

BANCO DO ESTADO DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL S.A.
Corporate Taxpayer's ID (CNPJ/MF) 92.702.067/0001-96

MATERIAL FACT
INTEREST ON EQUITY PAYMENT RELATED TO THE 1st QUARTER OF 2019

We inform Shareholders, in accordance with the Dividend and Interest on Equity Payment Policy, in the Board of Directors meeting held on February 27, 2019, it was released the credit for payment of quarterly interest on equity for the 1st quarter of 2019, for the amount of R\$127,677,754.27 (one-hundred twenty seven million six-hundred seventy seven thousand, seven-hundred fifty four reais and twenty e seven cents), with interest on equity per class/type of share will amount to R\$0.31219003 for ON shares, R\$0.31219003 for PNA shares and R\$0.31219003 for PNB shares.

The proposal is approved:

- a) shareholders who are registered in the Company's records dated March 07, 2019 (date of declaration) will benefit, and the shares to be traded "ex-right" to intermediate interest as of March 08, 2019; and
- b) the payment will occur on March 28, 2019 at the net amount of R\$0.26536153 per ON shares, R\$0.26536153 per PNA shares and R\$0.26536153 per PNB shares, after deducting the 15% Income Tax at source (fifteen per cent), except for shareholders legal persons exempt from said taxation and who prove their status as immune or exempt until March 15, 2019, will receive the declared amount.

The payment to the shareholders will occur as follows:

- credited to the accounts of the shareholders holding accounts in Banrisul, subject to updating their register, if applicable. For the remaining shareholders, the payment will be made at any branch of Banrisul, upon shareholder's identification, or
- holders of shares in custody at B3 S.A. – Brasil, Bolsa, Balcão will receive the payment of interest on equity through the brokerage firm where they maintain the respective deposit.

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 net amount of Interest on Equity will be credited to the dividend referring to fiscal year 2018.

Pursuant to the pertinent legislation, Law No. 6404 - article 287, unclaimed interest on equity payments expires in three years, as from the date they were made available to the shareholder.

Porto Alegre, February 28, 2019.

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