

BANRISUL SA - Notice to the Market

Sale of Major Shareholding

Porto Alegre, May 05, 2014 – BANRISUL – Banco do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul (Bovespa: BRSR3; BRSR5; BRSR6), a financial institution that operates in the commercial, social and development areas, serving all segments of Brazil’s southern of society, headquartered at Rua Capitão Montanha, 177, Porto Alegre, Rio Grande do Sul, CNPJ/MF No. 092.702.067/0001-96, in compliance with the terms established by CVM Instruction No. 358/02, as amended by CVM Instruction 449/07, informs the receipt of the attached document from **BlackRock, Inc.**, regarding the reduction to its shareholding position, pursuant to current regulations.

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BANCO ESTADO DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL S.A. – Disclosure of Alienation of Material Shareholding Participation

Dear Sirs,

- 1 BlackRock, Inc. ("BlackRock") has, on behalf of some of its clients and acting as their investment manager, Informed us that it has alienated class B preferred shares Issued by Banco Rio Grande do Sul SA ("Banrisul") and that, on April 29, 2015, its shareholding position reached, in total, 10,014,532 class B preferred shares, representing approximately 4.99% of the class B preferred shares Issued by the Company.
- 2 In order to meet the provisions of Paragraph 4, Article 12 of Comissão de Valores Mobiliários ("CVM" or the Brazilian Securities Commission) Instruction no. 358, as of January 3, 2002, as amended, BlackRock, hereby requests that Banrisul's Chief Investor Relations Officer disclose the following information to CVM and other regulatory agencies:
 - (i) BlackRock is organized and registered at 40 East 52nd Street, New York, New York, 10022-0002, United States of America;
 - (ii) the equity shareholdings held by BlackRock reached on aggregate 10,014,532 class B preferred shares, representing approximately 4.99% of the total Class B preferred shares issued by Banrisul, as specified in item 1, above;
 - (iii) the goal of the aforementioned equity interests is strictly for investment, not aiming at altering the Company's shareholding control or administrative structure;
 - (iv) no share-convertible debentures, or securities convertible into shares issued by Banrisul shall be held by BlackRock; and
 - (v) no contracts or agreements that govern the exercise of voting rights or the purchase and sale of securities issued by Banrisul have been executed by BlackRock.

We remain at your disposal for any clarifications or additional comments deemed necessary regarding the subject.

Best regards,

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BlackRock, Inc.
Renata Cardoso