holding current accounts with BANRISUL. For the remaining shareholders, the payment will be carried out in any bank branch agency, upon identification.

The holders of shares in custody will receive the interest on equity payments through the brokerage firm where they carry out the respective deposit.

*Limitation Period:*

Pursuant to the pertinent legislation, Law 6404 - art. 287, unclaimed interest on equity payments expire in three years, as from the date they were made available to the shareholder.

Porto Alegre, March 11, 2009.

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BANCO DO ESTADO DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL S.A.