



BANRISUL SA - Notice to the Market

Increase of Major Shareholding

Porto Alegre, October 14, 2015 – BANRISUL – Banco do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul S.A. (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. 92.702.067/0001-96, 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 to its shareholding position, pursuant to current regulations.

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

Dear Sirs,

- 1 BlackRock, Inc. ("**BlackRock**") has, on behalf of some of its clients and acting as their investment manager and pursuant to CVM Instruction No. 358, dated January 03, 2002, as amended ("**CVM Instruction No 358**"), report that has class B preferred shares issued by **BANCO DO ESTADO DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL S.A. ("Company")**, and, on October 08, 2015, reached, in aggregate, 8,561,771 class B preferred shares and 2,100,699 derivative financial instruments referenced in Class B preferred shares, totaling 10,662,470 class B preferred shares, approximately 5.32% of total Class B preferred shares issued by the Company. Such participation has considered derivative financial instruments into shares, due to the new disclosure requirements by CVM. The BlackRock exceeded only the mark of 5% of class B preferred shares as a result of accounting for these derivatives.

- 2 In order to meet the provisions of Article 12 of Instruction no. 358, as of January 3, 2002, BlackRock, hereby requests that Banrisul's Chief Investor Relations Officer disclose the following information to CVM and other bodies:
 - (i) BlackRock is organized and registered at 55 East 52nd Street, New York, New York, 10022-0002, United States of America;
 - (ii) The fund reached, in aggregate, 8,561,771 class B preferred shares and 2,100,699 derivative financial instruments referenced in Class B preferred shares, totaling 10,662,470 class B preferred shares, approximately 5.32% of total Class B preferred shares issued by the Company, as above specified on item "1".
 - (iii) the goal of the aforementioned equity interests is strictly for investment, not aiming at altering the Company's shareholding control or administrative structure; and
 - (iv) 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.

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

Best regards,



BlackRock, Inc.
Pp. Renata Cardoso