



NOTICE TO THE MARKET

SHARE CONVERSION

Banco do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul S.A. (Banrisul), considering the option to convert its class A preferred (PNA) shares into common (ON) shares or class B preferred (PNB) shares issued by the Company, hereby notifies, for knowledge and disclosure, that, after conversion of 2,714 (two thousand, seven hundred fourteen) class A preferred shares into common shares, the Company's capital stock was altered, as shown below:

Capital Stock on the date of last modification, 12/04/2008

<i>Common Shares:</i>	205,032,594
<i>Class A Preferred Shares:</i>	3,870,163
<i>Class B Preferred Shares:</i>	200,071,720
<i>Total</i>	408,974,477

Capital Stock after Conversions on 12/18/2008

Common Shares:	205,035,308
Class A Preferred Shares:	3,867,499
Class B Preferred Shares:	200,071,720
Total	408,974,477

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