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Subject: Information on revoking the banking license from ICB Bank

BANKING AGENCY OF THE FEDERATION OF BiH

Banking license revoked from ICB Bank

Today, (5th of August 2002), Banking Agency of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina revoked the banking license from International Commercial Bank (ICB) plc Sarajevo. At the same time, this Agency initiated a liquidation process over this bank and appointed Mr. Senad Kazazic (graduated economist from Mostar) for the liquidation administrator.

At the Assembly of shareholders held on 06/29/02, founders and owners of ICB Bank have decided to close bank's operations and have requested from the Banking Agency of the FBiH to revoke its banking license and to initiate and complete its liquidation process. Explanation to the shareholders request was that "there are no economic conditions for further work and operations of ICB Bank". Moreover, there is a legal requirement that until the end of this year there should be a minimum of 15 million KM of paid in equity capital. Over 97% of existing equity capital, which amounts to approximately 9 million KM, is owned by investors from Malaysia. Since its inception in 1997, ICB Bank operated with a loss which amounted to 1.17 million KM in the previous year (based on report of the independent audit firm).

By initiating the liquidation process in accordance with the Law, all authorities of the managing and governing bodies, representatives and shareholders of ICB Bank cease to exist and they are transferred to the liquidation administrator. Bank is solvent, which means that its assets is higher then its liabilities, so all creditors of ICB Bank will be able to collect its claims. in relation to that, creditors are required to register their claims with the liquidation administrator of the bank within 30 days deadline. At the same time, debtors are required to settle their obligations towards ICB Bank.

By revoking the license from ICB Bank, Federation BiH now has 29 banks licensed by the Banking Agency.

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