



# BANCO COMERCIAL PORTUGUÊS, S.A.

(incorporated with limited liability in Portugal)

## Euro 12,500,000,000 COVERED BONDS PROGRAMME

Banco Comercial Português, S.A. (the “**Issuer**” or the “**Bank**”) is an authorised credit institution for the purposes of Decree-Law 59/2006, of 20 March 2006 (as amended, the “**Covered Bonds Law**”). The Covered Bonds (as defined below) will constitute mortgage covered bonds for the purposes, and with the benefit, of the Covered Bonds Law. The Issuer’s legal name is Banco Comercial Português, S.A. and uses as a brand name Millennium bcp. The Issuer and its subsidiaries are together referred to in this Base Prospectus as the “**Group**”.

Under this Euro 12,500,000,000 Covered Bonds Programme (the “**Programme**”), the Issuer may from time to time issue mortgage covered bonds (the “**Covered Bonds**”) denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below).

Covered Bonds may be issued in bearer, registered or book entry form (respectively, “**Bearer Covered Bonds**”, “**Registered Covered Bonds**” and “**Book Entry Covered Bonds**”). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Covered Bonds from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed Euro 12,500,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein), subject to increase as described herein. Covered Bonds may be issued on a continuing basis to one or more of the Dealers specified under *Overview of the Covered Bonds Programme* and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a “**Dealer**” and together, the “**Dealers**”), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Base Prospectus to the relevant Dealer shall, in the case of an issue of Covered Bonds being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to purchase such Covered Bonds.

See *Risk Factors* for a discussion of certain risk factors to be considered in connection with an investment in the Covered Bonds.

This base prospectus (the “**Base Prospectus**”) has been approved by the Central Bank of Ireland (the “**Central Bank**”), as competent authority under the Prospectus Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended (including the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EU) (the “**Prospectus Directive**”). The Central Bank only approves this Base Prospectus as meeting the requirements imposed under Irish and EU law pursuant to the Prospectus Directive. Such approval relates only to the Covered Bonds which are to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange (the “**Regulated Market**”) or other regulated markets for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC.

This Base Prospectus, as approved and published by the Central Bank, in accordance with the requirements of the Prospectus Directive, comprises a base prospectus in respect of all Covered Bonds other than Exempt Covered Bonds (as defined below) for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and for the purpose of giving information with regard to Covered Bonds issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months after the date hereof.

Application has been made to the Irish Stock Exchange for Covered Bonds issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange (the “**Official List**”) and trading on the Regulated Market. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Covered Bonds and/or Covered Bonds not admitted to trading on any market or admitted to trading on any other market which is not a regulated market as described in the next paragraph.

The requirement to publish a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive only applies to Covered Bonds which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area and/or offered to the public in the European Economic Area other than in circumstances where an exemption is available under Article 3.2 of the Prospectus Directive (as implemented in the relevant Member State(s)). References in this Base Prospectus to “**Exempt Covered Bonds**” are to Covered Bonds for which no prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive. Information contained in this Base Prospectus regarding Exempt Covered Bonds shall not be deemed to form part of this Base Prospectus and the Central Bank has neither approved or reviewed such information.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of Covered Bonds, interest (if any) payable in respect of Covered Bonds, the issue price of Covered Bonds and certain other information which is applicable to each Tranche (as defined under *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*) of Covered Bonds will (other than in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds) be set out in a final terms document (the “**Final Terms**”) which will be delivered to the Central Bank and, if admitted to trading on the Regulated Market, to the Irish Stock Exchange. Copies of Final Terms in relation to Covered Bonds to be listed on the Irish Stock Exchange will also be published on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange ([www.ise.ie](http://www.ise.ie)). In the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, notice of information which is applicable to each Tranche will be set out in a pricing supplement document (the “**Pricing Supplement**”).

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Arranger		
Barclays		
Co-Arranger		
Millennium Investment Banking		
Dealers		
Barclays	BNP PARIBAS	BofA Merrill Lynch
Citigroup	Commerzbank	Crédit Agricole CIB
Credit Suisse	Deutsche Bank	DZ BANK AG
HSBC	J.P. Morgan	Millennium Investment Banking
Morgan Stanley	Natixis	Nomura
Banco Santander Totta, S.A.	Société Générale Corporate &	The Royal Bank of Scotland
Banking & Markets	Investment Banking	UniCredit Bank
UBS Investment Bank		

The date of this Base Prospectus is 14 August 2014.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENTS

In respect of the Issuer, this Base Prospectus comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Issuer which, according to the nature of the Issuer and the Covered Bonds, is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profit and losses and prospects of the Issuer, as well as of the features and characteristics of the Covered Bonds.

The format and contents of this Base Prospectus comply with the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive and all laws and regulations applicable thereto.

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus and in the Final Terms for each Tranche of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

The only persons authorised to use this Base Prospectus in connection with an offer of Covered Bonds are the persons named in the applicable Final Terms as the relevant Dealer or the Managers.

This Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are incorporated herein by reference (see *Documents Incorporated by Reference*). This Base Prospectus shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are so incorporated and form part of this Base Prospectus.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in, or not consistent with, this Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the issue or sale of the Covered Bonds and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Arrangers (as defined in *Definitions*), the Common Representative (as defined in *Definitions*) or any of the Dealers. Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Covered Bonds shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing such information.

The Arrangers, the Common Representative and the Dealers expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Covered Bonds of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, amongst other things, the most recent financial statements, if any, of the Issuer when deciding whether or not to purchase any Covered Bonds.

As at the date of this Base Prospectus short-term and long-term senior obligations of the Issuer are rated, respectively, “B1” and “NP” by Moody’s Investors Service España, S.A. (“**Moody’s España**”), “B+” and “B” by Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services Europe Limited Branch en España (“**Standard & Poor’s**”), “B” and “BB+” by Fitch Ratings Ltd. (UK) (“**Fitch**”) and “BBB (low)” and “R-2 (mid)” by DBRS Ratings Limited (“**DBRS**”).

Covered Bonds issued under the Programme are expected on issue to be rated Ba1 by Moody’s Investors Service Limited (“**Moody’s**”), BBB (minus) by Fitch and A (low) by DBRS. The rating of Covered Bonds will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to the Issuer. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating organisation.

Each of Moody's, Moody's España, Standard & Poor's, Fitch and DBRS is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**").

As such Moody's, Moody's España, Standard & Poor's, Fitch and DBRS are included in the list of rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation.

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Covered Bonds in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Covered Bonds may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer, the Arrangers and the Dealers do not represent that this Base Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any Covered Bonds may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Arrangers or the Dealers (save for application for the approval by the Central Bank of this Base Prospectus as a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive) which would permit a public offering of any Covered Bonds or the distribution of this Base Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the Programme or the Covered Bonds issued thereunder in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Covered Bonds may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material relating to the Programme or the Covered Bonds issued thereunder may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that would result in compliance with any applicable securities laws and regulations. Each Dealer has represented or, as the case may be, will be required to represent that to the best of its knowledge all offers and sale by it will be made on the terms indicated above. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Covered Bonds may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any applicable restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering and sale of the Covered Bonds. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Covered Bonds in the United States, the European Economic Area (the "**EEA**") (including Italy, Portugal and the United Kingdom) and Japan. See *Subscription and Sale and Transfer Restrictions and Secondary Market Arrangements*.

The Arrangers, the Common Representative and the Dealers have not separately verified the information contained or incorporated in this Base Prospectus. Accordingly, none of the Arrangers, the Common Representative or the Dealers makes any representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained in this Base Prospectus. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Covered Bonds is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Arrangers, the Common Representative or the Dealers that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any other financial information supplied in connection with the Programme should purchase the Covered Bonds. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Covered Bonds should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness of the Issuer. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Arrangers, the Common Representative or any of the Dealers to subscribe for or to purchase any Covered Bonds.

Any offer of Covered Bonds in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "**Relevant Member State**") will be made pursuant to

an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Covered Bonds. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Covered Bonds which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Base Prospectus as completed by final terms in relation to the offer of those Covered Bonds may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer have authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Covered Bonds in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

The Covered Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Each potential investor in the Covered Bonds must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the relevant Covered Bonds, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Covered Bonds and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the relevant Covered Bonds and the impact such investment will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Covered Bonds, including where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the currency in which such investor's financial activities are principally denominated;
- understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Covered Bonds and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments. The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Covered Bonds are legal investments for it, (2) Covered Bonds can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Covered Bonds. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Covered Bonds under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the “**Securities Act**”) and are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Covered Bonds may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account of or benefit of, U.S. persons (see *Subscription and Sale and Transfer Restrictions and Secondary Market Arrangements* below).

In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to “€”, “**EUR**” or “**euro**” are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended, to “**U.S.\$**”, “**USD**” or “**U.S. dollars**” are to United States dollars, the lawful currency of the

United States of America, and to “£” or “**GBP**” or “**pounds sterling**” are to pounds sterling, the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

This Base Prospectus is drawn up in the English language. In case there is any discrepancy between the English text and the Portuguese text, the English text stands approved for the purposes of approval under the Prospectus (Directive 2003/71/EC) Regulations 2005.

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In connection with the issue of any Tranche (as defined in *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*), one or more Dealers (the “**Stabilising Manager(s)**”) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) may over-allot Covered Bonds or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Covered Bonds at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake any stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

## OVERVIEW OF THE COVERED BONDS PROGRAMME

*The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Base Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds, the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, the applicable Pricing Supplement). Any reference in this section to “applicable Final Terms” or “relevant Final Terms” shall be deemed to include a reference to “applicable Pricing Supplement” or “relevant Pricing Supplement”, respectively, where relevant.*

*This Overview constitutes a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 22.5(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004, as amended, implementing the Prospectus Directive.*

*Capitalised terms used in this overview and not otherwise defined below or under Definitions have the respective meanings given to those terms elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.*

<b>Description:</b>	Covered Bonds Programme.
<b>Programme size:</b>	<p>Up to Euro 12,500,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies, all calculated as described under <i>General Description of the Programme</i>) aggregate principal amount (or, in the case of Covered Bonds issued at a discount, their aggregate nominal value) of Covered Bonds outstanding at any time.</p> <p>The Issuer will have the option at any time to increase the amount of the Programme, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Programme Agreement.</p>
<b>Issuer:</b>	Banco Comercial Português, S.A.
<b>Arranger:</b>	Barclays Bank PLC.
<b>Co-Arranger:</b>	Banco Comercial Português, S.A.
<b>Dealers:</b>	Banco Comercial Português, S.A., Banco Santander Totta, S.A., Barclays Bank PLC, BNP PARIBAS, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited, Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt am Main, HSBC Bank plc, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Merrill Lynch International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, Natixis, Nomura International plc, Société Générale, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, UBS Limited and UniCredit Bank AG and any other Dealer(s) appointed from time to time by the Issuer in accordance with the Programme Agreement.
<b>Common Representative:</b>	Deutsche Trustee Company Limited in its capacity as representative of the holders of the Covered Bonds pursuant to Article 14 of the Covered Bonds Law in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and the terms of the Common Representative Appointment Agreement, having its registered

office at Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB.

**Agent:** Banco Comercial Português, S.A., in its capacity as Agent, with head office at Praça Dom João I, 28, 4000-295 Oporto, Portugal.

**Paying Agent:** Banco Comercial Português, S.A., in its capacity as Paying Agent, with head office at Praça Dom João I, 28, 4000-295 Oporto, Portugal, and any other Paying Agent appointed from time to time by the Issuer in accordance with the Programme Documents.

**Cover Pool Monitor:** KPMG & Associados, SROC, SA, member of the Portuguese Institute of Statutory Auditors (“*Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas*”), registered with the “*Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários*” (**CMVM**) with registration number 9093, with registered office at Edifício Monumental, Av. Praia da Vitória 71 - A, 110, 1069-006 Lisbon, Portugal. See *Cover Pool Monitor*.

**Hedge Counterparties:** The parties or party (each, a “**Hedge Counterparty**” and together, the “**Hedge Counterparties**”) that, from time to time will enter into Hedging Contracts with the Issuer in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**Risk Factors:** There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer’s ability to fulfil its obligations under the Covered Bonds issued under the Programme, including, *inter alia*, those set out under *Risk Factors* below. In addition, there are risk factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the other risks associated with Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. These are also set out in detail under *Risk Factors* below and include, *inter alia*, the dynamics of the legal and regulatory requirements and the risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Covered Bonds.

**Distribution:** Covered Bonds may be distributed by way of private placement and on a non-syndicated or syndicated basis. The method of distribution of each Tranche of Covered Bonds will be stated in the applicable Final Terms. Covered Bonds will be issued and placed only outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act (“**Regulation S**”). See *Subscription and Sale and Transfer Restrictions and Secondary Market Arrangements*.

**Certain Restrictions:** Each issue of Covered Bonds denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see *Subscription and Sale and Transfer Restrictions and Secondary Market Arrangements*).



<b>Currencies:</b>	Subject to compliance with relevant laws, Covered Bonds may be issued in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as set out in the applicable Final Terms).
<b>Ratings:</b>	<p>Covered Bonds issued under the Programme are expected on issue to be rated Ba1 by Moody's, BBB (minus) by Fitch and A (low) by DBRS.</p> <p>Each of Moody's, Fitch and DBRS is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended, (the "CRA Regulation").</p> <p>The rating of Covered Bonds will not necessarily be the same as the rating applicable to the Issuer. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating organisation.</p>
<b>Listing and Admission to Trading:</b>	Application has been made to the Irish Stock Exchange for Covered Bonds issued under the Programme to be admitted to its Official List and trading on the Regulated Market. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Covered Bonds and/or Covered Bonds not admitted to trading on any market or Covered Bonds admitted to trading on other regulated markets for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC or on any other market which is not a regulated market. The relevant Final Terms will state on which stock exchange(s) and/or market(s) the relevant Covered Bonds are to be listed and/or admitted to trading (if any).
<b>Selling Restrictions:</b>	There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the Covered Bonds in the United States, the EEA (including Italy, Portugal and the United Kingdom) and Japan as set out in <i>Subscription and Sale and Transfer Restrictions and Secondary Market Arrangements</i> .
<b>United States Selling Restriction:</b>	The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, US persons unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Accordingly, the Covered Bonds are being offered and sold only outside the United States in reliance upon Regulation S under the Securities Act. There are also restrictions under United States federal tax laws on the offer or sale of Bearer Covered Bonds to U.S. persons; Bearer Covered Bonds may not be sold to U.S. persons except in accordance with United States Treasury regulations as set forth in the applicable Final Terms. See <i>Subscription and Sale and Transfer Restrictions and Secondary Market Arrangements</i> .
<b>Use of Proceeds:</b>	Proceeds from the issue of Covered Bonds will be used by the

Issuer for its general corporate purposes.

**Status of the Covered Bonds:**

The Covered Bonds will constitute direct, unconditional and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* among themselves. The Covered Bonds will be mortgage covered bonds issued by the Issuer in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law and, accordingly, will be secured on cover assets that comprise a cover assets pool maintained by the Issuer in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bonds Law, and will rank *pari passu* with all other obligations of the Issuer under mortgage covered bonds issued or to be issued by the Issuer pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law. See *Characteristics of the Cover Pool*.

**Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds:**

Final Terms will be prepared in respect of each Tranche of Covered Bonds, completing the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds set out in *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*. A Pricing Supplement will be prepared in respect of each Tranche of Exempt Covered Bonds and may replace, modify or supplement the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds.

**Clearing Systems:**

Interbolsa, and/or Euroclear, and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, (together the “**Clearing Systems**” and, each, a “**Clearing System**”) and/or, in relation to any Series of Covered Bonds, any other clearing system as specified in the relevant Final Terms. See *Form of the Covered Bonds and Clearing Systems*.

**Form of the Covered Bonds:**

The Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa will be in book-entry form (*forma escritural*) and can be either *nominativas* (in which case Interbolsa, at the Issuer’s request, can ask the Interbolsa Participants information regarding the identity of the holders of Covered Bonds and transmit such information to the Issuer) or *ao portador* (in which case Interbolsa cannot inform the Issuer of the identity of the holders of Covered Bonds), and thus title to such Covered Bonds will be evidenced by book entries in accordance with the provisions of the Portuguese Securities Code and the applicable CMVM regulations. No physical document of title will be issued in respect of Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa. The Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be issued in the form of either a Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond or a Permanent Global Covered Bond and may be issued in bearer or registered form, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms. Bearer Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg may be issued in new global note form (“**NGN**”). Registered Covered Bonds will not be exchangeable for Bearer Covered Bonds or Book Entry Covered Bonds and vice versa. See *Form of the Covered Bonds and Clearing Systems*.

**Transfer of Covered Bonds:**

The Covered Bonds may be transferred in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Clearing System or other central securities depository with which the relevant Covered Bond has

been deposited. The transferability of the Covered Bonds is not restricted.

<b>Maturities:</b>	The Covered Bonds will have such maturities as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and as set out in the applicable Final Terms, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body), the Covered Bonds Law or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency. Currently the Covered Bonds Law establishes that Covered Bonds may not be issued with a maturity term shorter than two years or in excess of 50 years. See also <i>Extended Maturity Date</i> .
<b>Issue Price:</b>	The Covered Bonds may be issued on a fully-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
<b>Events of Default:</b>	Issuer Insolvency. See <i>Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds</i> .
<b>Negative Pledge:</b>	None.
<b>Cross Default:</b>	None.
<b>Guarantor:</b>	None.
<b>Fixed Rate Covered Bonds:</b>	Fixed interest will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and on redemption and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as set out in the applicable Final Terms).
<b>Floating Rate Covered Bonds:</b>	<p>Floating Rate Covered Bonds will bear interest determined separately for each Series as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association Inc. (“ISDA”) and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of Covered Bonds of the relevant Series); or</li><li>• on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service.</li></ul> <p>The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) for each Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds. Interest periods will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.</p>
<b>Zero Coupon Covered Bonds:</b>	Zero Coupon Covered Bonds may be offered and sold at a

discount to their nominal amount unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms.

**Exempt Covered Bonds:**

The Issuer may agree with any Dealer that Exempt Covered Bonds may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds, in which event the relevant provisions will be included in the applicable Pricing Supplement, which will replace, modify or supplement those Terms and Conditions.

**Redemption:**

The applicable Final Terms relating to each Tranche of Covered Bonds will specify either (i) that the relevant Covered Bonds cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity, save as provided for in the Covered Bonds Law (see *The Covered Bonds Law*), or (ii) that the relevant Covered Bonds will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer and/or the holder of Covered Bonds upon giving notice to the holder of Covered Bonds or the Issuer (as applicable), on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s). See also *Extended Maturity Date*.

**Extended Maturity Date:**

Unless the rating provided by the rating agencies appointed by the Issuer at the relevant time in respect of the Programme is adversely affected by such provisions, the applicable Final Terms will also provide that an Extended Maturity Date applies to each Series of the Covered Bonds.

As regards redemption of Covered Bonds to which an Extended Maturity Date so applies, if the Issuer fails to redeem the relevant Covered Bonds in full on the Maturity Date (or within two Business Days thereafter), the maturity of the principal amount outstanding of the Covered Bonds not redeemed will automatically extend on a monthly basis up to one year but no later than the Extended Maturity Date, subject as otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms. In that event, the Issuer may redeem all or any part of the principal amount outstanding of the Covered Bonds on an Interest Payment Date falling in any month after the Maturity Date up to and including the Extended Maturity Date or as otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms.

As regards interest on Covered Bonds to which an Extended Maturity Date so applies, if the Issuer fails to redeem the relevant Covered Bonds in full on the Maturity Date (or within two Business Days thereafter), the Covered Bonds will bear interest on the principal amount outstanding of the Covered Bonds from (and including) the Maturity Date to (but excluding) the earlier of the Interest Payment Date after the Maturity Date on which the Covered Bonds are redeemed in full and the Extended Maturity Date and will be payable in respect of the Interest Period ending immediately prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date in arrear or as otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms on each Interest Payment Date after

the Maturity Date at the rate provided for in the applicable Final Terms.

In the case of a Series of Covered Bonds to which an Extended Maturity Date so applies, those Covered Bonds may for the purposes of the Programme be:

- (a) Fixed Rate Covered Bonds, Zero Coupon Covered Bonds or Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of the period from the Issue Date to (and including) the Maturity Date; or
- (b) Fixed Rate Covered Bonds or Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of the period from (but excluding) the Maturity Date to (and including) the Extended Maturity Date, as set out in the applicable Final Terms.

In the case of Covered Bonds which are Zero Coupon Covered Bonds up to (and including) the Maturity Date and for which an Extended Maturity Date applies, the initial outstanding principal amount on the Maturity Date for the above purposes will be the total amount otherwise payable by the Issuer but unpaid on the relevant Covered Bonds on the Maturity Date.

**Denomination of Covered Bonds:**

Covered Bonds will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, save that the denomination of each Covered Bond (other than an Exempt Covered Bond) will be at least EUR 100,000 (or, if the Covered Bonds are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency) or, in any case only if higher than EUR 100,000, any other minimum denomination as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank or supervisory authority (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency. Each Series will have Covered Bonds of one denomination only.

**Taxation of the Covered Bonds:**

All payments in respect of the Covered Bonds will be made without deduction for, or on account of, withholding Taxes imposed by any jurisdiction, unless the Issuer shall be obliged by law to make such deduction or withholding. The Issuer will not be obliged to make any additional payments in respect of any such withholding or deduction imposed. See *Taxation*.

**The Covered Bonds Law:**

The Covered Bonds Law introduced into Portuguese law a framework for the issuance of certain types of asset covered bonds. Asset covered bonds can only be issued by (i) credit institutions licensed under the Credit Institutions General Regime or (ii) by special credit institutions created pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, whose special purpose is the issue of covered bonds. The Covered Bonds Law establishes that issuers of mortgage covered bonds shall maintain a cover assets pool, comprised of mortgage credit assets and limited classes of other assets, over which the holders of the relevant covered bonds

have a statutory special creditor privilege.

The Covered Bonds Law also provides for (i) the inclusion of certain hedging contracts in the relevant cover pool and (ii) certain special rules that apply in the event of insolvency of the Issuer. The Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations further provide for (i) the supervision and regulation of issuers of covered bonds by the Bank of Portugal, (ii) the role of a cover pool monitor in respect of each issuer of covered bonds and the relevant cover pool maintained by it, (iii) the role of the common representative of the holders of covered bonds, (iv) restrictions on the types and status of the assets comprised in a cover pool (including loan to value restrictions, weighted average interest receivables and weighted average maturity restrictions), and (v) asset/liability management between the cover pool and the covered bonds. See *Characteristics of the Cover Pool, Insolvency of the Issuer, Common Representative of the Holders of Covered Bonds and The Covered Bonds Law*.

The Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer will qualify as mortgage covered bonds for the purposes of the Covered Bonds Law. The Covered Bonds will be senior obligations of the Issuer and will rank equally with all other Covered Bonds which may be issued by the Issuer. In the event of an insolvency of the Issuer, the holders of the Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer, together with the Other Preferred Creditors, will have recourse under the Covered Bonds Law to the Cover Pool in priority to other creditors (whether secured or unsecured) of the Issuer who are not preferred creditors under the Covered Bonds Law. See *Characteristics of the Cover Pool and Insolvency of the Issuer*.

**Governing Law:**

Unless otherwise specifically provided, the Covered Bonds and all other documentation relating to the Programme are governed by, and will be construed in accordance with, Portuguese law.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in financial instruments, including securities, involves risk. Before making any investment decision, one must take into consideration all the information described in this Base Prospectus and, in particular, the risks mentioned herein.

The following text describes the material risks which the Issuer believes may affect the capacity of the Issuer to comply with its duties concerning the Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. All these factors may adversely affect the business, income, results, assets and liquidity of the Group. Moreover, there may also be some unknown risks and other risks that, despite being deemed as non-relevant, may become relevant in the future. The Bank is unable to ensure that, in view of exceptionally adverse scenarios, the policies and procedures used by it to identify, monitor and manage the risks are fully efficient. The order according to which the risks are presented herein is not an indication of their relevance or occurrence probability. Investors must carefully read the information contained in this Base Prospectus or included herein by reference and reach their own conclusions before taking any investment decision.

### **RISKS RELATING TO THE ISSUER**

#### **Risks Relating to the Portuguese Economy**

***The Bank is highly sensitive to the evolution of the Portuguese economy, which strongly contracted between 2011 and 2013.***

The evolution of the Portuguese economy has a considerable impact on the Bank's business, its financial situation and net income. A substantial portion of the Bank's assets and operating profit is derived from Portugal, which accounted for 57% of the Bank's revenues during 2013. In addition, as at 31 March 2014, the Bank's holdings of EUR 6.4 billion in Portuguese government bonds represented 7.8% of its total assets. As such, developments in the Portuguese economy will have a material impact on the quality of the Bank's assets, its financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

The financial and economic difficulties that have affected the world economy since mid-2007 impacted the growth model that had supported the Portuguese economy since its adoption of the single currency.

By 2010, the Portuguese economy was profoundly imbalanced, with persistent current account and fiscal deficits. After a long stretch of financial excess, in 2010 the total net external debt, measured by the net international investment position, reached 107.2% of GDP (Source: Bank of Portugal, May 2014) and the general government consolidated gross debt climbed to 94.0% of GDP (Source: Bank of Portugal, May 2014). These imbalances, together with low levels of economic growth and the serious turmoil in European debt markets that followed the sovereign debt crises in Greece and Ireland in 2010, made the financial position of Portugal unsustainable. Amid such significant economic and financial instability, Portugal negotiated a financial assistance programme of EUR 78 billion (the "PAEF"), with the International Monetary Fund ("IMF"), the European Commission ("EC") and the European Central Bank ("ECB"), which was formally approved on 17 May 2011, in a bid to stabilise its public finances, initiate a set of structural reforms that would promote competitiveness, and stabilise the banking system. Despite significant improvement in external and public accounts over recent years, uncertainty regarding financial stability persists. In view of these lingering imbalances, the concerns of international investors regarding the sustainability of public finances have limited funding availability for Portuguese private and public issuers in international markets.

Economic activity had been constrained since 2011 as a result of reductions in public and private expenditure, more restrictive funding conditions and increased unemployment. Economic activity, as measured by real GDP, contracted by 1.3% in 2011, by 3.2% in 2012 and by 1.4% in 2013 (Source: Portugal's National Statistics Institute, March 2014). However, in the last three quarters of 2013, sequential GDP growth turned positive, reflecting the strong pace of net exports along with less depressed domestic demand, although, in the first quarter of 2014, GDP fell 0.6% on a quarterly basis largely due to the fallback of exports and the slowing down of investment.

The unemployment rate, which increased from 7.3% in 2008 to a peak of 17.7% in March 2013, has since declined to 15.1% at the end of the first quarter of 2014 (Source: INE, May 2014), in line with the economy's recovery. The public deficit, which increased from 4.3% of GDP in 2011 to 6.4% in 2012, decreased to 4.9% in 2013 (Source: Portugal's National Statistics Institute, March 2014), below the PAEF target of 5.5% of GDP (Source: Seventh Review of the Memorandum of Understanding, June 2013). This result was largely driven by an increase in revenues, following a growth in economic activity, efforts to enforce tax compliance and measures to control expenditure. The consolidated value of the gross debt of the public administration in 2013 increased to 129.0% of GDP, compared with 124.1% for the previous year (Source: INE, March 2014). The restructuring of balance sheets in both the public and private sectors and strong growth in exports helped to reduce the external imbalance, leading to significant improvements in current and capital account balances, which recorded a surplus in 2012 and 2013 (Source: Bank of Portugal, March 2014).

The economic context remains challenging for Portugal. In spite of recent improvements, a significant degree of uncertainty persists regarding the course of European sovereign debt markets and the ability of Portuguese issuers to obtain funding from abroad. In particular, uncertainty resulting from the sovereign debt crisis in the Eurozone could continue to have a significant impact on markets that may affect the Bank's activity. These aspects, combined with the process of reducing private and public sector debt, the implementation of structural reforms in the labour, product and services market and the pressure of a higher tax burden on the real disposable income of families and companies, represent a challenging economic environment. Although the GDP contraction of 1.4% in 2013 is expected to be followed by a GDP growth rate of 1.2% in 2014 (Source: IMF, Eleventh Review Mission of Portugal, 21 April 2014), this growth is unlikely to sufficiently increase in a material way disposable income or to encourage domestic demand or drastically reduce the elevated levels of unemployment. The possibility of economic performance below expectations cannot be excluded in view of the risk of a significant slowdown of external demand and the uncertainty surrounding the success and subsequent enforcement of the structural adjustment that must still be pursued after the completion of the PAEF. If these risks to economic growth were to materialise, demand for credit would predictably fall, cost of funding could rise and the credit quality of the loans portfolio and other segments of the asset side of the Bank's balance sheet would deteriorate. (See *The successful conclusion of the PAEF does not eliminate the risk of further deterioration of Portugal's economic and financial condition.*)

The still uncertain macroeconomic conditions in Portugal are affecting, and will continue to affect, the behaviour and financial position of the Bank's customers and, therefore, the supply and demand of the products and services offered by the Bank. In particular, the growth of loans is expected to be sluggish for the forthcoming years, hindering the creation of revenue supporting net interest income. Unemployment, reduction of business profitability and increased insolvency of companies and/or households has and will continue to negatively influence customers' capacity to repay loans. Consequently, non-performing loans may increase, which would negatively impact the quality of the Bank's assets.

***The Portuguese economy is undergoing a complex process of structural change with uncertain impact on potential economic growth and banking activity.***

The evolution of the Portuguese economy since the creation of the single currency in 1999 was characterised by weak growth levels in an environment of strong debt accumulation and of loss of



competitiveness. Consequently, the Portuguese economy was placed in a vulnerable position upon the occurrence of the international financial crisis in 2007-2008 and the sovereign debt crisis in the Eurozone periphery in 2010. Faced with the unsustainability of the economic model that had been followed in the previous decade, the Portuguese economy was forced to adjust in a profound and structural manner. Some of the resulting changes resulted from the need for improved competitiveness, which was found in foreign demand as the alternative to declining domestic demand, while other changes were imposed through the PAEF. Some of these changes consisted of measures aimed at improving the sustainability of public finances, greater flexibility of the labour and product markets, the streamlining of the judicial system, and the strengthening of the banking sector.

These reforms have produced discernible positive results, in particular regarding the rise in net exports; however, they have also generated adverse consequences, namely through an immediate and substantial increase of unemployment and decrease of disposable income. There are no guarantees that the structural changes already implemented will be sufficient to provide the Portuguese economy with the competitive levers that will enable it to produce strong enough growth to absorb the high levels of public and private indebtedness. A potential materialisation of these risks constitutes an important threat to the profitability of the Bank, due to the restriction it poses to the growth of business volumes, the maintenance of loan impairment at penalising levels and the weak performance of the financial assets comprising the Bank's portfolio – in particular, the Portuguese public debt securities.

***The Portuguese economy is subject to the performance and potential deterioration of foreign economies.***

In light of constraints on domestic demand, economic activity in the main countries receiving Portuguese exports is extremely important to the Portuguese economy. Such economic activity will also impact the achievement of fiscal and structural targets required by the European authorities under the recently reinforced rules on macroeconomic stability, including the Fiscal Compact or Fiscal Stability Treaty and legislative measures implemented under the Stability and Growth Pact. The possible deterioration of economic activity for the main trading partners of Portugal could increase the risk of recession in the EU, which would exacerbate the economic and financial difficulties being experienced in Portugal. Despite the strengthened resilience, market diversification and increasing technological sophistication of Portuguese exports, particularly since 2010, the recovery of net exports has denoted a marked loss of vigour since the last quarter of 2012 due to the cooling of exports of goods and the increase of imports – a trend that may extend throughout 2014. In this context, it is possible that a decrease in external demand may negatively impact the growth of the Portuguese economy. Such decrease may be derived from, among other factors, excessive levels of European debt, lower effectiveness of the transmission of monetary policy in a context of interest rates close to zero and the persistence of a climate of uncertainty and speculation inhibiting the creation of value that would have otherwise resulted from a full exercise of economic integration. The gains derived from the diversification of exports to markets outside the EU – particularly to countries in Africa and Latin America – may become less profitable if, among other adverse factors, competition intensifies, protectionist policies arise or the prices of the commodities on which those economies are heavily reliant upon fall markedly.

Any other significant deterioration of global economic conditions, including the credit profile of other countries of the EU, the solvency of Portuguese or international banks or changes in the Eurozone, may lead to concerns relating to the capacity of the Portuguese Republic to meet its funding needs. Any deterioration could have a direct impact on the value of the Bank's portfolio of public debt bonds. Any permanent reduction of the value of public debt bonds would be reflected in the Bank's equity position.

Moreover, any such deterioration of economic conditions could strongly affect the Bank's capacity to increase and/or generate capital and observe the regulatory minimum capital requirements, and could

limit the Bank's capacity to obtain liquidity. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***The successful conclusion of the PAEF does not eliminate the risk of further deterioration of Portugal's economic and financial condition.***

The successful conclusion of the PAEF (Source: IMF statement, 2 May 2014) upon the satisfaction of the requirements set by the updated revisions of the 2011 Memorandum of Understanding between the Portuguese State and the Troika and those added during the implementation of the PAEF does not preclude the need for additional austerity measures or structural adjustment actions to comply with the European treaties and directives, which may cause sudden and unexpected political or social instability and impart short term recessionary effects. In such circumstances, banking activity may be subject to an adverse economic and financial climate. Moreover, with the termination of the guaranteed funding provided under the PAEF, the Portuguese State will need to pursue alternative funding strategies, which could carry certain risks.

Such alternative funding strategies could require the Portuguese Treasury to rely solely on the capital markets for its wholesale funding or could compel the establishment of a precautionary credit line with the European Stability Mechanism ("ESM"). In the immediate aftermath of the PAEF's completion, the Portuguese government chose to rely solely on the capital markets for its wholesale funding (as further detailed in the Eurogroup Statement of 5 May 2014). In any event, and like other Member States, it maintains the possibility of accessing ESM assistance. Either strategy could render the Portuguese Treasury more vulnerable vis-à-vis investors' sentiment regarding Portugal's perceived economic and financial prospects or could trigger more restrictive conditions, possibly in the form of tougher fiscal measures and further structural reforms, in addition to greater surveillance by European authorities. As such, it is uncertain that the Portuguese economy, in both the public and private spheres, will be able to garner the capital needed to fund a full economic recovery. Moreover, recovery may be negatively impacted by continued exposure to the risks of a recessionary relapse, a material deterioration of the public accounts or an external economic or financial shock. If any of these risks were to materialise, Portugal could be forced to ask for a second financial assistance programme, which would imply adverse economic and financial consequences for the operation, profitability and financial soundness of the Bank.

In this context, negative macroeconomic effects stemming from Portuguese or European public finances and the volatility of international financial markets may continue to hinder the liquidity and profitability of the Portuguese financial system, which might result, for instance, in the devaluation of the Bank's holdings of Portuguese sovereign debt securities; liquidity restrictions to the Portuguese banking system and its concomitant dependence on external institutional funding; an increase in competition for customers' deposits and concomitant rise in cost; falling demand for banking products; limited lending; and the deterioration of the quality of the Bank's loan portfolio. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***The global financial and European sovereign debt crises have limited the Bank's access to the capital markets, leading to dependency on the ECB for access to funding.***

The ECB has been a major funding source used by the majority of Portuguese banks during the financial crisis and the European sovereign debt crisis. On 18 July 2013, the Board of Governors of the ECB announced the adoption of new haircuts tables in the fourth quarter of 2013, notably for marketable assets, which had an adverse impact on the Bank's pool of eligible collateral. Accordingly, on 31 March 2014, the Bank had EUR 9.2 billion net of loans outstanding with the ECB, corresponding to 11.3% of the Bank's liabilities. On 31 December 2013, the Bank had EUR 10.0 billion net of loans outstanding with the ECB, corresponding to 12.7% of the Bank's liabilities. According to the latest available data, in May 2014, the Bank used EUR 10.0 billion of the ECB's

refinancing facilities (corresponding to 23.6% of the total usage of the Portuguese banking system), a level that stands clearly below the maximum value of EUR 17,435 million recorded in April 2011 and that emphasises the gradual reduction of the Bank's dependency on the liquidity provided by the ECB. As at 31 May 2014, the Bank had a total of EUR 19.6 billion of assets eligible for refinancing in the ECB, of which EUR 8.9 billion is available.

The Bank's pool of eligible assets could be further eroded as a result of price devaluations, increase in haircuts following credit downgrades or even the loss of eligibility of certain assets, namely those that benefit from measures implemented by the ECB to support liquidity, including the acceptance of debt instruments issued or guaranteed by the Portuguese Government and additional credit claims. The reduction of the pool of eligible assets and the increased difficulty in managing eligible assets to compensate for such loss of eligibility would have a negative impact in terms of liquidity, requiring the Bank to find alternative funding sources, which may have a negative impact on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations.

The objective of the Bank is to reduce its funding dependency on the ECB in the short-to medium term by reducing the commercial gap and issuing debt in the international wholesale funding markets. The Bank is implementing various measures to diversify its funding sources, having also accelerated its deleveraging process, and aims to increase customer funds, which could present a risk of increased cost of deposits (as at 31 March 2014, customer deposits accounted for 68% of the funding structure) and reduce the granting of loans.

The uncertainty surrounding access to capital markets as a source of funding for the Bank may also hinder the Bank's ongoing deleveraging process, requiring the Bank to further maintain an excessive dependence on funding from the ECB. Increased market risk perception associated with accessing the markets and/or the persistency of the uncertainty surrounding access to the capital markets would exert pressure on the Bank to seek alternative funding sources, to accelerate its capital and liquidity plan and to increase its pool of collateral eligible for funding by the ECB, although there can be no assurances that it would be successful in its efforts to do so. If this process is not accompanied by the re-pricing of loans, this could negatively affect the net interest income and overall results of the Bank. If regulators require a quicker reduction of exposure to the ECB or if there are restrictions to access ECB funding, the Bank may be forced to anticipate the compliance time frame of its capital and liquidity plan, which would likely reduce profitability and hinder the deleveraging process. In addition, in the current economic climate, a review of liquidity conditions by the ECB could force the Bank to dispose of assets at a potentially significant discount in relation to their respective book values, with a corresponding negative impact on capital position and results of operations.

***The Bank is exposed to the risk of a deterioration of the sovereign risk premium.***

Despite a strong improvement in the interest of international investors for Portuguese sovereign debt, as evidenced by the strong narrowing of the spread between the respective yield and those of the German public debt with equivalent maturities there is no guarantee that this trend will continue. The high level of indebtedness of the Portuguese Republic, combined with uncertainty regarding the long-term growth potential of the domestic economy may result in a deterioration in the sovereign risk premium for Portuguese public debt securities in access to the secondary debt markets and access of the Portuguese Republic to primary debt markets. Such risk could be exacerbated by a reduced confidence in international financial markets or be triggered by a weak performance of the domestic economy or disturbances in the local political environment.

Should the foregoing occur, the resulting substantial worsening of sovereign debt risk could negatively impact the Bank's liquidity position, both through funding difficulties and the reduction of the pool of assets eligible for discount at the ECB, in addition to funding costs and the Bank's capacity to increase its loan and asset portfolio with a negative impact on the financial condition, credit quality and operating results of the Bank. These circumstances could be further aggravated by

persistent volatility in the financial sector and capital markets or by financial difficulties, including the possible default of one or more financial institutions, which could lead to significant liquidity problems in the market in general, and to losses and defaults by other institutions. Furthermore, it is not possible to predict from current market conditions which structural and/or regulatory changes may be effected or if such changes could have a negative impact on the Bank. If current market conditions continue to deteriorate, especially for an extended period of time, this could lead to a reduction in credit availability, credit quality and increased default on debt, which could have a negative impact on the Bank's rating, business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***Changes to the Portuguese government's economic policies may negatively impact the Bank's activities.***

Upcoming parliamentary elections in Portugal in the second half of 2015 could disrupt the continuation of the implementation of economic policies aimed at restoring the sustainability of public debt and achieving required fiscal adjustment, which were in force during the period of implementation of the PAEF. Any such changes could affect the execution of the adjustment policies post-Troika, impacting the conditions surrounding access to the international capital markets, both for the Portuguese Republic and the Bank, which could result in a second bailout for the Portuguese economy. Such events may have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***The Bank is exposed to risks associated with deflation.***

The resolution of recent economic turbulence remains uncertain and subject to changes in investor sensitivity and the current economic regime, and remains in need of an improvement in price competitiveness.

Such an environment is prone to deflationary pressures. In extreme cases, an unanticipated market shock that impacts confidence levels may lead to a downward spiral of economic activity, employment rates, companies' income levels and prices, with adverse repercussions on the Bank's business prospects and profitability.

In the Eurozone, the annual inflation rate in May 2014 was 0.5%, prolonging the downward trend since the beginning of 2012. According to the ECB analysis, the inflation rate is expected to remain at low levels for a prolonged period of time. Consequently, the ECB decided to implement new stimulus measures to fight the risk of deflation and contribute to the price stability goal, defined as an inflation rate close to 2%. In Portugal, the inflation rate in the same period was moderately negative (-0.3%), having stood below zero since February 2014.

A context of a general reduction in prices affects expenditure, consumption and investment decisions, while increasing the real cost of debt and the risk of insolvency of companies, in particular when debt levels are very high, as is the case in Portugal. A typical response of central banks to deflation is to aggressively reduce interest rates, in certain instances to negative figures, thus placing a downward pressure on the interest rate levels applied in the market. The ECB announced on 5 June 2014 a set of measures aimed at strengthening economic activity and reducing the risk of deflation. These include cutting the interest rate on the main refinancing operations of the Eurosystem to 0.15%, cutting the interest rate on the marginal lending facility to 0.35%, implementing a negative deposit facility interest rate (-0.10%), setting the features of monetary policy operations with settlement until December 2016 (MRO (main refinancing operations) and LTRO (longer-term refinancing operations)), and implementing measures to enhance the functioning of the monetary policy transmission mechanism by supporting lending to the real economy (TLTRO (targeted longer-term refinancing operations)).

A deflationary environment may affect the financial condition of the Bank, namely: (i) by reducing business volumes due to a decrease in expenditures commensurate with the expected contraction of economic activity; (ii) by compressing the net interest margin, as imbalances may arise between the indexing of income yields to market reference rates, which remain at very low or negative levels, and the income paid on fixed interest-bearing liabilities, representing a real burden on debt; (iii) by reducing the relative income benefit on demand deposits; (iv) by lowering asset quality, as the credit at risk increases or the assets on the balance sheet or collateral have been devalued; (v) through expectations of market participants and economic agents, making it more difficult or costly for regular financing in wholesale markets and establishing a climate of uncertainty and volatility in financial markets, in trading results and on counterparty risks.

A deflationary environment in general could adversely affect the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance of the EMU will permanently condition economic policymaking with potential adverse effects on the Bank's operational activity.***

On 14 June 2013, the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance of the EMU was adopted into national legislation in order to strengthen fiscal discipline through the introduction of a "balanced budget rule" and an automatic mechanism for corrective action. In particular, the treaty states that the structural budget deficit in each country must not exceed 0.5% of GDP at market price. Additionally, fiscal balances of the Member States must comply with specific medium-term objectives, as defined under the Stability and Growth Pact, and must be monitored annually in the context of the European semester. If a Member State deviates from the defined goal, an automatic corrective mechanism would be activated. Member States whose debt exceeds 60% of GDP will be required to adopt measures aimed at reducing their debt at a pre-set rate, taking as a reference standard reduction at an average rate of one twentieth per year (even if their deficits are below 3% of GDP, which constitutes the reference value for the European Union).

Given the current magnitude of Portuguese government debt (132.3% of GDP in the first quarter of 2014, according to the Bank of Portugal), these measures will likely impose a long-term limit on the ability of the government to stimulate economic growth through increased expenditure or a reduction of the tax burden.

Any limitation on the growth of the Portuguese economy could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition, results of operations or its prospects. All these factors could contribute to a deterioration of the financial and economic condition of the Bank.

***The Portuguese Republic may be subject to downgraded rating reviews by the rating agencies, which could affect the funding of the economy and the Bank's activity.***

Rating agencies Standard & Poor's, Moody's, Fitch and DBRS have downgraded the long – and short – term ratings of the Portuguese Republic on several occasions since the beginning of the financial crisis due to the uncertainties and risks of a prolonged recession, the outlook for modest GDP growth, high levels of unemployment, limited fiscal flexibility, the high leverage of the private sector and the level of sustainability of Portuguese public debt.

Although the outlook for the Portuguese economy has improved recently due to a reduction of the budget deficit, a 0.5% growth in real GDP in the three months ended 31 December 2013, a quicker balance of payments adjustment within the Eurozone and increased market access, a further reduction of the credit rating of the Portuguese Republic may occur in the future. Such a downgrade could occur if, among other factors, the measures taken by Portugal are seen as insufficient or there is a further deterioration of public finances. Portugal's rating could also be impacted by tax revenues that are lower than expected due to a weaker performance in economic activity under austerity measures,

rising public debt as a percentage of GDP, the persistence of conditions hampering access to international funding markets and the failure of structural reforms. Moreover, any potential downgrades in the ratings of the Portuguese Republic's sovereign debt may result in a downgrade of the Bank's rating. Under any of these circumstances, Portugal's cost of credit may increase and its credit rating may be downgraded, which could limit the Bank's ability to raise capital in the interbank markets and, consequently, could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***A relapse of the sovereign debt crisis of the Eurozone may constitute a potential source of turbulence for the markets that may impact the Bank's activity.***

The financial crisis of 2007/2008 exacerbated the budgetary imbalances of various European countries, leading in 2010 to a sovereign debt crisis in the Eurozone. The response to the crisis has been multilateral and consisted of, among other things: relations and cooperation between Member States, reformulation of supervisory mechanisms, common fiscal measures, regulation of the financial system, mechanisms of emergency financial support to Member States, and the adoption of exceptional mechanisms concerning monetary policy. These reforms constitute a profound review of the operating regime of the EMU, and certain solutions have not always been consensual or given rise to the intended outcomes.

Accordingly, in spite of the recent successful conclusion of assistance programmes by Ireland and Portugal and certain agreements signed with the EU and the EMU, uncertainties still remain as to the permanent settlement of the sovereign debt crisis and the associated stability of the euro, especially in the context of concerns that the results of the European Parliament elections that took place on 22-25 May 2014 have strengthened the presence of extreme political viewpoints in the European Parliament and supported a movement against European integration, contributing to an increase in political instability across the region. Should any or all these risks materialise, the consequences for the underlying economic and financial environment faced by the Portuguese economy could be adverse, entailing severe pressure on the conditions and financing costs of Portuguese banks, particularly regarding deposits and asset depreciation, with a marked impact on the net interest margin and results of the Bank, credit impairments and mark-to-market valuation of financial assets.

Moreover, the impact of the potential departure of any country from the EMU could also have unpredictable consequences and would likely severely and negatively affect the Portuguese banking system and the Bank through, among other things, increased pressure on regular funding from customer deposits.

If customers decide to reallocate their savings towards other countries that are perceived to be fundamentally more stable than Portugal, additional pressure on the financing costs of Portuguese banks may adversely affect the net interest margin and the results of the Bank. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***A material decline in global capital markets and volatility in other markets could adversely affect the activity, results and value of strategic investments of the Bank.***

Investment returns are an important part of the Bank's overall profitability, particularly in relation to the life insurance business carried out by the Millenniumbcp Ageas joint venture and the Bank's investment banking business. Uncertainty in global financial markets stemming from the price volatility of capital market instruments may materially and adversely affect the Bank's life insurance business and investment banking operations, impacting its financial operations and other income and the value of its financial holdings and securities portfolios.

In particular, a decline in the global capital markets could have an adverse effect on the sales of many of the Bank's products and services, such as unit-linked products, capitalisation insurance, real estate investment funds, asset management services, brokerage, primary market issuances and investment banking operations. As a minority shareholder of Millenniumbcp Ageas, the Bank is at risk of being required to inject capital into the company if its solvency ratio falls below a certain predefined level, which could occur if certain products of Millenniumbcp Ageas do not meet a minimum level of return.

Furthermore, the prolonged fluctuation of stock and bond market prices or extended volatility or turbulence of markets could lead to the withdrawal of funds from markets by investors, which would result in lower investment rates or in the early redemption of life policies. Any such decrease could negatively influence the placement of the Bank's investment products, including certain categories of life insurance.

Therefore, a decline in capital markets in general could adversely affect the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

The Bank also maintains trading and investment positions in debt securities, foreign exchange, equity and other markets. These positions could be adversely affected by volatility in financial and other markets and in Portuguese sovereign debt (EUR 6.4 billion as at March 2014, of which EUR 4.3 billion is on the AFS (available for sale) book, EUR 1.9 billion is on the HTM (hold to maturity) book and EUR 188 million is on the trading book), creating a risk of substantial losses. In particular, the gains pertaining to the portfolio of Portuguese public debt were EUR 106.0 million in 2012 (in 2011 there had been a loss of EUR 128.2 million associated with public debt), EUR 69.5 million in 2013 and EUR 104.8 million in March 2014, with potential gains in the Portuguese public debt portfolio in March 2014 standing at EUR 162 million. However, a reversal of the recent downward trend in Portuguese government bond yields that led to the positive results observed in 2013 and during the first quarter of 2014 will likely not repeat in the future, and there is a risk that losses may arise. Volatility can also lead to losses relating to a broad range of the other trading and hedging products that the Bank uses, including swaps, futures, options and structured products. Significant reductions in estimated or actual values of the Bank's assets have occurred from previous events in the market. Continued volatility and further fragmentation of certain financial markets may affect the Bank's financial position, operating results and prospects. In the future, these factors may have an influence on day-to-day valuations of the Bank's financial assets and liabilities, recorded at fair value.

## **Legal and Regulatory Risks**

*The Bank is subject to increasingly complex regulation that could increase regulatory and capital requirements.*

The Bank conducts its business in accordance with applicable regulations and is subject to related regulatory risks, including the effects of amendments to laws, regulations and policies in Portugal and in other countries where the Bank operates. As a result of the economic and financial crisis which began in 2007, Portuguese and international regulatory entities, including the European Union, have considered significant changes to the Bank's regulatory framework, particularly in relation to capital adequacy and the scope of the Bank's operations. As a result, the Bank may face increased regulation that may materially and adversely affect the Bank's operations.

### *Capital Requirements*

The implementation of a more demanding and restrictive regulatory framework, with additional restrictions on financial institutions, in particular with respect to capital ratios, indebtedness, liquidity and disclosure requirements, even if beneficial to the financial system and of a preventive and temporary nature, will imply additional costs for banks.

Compliance with new regulations may increase the regulatory capital requirements and costs of the Bank, and could result in increased disclosure, restrictions on certain types of transactions, limitations on the Bank's strategy, and/or limitations or modification of the rates or fees charged by the Bank for certain loans and products. Any of the above may reduce the yield of the Bank's investments, assets or holdings, which could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Under the PAEF, Portugal agreed that while the PAEF is in force, the Bank of Portugal will require each of the banking groups it supervises to reach a Core Tier 1 Ratio of 10% by the end of 2012 and to maintain that level thereafter. This requirement was formally approved by the Bank of Portugal in its Notice No. 3/2011. In addition to these requirements, on 8 December 2011, the EBA recommended that European Union central banks temporarily increase capital requirements in connection with bank exposure to sovereign debt. For Portugal, this represented a substantial increase in capital strengthening requirements reaching a total of EUR 6,950 million, of which EUR 3,700 million relates to the sovereign debt buffer.

This recommendation was endorsed by the Bank of Portugal, which, in line with the guidelines issued by the EBA, established in Notice No. 5/2012, requires that these additional requirements should be complied with by 30 June 2012.

According to a recommendation from the EBA, European banks have been required to comply with a Core Tier 1 capital of 9% of RWA (risk weighted assets) at 30 June 2012, plus the sovereign buffer that currently exists during the transition to Basel III. On 22 July 2013, EBA released a new recommendation (EBA/REC/2013/03) establishing a nominal floor of Core Tier 1 capital corresponding to the amount of capital needed to meet the Core Tier 1 ratio of 9% as at 30 June 2012, including the same capital buffer for exposures to sovereign risk. This nominal floor was implemented to ensure an appropriate transition to the stricter requirements of the CRD IV/CRR. However, this rule may not apply if a bank complies with a Core Tier 1 ratio in Basel III (fully implemented) of 7% or if a bank is undergoing restructuring. Given that the Bank is currently subject to the Restructuring Plan, it submitted a request pursuant to the above caveat to the Bank of Portugal, which was resolved on 21 May 2014, resulting in a waiver of the nominal amount of Core Tier 1 capital necessary to meet the requirements defined in the 21 May 2014 recommendation.

Pursuant to Notice No. 6/2013 and EU Regulation 575/2013, the Bank of Portugal has established that domestic banks and Portuguese branches of foreign credit institutions are obliged to permanently maintain a common equity tier 1 ("**CET 1**") capital ratio level of at least 4.5% and a Tier 1 capital ratio level of 6% during the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Bank of Portugal has also established that Portuguese institutions and Portuguese branches of foreign credit institutions are required to permanently ensure the maintenance of a CET 1 ratio of at least 7% and that, whenever this goal is not achieved, said institutions must adopt capital conservation measures.

It is currently unclear how long Portuguese banks will be required to comply with the EBA recommendations, and there can be no guarantee that temporary capital requirements are not maintained or will not be further increased in the future. Further increases in the Bank's capital adequacy requirements may result in the Bank needing additional capital in order to comply with the more demanding capital ratios, thereby increasing the Bank's costs and lowering the profitability of such capital.

Additional requirements may also lead to the Bank being unable to repay the Core Tier 1 Capital Instruments on the schedule contemplated in its recapitalisation plan (the "**Recapitalisation Plan**"), in the restructuring plan (the "**Restructuring Plan**") or under applicable law. Any of the above events could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.



The enhanced supervision by the Bank of Portugal as a result of the PAEF agreed with the Troika could increase costs and potentially force the Bank to sell some of its non-core assets under distressed conditions. As a consequence, the Bank might be confronted with the need to further increase its capital base or further restrict its policy of profit distribution beyond the requirements already included in the Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan. Moreover, the Bank could be faced with additional constraints concerning the management of its assets and liabilities in the context of the commitments undertaken under the Recapitalisation Plan, the Decision 8840-B/2012 of the Portuguese Minister of State and Finance (the “**Minister of State and Finance**”) of 28 June 2012, as amended, published in the Supplement of the Official Gazette, 2nd series of 3 July 2012, approving the public investment pursuant to the Recapitalisation Plan and the respective annexes or the aforementioned documents or of the Restructuring Plan.

The Core Tier 1 ratio of the Bank stood at 13.9% (IRB approach) (calculated in accordance with the rules of the Bank of Portugal) on 31 March 2014. The EBA ratio stood at 11.0% and adjusted for the sovereign buffer the ratio stood at 12.9%. However, it is not possible to guarantee that the Core Tier 1 ratio will remain above the minimum values established by the Bank of Portugal in the abovementioned Notices No. 3/2011, No. 3/2012 and No. 6/2013 in the future. The CET 1 ratio, fully implemented as at 31 March 2014, stood at 5.4% (and would have been 8.4% if calculated assuming a conservative interpretation (although not definitive) of the legislative proposal made public on 12 June 2014 concerning the deferred tax assets reform). The leverage ratio as at 31 March 2014 stood at 2.9% (and would have been 4.5% as calculated assuming a conservative interpretation (although not definitive) of the legislative proposal made public on 12 June 2014 concerning the deferred tax assets reform), compared with a minimum reference value of 3% (fully implemented). The Liquidity Coverage Ratio and Net Stable Funding Ratio stood at 512% and 121%, respectively, compared with a reference value of 100% (fully implemented). If the Bank’s capital ratios fall below the minimum threshold, the Bank may need to adopt additional measures, such as an acceleration of the deleveraging process, the reduction of RWAs, the sale of non-core assets and other measures, to strengthen its Core Tier 1 and CET 1 ratios. As a result, increased capital requirements could have a material adverse effect on the Bank’s financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

### *Basel III*

On 12 September 2010, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision announced a new agreement on banking supervision, known as Basel III, which has amended most of the minimum requirements relating to capital and liquidity. This agreement has stricter capital requirements that will be applied over a transitional period in order to mitigate their impact on the international financial system. The minimum capital requirements for CET 1 capital will gradually increase from 3.5% of risk weighted assets as at 1 January 2013 to 7% of risk weighted assets, including the capital conservation buffer, by 2019. The total solvency ratio will increase from 8% to 10.5% between 2016 and 2019. Further changes include: (i) a progressive increase of the common equity ratio from 3.5% to 4.5% by 2015; (ii) a progressive increase of the Tier 1 ratio from 4.5% to 6% by 2015; (iii) an additional requirement of a capital conservation buffer of 2.5% on common equity, with phased implementation from 2016 to 2019 and restrictions on bank capacity to pay dividends or make other payments, to be defined, if the capital is below the common equity ratio and capital conservation ratio; (iv) a countercyclical capital buffer, which will stand between 0% and 2.5% of risk weighted assets, with loss absorption properties, according to the credit cycle phase pursuant to its application by the national supervisory authorities; and (v) the leverage ratio will be tested for a non-adjusted ratio of 3% risk.

Furthermore, the Basel III framework also contains stricter requirements regarding the quality of the capital that may be considered CET 1 capital and for the calculation of risk weighted assets. Full implementation of Basel III is expected to occur by the beginning of 2019. It is expected that the main impacts of Basel III on consolidated capital ratios will be related to deferred tax assets, expected loss impairment provisions, the pension fund corridor, minority holdings in consolidated subsidiaries,

significant holdings in non-consolidated financial institutions, and the increased capital requirements for market and counterparty risks.

The demand for additional capital adequacy requirements from the Bank may result in the need to further reinforce its equity in order to fulfil more demanding capital ratios, thereby increasing the costs to the Bank and reducing such equity's profitability. The implementation of additional capital requirements may also hinder the Bank's ability to reimburse the hybrid instruments in the amount of EUR 3 billion issued by the Bank on 29 June 2012 and subscribed by the Portuguese State (the "GSIs") according to the schedule contemplated by the Recapitalisation Plan, the Restructuring Plan and by law. Any of the abovementioned situations may negatively impact the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects. However, the reimbursement of the GSIs in the amount of EUR 400 million on May 2014 and the intention to repay more EUR 1,850 million in the near future, after the recent completion of the rights issue in the amount of approximately EUR 2,242 million and the approval of the Bank of Portugal minimise these risks.

On 12 June 2014, Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, of 15 May 2014, was published, establishing the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive ("BRRD"), which acts as a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment companies. The directive represents the implementation in the EEA of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's press release, issued on 13 January 2011, "Minimum requirements to ensure loss absorption at the point of non-viability".

The BRRD provides national authorities with common tools and powers to address banking crises pre-emptively in order to safeguard financial stability and minimise taxpayers' exposure losses. Member States have until 31 December 2014 to adopt and publish the legal, regulatory and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the directive.

The powers provided to resolution authorities in the BRRD include write down and conversion powers to ensure that capital instruments (including Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruments, as defined in Basel III) and eligible liabilities fully absorb losses at the point of non-viability of the issuing institution. Accordingly, the BRRD contemplates that resolution authorities may require the write down of such capital instruments and eligible liabilities on a full or permanent basis, or their conversion into full CET 1 instruments, to the extent required and up to their capacity, immediately before the application of any other resolution action, if any. The BRRD provides, inter alia, that resolution authorities shall exercise the write down power in a way that results in (i) CET 1 instruments being written down first in proportion to the relevant losses and (ii) thereafter, the principal amount of other capital instruments being written down or converted into CET 1 on a permanent basis, and (iii) thereafter, eligible liabilities being written down or converted in accordance with a set order of priority.

These rules, besides affecting the Bank's levels of autonomy, could increase the cost of Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruments and thus negatively impact the Bank's results if it needs to issue such instruments in the context of the current changes in the regulatory framework. These instruments may also result in a potential dilution of the percentage ownership of existing shareholders, given their convertibility feature.

In addition to the rules regarding capital requirements, Basel III recommendations also provide for the setting of short- and long-term liquidity ratios and funding ratios referred to as "**Liquidity Coverage Ratio**" and "**Net Stable Funding Ratio**", respectively. The Liquidity Coverage Ratio, for which implementation is recommended to be carried out as 60% in 2015 with an annual increase of 10% until it reaches 100% in 2019, concerns the sufficiency of high quality liquid assets to meet short-term liquidity needs in high stress scenarios, where the value of these assets may not be less than 100% (from 2019 onwards) of net outflows of cash flow for the 30 days following the relevant stress date. Moreover, within the scope of CRD IV/CRR, on 31 December 2013 the EBA issued the definition of

and operational requirements criteria for both the extremely high quality liquid assets and high quality assets. The EBA recommended to consider all sorts of bonds issued or guaranteed by the European Economic Area (“EEA”) sovereigns and EEA central banks in the domestic currency and also those issued or guaranteed by supranational institutions as transferable assets of extremely high quality and defined the standards of credit quality and eligibility of mortgage bonds, corporate bonds, RMBS (residential mortgage-backed security) bonds and bonds issued by local government institutions as assets of high liquidity and credit quality. Furthermore, the EBA recommended considering as high quality liquid assets common equity shares in accordance with the requirements established in par. 54 (c) of the text of Basel III. The Net Stable Funding Ratio, for which implementation is recommended to be carried out in 2018, seeks to establish a minimum amount of stable funding based on the liquidity features of assets of the relevant institution and its activities during the period of one year.

The profitability of financial assets is generally inversely correlated with their liquidity. To that extent, compliance with these ratios by the Bank may lead to the need to strengthen or create a portfolio of highly liquid but low profitability assets and/or an increase of funding costs, since the method for calculating these ratios favours long-term over short-term funding, which may therefore negatively impact the Bank’s financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

In addition to these requirements, institutions identified as systemically relevant at a worldwide level might be subject to even more demanding and restrictive requirements. While the Bank does not anticipate that Portuguese banks will be classified as systemically relevant at a global level, there are, however, proposals that this principle should also be applied at a national level. If this occurs, the Bank’s classification as systemically relevant for Portugal could result in additional costs for the Bank, causing a negative impact on the Bank’s financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Significant uncertainty remains concerning the final requirements and implementation of Basel III, namely in the European Union through the CRD IV/CRR. If these measures are implemented as currently proposed, it is expected that this will have a significant impact on the capital and the management of assets and liabilities of the Bank, which would likely have an adverse effect on the Bank’s financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Despite the new regulatory framework already being in effect, the EBA extended until 30 June 2014 the deadline for the delivery of the first regulatory report under the CRD IV/CRR, with reference as of 31 March 2014. Notwithstanding such extension, the Bank’s CET 1 ratio estimated in accordance with the transitional arrangements of the CRD IV/CRR stood at 12.2% as at 31 March 2014, while the Liquidity Coverage Ratio and Net Stable Funding Ratio were estimated at 512% and 121%, respectively, on the same date.

#### *New credit institution restructuring rules*

The international financial crisis led to the adoption of legal mechanisms to address situations in which an institution’s financial situation begins to show signs of deterioration, so as to enable the swift adoption of measures aimed at preventing the risk of contagion to other institutions. These proposals identified the need to entrust supervisors with a series of preventative intervention powers under a harmonised system within the European Union.

To this end, Decree-Law No. 31-A/2012, of 10 February 2012, amended various rules of the General Framework of Credit Institutions and Financial Companies (the “**Banking Law**”) to replace the existing credit institution restructuring system with a new regime characterised by three different intervention phases, depending on the severity of the risk or degree of an institution’s non-compliance with relevant regulation. The Bank of Portugal will be responsible for the choice of the method of intervention and adoption of specific measures.

The new regime requires the preparation of recovery and resolution plans to be submitted periodically to the Bank of Portugal, who will be responsible for approving them or requesting their modification. Such anticipatory measures will ensure sufficient planning in the event of the need for the recovery or resolution of a credit institution, while also enabling the Bank of Portugal to detect and remove constraints to the application of resolution measures.

The provisional administration phase will correspond to situations that may place the financial balance of the institution at serious risk or constitute a threat to the stability of the financial system. At this stage, the Bank of Portugal will have the ability to suspend the management body of a credit institution and manage its reconstitution.

In the extreme case of a credit institution being at serious risk of failure or non-compliance with its regulatory requirements, supervisory authorities may apply certain measures of last resort, including the total or partial disposal of the business of such credit institution or the transfer of assets, liabilities, off-balance sheet items or assets under management to a bridge institution.

The application of these types of measures will naturally depend on their necessity to prevent systemic contagion or possible negative impacts on the financial stability plan, with a view to minimising costs for the public treasury or safeguarding the trust of the depositors. Pursuant to the preamble of the Banking Law, “its application should seek to assure that the shareholders of the credit institution, as well as its creditors, are the first to assume its losses, in accordance with the respective hierarchy and under conditions of equality within each category of creditors”.

As is already the case in other countries, a resolution fund has been created for the purpose of providing financial support for the application of any resolution measure that might be adopted by the Bank of Portugal (the “**Resolution Fund**”). The Resolution Fund foresees the participation of credit institutions based in Portugal, including the Bank, branches of credit institutions in states not belonging to the European Union and relevant companies for the management of payment systems subject to supervision by the Bank of Portugal, in addition to certain types of investment companies.

The Banking Law also reviewed the special winding-up system of institutions subject to supervision by the Bank of Portugal, including, in particular, the constitution of credit privileges applicable to loans backed by deposits covered by deposit guarantee funds, in addition to loans certified by the Deposit Guarantee Fund, Crédito Agrícola Mútuo Guarantee Fund or the Resolution Fund, arising from any financial support that these institutions might provide under the application of resolution measures, within the framework of applicable legal limitations.

Although these measures contribute to the flexibility of regulators to intervene and help reduce systemic risk in the restructuring and resolution process, their effective implementation may result in increased expenses or, particularly in the case of effective implementation, losses that negatively impact the Bank’s financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The implementation of the Banking Union could impose further regulatory requirements that may adversely impact the Bank’s activities.***

Legislation, including notably the BRRD, has been approved at the European Union level to implement the Banking Union as an integrated financial framework in an effort to promote stability of the financial system and minimise the incidences and costs of future banking crises. The Banking Union will centralise the direct supervision of certain Eurozone banks in the ECB, governed by a consolidated rulebook providing for minimal capital requirements, harmonised deposit protection schemes, and a unified European financial services framework. The rulebook also dictates the quality of capital and liquidity and leverage, imposing more demanding thresholds than those required under the previous general framework of Basel II.

In the event of a bank's critical financial instability, the Banking Union's framework is also being designed to minimise the impact of any particular bank's financial difficulties on the financial system and on taxpayers. Under the envisaged single resolution mechanism, shareholders would be the first to bear losses, followed by lenders; guaranteed deposits are expected to be safeguarded and creditors should not bear losses greater than those that they would have been suffered had the institution been liquidated under ordinary insolvency proceedings. As such, the Banking Union, and in particular, the use of instruments and resolution powers set out in the directive, could interfere with the rights of shareholders and creditors.

In particular, the granting of the power to the relevant authorities to transfer the shares and all or part of the assets of an institution to a private buyer without the consent of shareholders would affect the property rights of those shareholders. Moreover, the power to decide which liabilities may be transferred from the Bank to an institution in a state of collapse with the purpose of ensuring the continuity of services and avoiding negative effects to financial stability, may affect the equal treatment of creditors.

Modifications to the current regulatory regime may require changes to the strategic positioning of financial institutions, including their business model and risk exposure, and could result in additional costs in order to ensure compliance with the new requirements at all times. Therefore, the new regulatory regime, even if gradually implemented until the beginning of the next decade, will constrict certain freedoms previously extended to the Bank. This may potentially restrict the Bank's ability to comply with its financial undertakings regarding the State aid repayment (notably the GSIs issued in 2012) and consequently, other debt instruments with higher degrees of subordination. However, the reimbursement of the GSIs in the amount of EUR 400 million on May 2014 and the intention to repay more EUR 1,850 million in the near future, after the recent completion of the rights issue in the amount of approximately EUR 2,242 million and the approval of the Bank of Portugal minimise these risks.

Under the new regulatory framework, the ECB, together with national authorities, will be responsible for banking supervision. At the same time, EBA will develop and monitor the implementation of the new framework. The BRRD will regulate the resolution authorities, which, together with the ECB, EC and national authorities, will be responsible for making decisions regarding distressed financial institutions, ensuring the stability of the financial system while minimising costs to taxpayers from a potential resolution process. The ECB will formally and fully assume its new banking supervision responsibilities in November 2014. The ECB will directly supervise approximately 130 financial institutions that are considered to be systematically relevant (i.e. with assets above EUR 30 billion or that represent at least 20% of the GDP of the country in which they are located or that benefit from State aid). The ECB's supervision of the approximately 6,000 other financial entities will be exercised in conjunction with national authorities. The Bank will be one of the entities under the direct supervision of the ECB. This change in the prudential supervision framework may represent additional capitalisation demands for the Bank. Moreover, the ECB may require the reclassification of assets and revision of coverage levels for impairment, which could subject the Bank to additional capital requirements. See *The implementation of a harmonised deposit guarantee system throughout the European Union may require additional contributions by the Bank*. These requirements may have to include, among other measures, the voluntary conversion of subordinated debt instruments, liability management exercises, asset sales and generating capital portfolios and securitisation portfolios, and revenue retention. Any residual capital deficit may need to be covered by recourse to State aid. This assistance involves an allocation of costs by shareholders and subordinated creditors, including the holders of hybrid capital instruments and subordinated debt holders. It may also take the form of conversion of major equity Tier 1 (CET 1) capital or a reduction in the value of the instruments. Under the current applicable regime, contributions from the priority debt holders (holders of deposits, bonds and other priority debt) are not required. These demands, besides conditioning the Bank's current levels of autonomy, may result in the need to additionally reinforce the Bank's equity and

could render it impossible for the Bank to reimburse the GSIs according to the timeline set out in the Recapitalisation Plan, Restructuring Plan or applicable law. Any of the abovementioned situations may have a material adverse effect on the Bank's results of operations and future prospects. However, the reimbursement of the GSIs in the amount of EUR 400 million on May 2014 and the intention to repay more EUR 1,850 million in the near future, after the recent completion of the rights issue in the amount of approximately EUR 2,242 million and the approval of the Bank of Portugal minimise these risks.

In addition, the Bank will be subject to certain "stress tests" to ensure it meets its capital requirements, the failure of which could have a negative effect on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations. (See *Risks Relating to the Bank's Business – The results of additional stress tests could result in a need to increase capital or a loss of public confidence in the Bank.*)

The BRRD, which establishes the framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment companies, intends to grant the European Union a regulatory instrument that addresses credit institutions in a precarious financial situation or pending imminent collapse while ensuring the continuity of its financing and economic core functions, and therefore diminishing any impact on the financing system and taxpayers. Under this new framework, the shareholders will be the first to incur losses, followed by creditors, under a privileged creditor hierarchy that preserves guaranteed deposits, ensuring that no creditor will suffer higher losses than if the institution were liquidated under regular insolvency proceedings. Resolution mechanisms include the sale of part of the business or shares of the institution, the establishment of a bridge institution, asset separation and bail-in of distressed shareholders and creditors. The bail-in mechanisms ensure that shareholders and creditors support appropriate losses and an adequate portion of the resolution or recovery costs. The resolution authorities are expected to apply the bail-in tools in accordance with equal treatment of creditors and the credit hierarchy, promulgated in the insolvency legislation. The bail-in instrument will not be applicable to guaranteed credits and to certain types of liabilities seen as critical to the regular functioning of the institution. At all times, institutions must have an aggregate amount expressed as a percentage of the total liabilities of the institution which are expressed as own funds and subordinated and prioritised credits subject to bail-in measures that are not eligible as own funds. Member States must ensure that Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruments completely absorb the losses when the institution is no longer viable. The powers provided to resolution authorities in the BRRD include write down and conversion powers to ensure that capital instruments and eligible liabilities fully absorb losses at the point of non-viability of the issuing institution. Such mechanisms and procedures may have direct and indirect implications for the value of the Bank's liabilities, which may be subject to the greater inherent risk of this class of instruments and could reduce the potential profitability of the Bank. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations. See *The resolutions adopted by the European Commission relating to the BRRD may restrict the trading operations of the Bank and increase its refinancing costs.*

***The Bank is subject to extraordinary contributions for the Resolution Fund that could increase expenses or, particularly in the case of effective need, losses with a negative impact on the Bank's financial condition***

As is already the case in other countries, the Resolution Fund (as defined) has been created for the purpose of providing financial support in case of application of a resolution measure by the Bank of Portugal. The Resolution Fund foresees the participation of credit institutions based in Portugal, including the Bank, branches of credit institutions in states not belonging to the European Union and relevant companies for the management of payment systems subject to the supervision of the Bank of Portugal, in addition to certain types of investment companies.

Considering the recent decision from Bank of Portugal, the Resolution Fund will participate in the recapitalisation of Novo Banco (the good bank of ex-BES) in the amount of EUR 4.9 million. Novo

Banco is expected to be sold in the next two years. Its sale price creates some uncertainty as to any potential loss in the Resolution Fund.

Although this Resolution Fund contributes to the flexibility of regulators to intervene and help reduce systemic risk in the restructuring and resolution process, its effective implementation may result in extraordinary contribution from the Bank with a negative impact on its results.

***The implementation of a harmonised deposit guarantee system throughout the European Union may require additional contributions by the Bank.***

The harmonisation of the deposit guarantee system, by the publication of Directive 2014/49/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014, concerning the deposit guarantee systems (“DGS”), may entail significant changes to the systems currently in force in individual countries. The changes contemplate the introduction of size- and risk-based contributions by entity and harmonisation of products and depositors covered, maintaining, however, the principle of a harmonised limit per depositor and not per deposit.

Member States must ensure that by 3 July 2024, the financial resources available to a DGS amount to a target-level of 0.8% of the amount of covered deposits of its members. After this target level is first reached, the available financial resources are reduced to less than two thirds of the target level, after which the regular contributions are fixed at a level that allows the target level to be reached within six years. If the available financial resources are not sufficient to reimburse the depositors, in the event of the unavailability of the deposits, the DGS members must pay extraordinary contributions not higher than 0.5% of its covered deposits for one year. In exceptional circumstances, and with the approval of the competent authorities, the DGS can request a higher amount of contribution.

As a result, the Bank may be required to contribute to the deposit guarantee system in sums that are much higher than those currently required and unforeseen additional costs may be created, having a negative impact on the financial condition and results of operations of the Bank.

The Member States should implement the majority of the legal, regulatory and administrative provisions required to comply with this directive until 3 July 2015.

***The resolutions adopted by the European Commission relating to the BRRD may restrict the trading operations of the Bank and increase its refinancing costs.***

The BRRD aims to equip authorities with common tools and powers to tackle bank crises at the earliest possible moment and avoid costs to taxpayers. The set of measures provided for in the BRRD includes preparatory and preventive measures, the attribution of powers to the supervising authorities enabling them to act in advance and that are triggered whenever a financial institution does not comply or it is likely that it will not comply with the regulatory requirements to which it is subject, as well as resolution instruments and powers to be used when a financial institution does not comply or is likely to fail. The application of these measures and powers will likely interfere with the rights of shareholders and creditors of the Bank.

Implementation of the BRRD also entails the establishment of national funds to support bank resolution.

Banks subject to the BRRD may be required to contribute to *ex ante* funds and in particular, to the Resolution Fund. The exact amount of such contributions has not been determined, but any requirement for banks to contribute to *ex ante* funds will increase the Bank’s costs.

Pursuant to the BRRD, credit institutions will be required to prepare and update recovery plans suitable for addressing liquidity problems, solvency or overall risk exposure. As a complement to

resolution planning, authorities will have preventative powers including limiting or modifying risk exposure, enacting additional reporting requirements, restricting or prohibiting certain activities and changing group structures. These actions may negatively affect the Bank's profitability and cost of funds and/or require the Bank to change its overall strategy.

As part of the early intervention powers provided for by BRRD, authorities will be vested with powers to prohibit the distribution of net income to shareholders or holders of hybrid securities, to replace managers for directors of a financial institution and to require the financial institution to dispose of assets that pose excessive or unwanted risk to the financial soundness of the institution. Such actions may negatively affect investors' expected income and may have other adverse effects due to changes in the business lines of the Bank.

When dealing with failing financial institutions, regulatory authorities' resolution powers include, among others, the right to determine the transfer of assets, rights or liabilities to another entity, to write off or cancel shares, to write down or convert debt, to replace management and to demand continuity of essential services. (See *The Bank is subject to increasingly complex regulation that could increase regulatory and capital requirements*).

***The Bank is subject to the increase in obligations and effects resulting from the new legal framework aimed at preventing and monitoring the default risk of customers.***

At the end of 2012, a set of legal and regulatory rules were approved contemplating actions that credit institutions should follow for the prevention and monitoring of default situations in credit contracts entered into with private bank customers, including:

- Decree-Law 227/2012, of 25 October 2012, encouraging credit institutions to adopt an Action Plan for Default Risk (“**PARI**”, the Portuguese acronym), setting forth procedures and measures to prevent defaulting loans; and creating the Extra-Judicial Procedure for the Correction of Default Situations (“**PERSI**”, the Portuguese acronym), which aims to promote negotiations outside the courts between credit institutions and bank customers in cases of default of loan agreements. With respect to this, in 2013, 30,153 operations in connection with PARI were restructured, corresponding to a total amount of EUR 710 million, 10,265 of which comprised mortgage credit operations (EUR 668 million) and 19,888 comprised personal credit operations (EUR 84 million). In 2013, 6,958 operations in connection with PERSI were restructured, corresponding to a total amount of EUR 154 million; and
- Law 58/2012, of 9 November 2012, which provides for an extraordinary regime for the protection of home loan debtors in the event of certain economic situations.

Furthermore, in December 2013 the Bank of Portugal issued its Instruction No. 32/2013, which sets out the new method to identify and select credit restructuring events that are going through financial difficulties and should be qualified as a “restructured credit due to client financial difficulty”. These operations should be registered in the institution's information systems and must include the required fields of information, such as dates and previous operations that led to the present operation, in order to identify if it could be classified as “restructured credit due to client financial difficulty”, namely for the management credit risk in determining impairment of reports on the portfolio of loans and compliance with other prudential requirements purposes.

This legal framework sets forth an assortment of obligations for credit institutions and protection measures for bank customers, contemplating procedures for gathering information, contacting customers, monitoring the execution of loan agreements and managing default risk situations; duties to assess the financial capacity of the bank customer and the presentation of default correction proposals adapted to the debtor's situation; drawing up a plan for restructuring the debts emerging from home loans or replacing mortgage foreclosures, which may include the suspension of the



mortgage foreclosure during the period of application of the protection measures, grace periods for the monthly payments of the borrower, extension of loan terms and reduction of spreads for the duration of the grace period, among others. If PERSI rules and principles apply to a customer, the Bank cannot (i) terminate the relevant agreements; (ii) initiate judicial proceedings against the debtor; (iii) assign its credits over the client; or (iv) transfer its contractual position to a third party.

The implementation of these legislative measures, as well as any potential additional regulatory or self-regulation measures, may lead to an increase of the Bank's credit impairment, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

These initiatives represent significant changes in terms of execution of loan agreements within an adverse economic environment. The associated costs with the implementation of these measures coupled with implicit limitations in terms of fees, financial margin and flexibility in terminating contracts, as well as the uncertainty regarding the behavioural effects that may result in response to these changes, may have a negative impact on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***New provisions of the ECB relating to the discretionary acceptance of bank debt guaranteed by the national central banks contain risks relating to a reduced pool of eligible assets.***

The ECB delivered ECB Guideline No. 2013/4 on additional temporary measures relating to Eurosystem refinancing operations and eligibility of collateral (the "**Guideline**") and amending ECB Guideline No. 2007/9. Among other rules, this Guideline states that the national central banks "*shall not be obliged to accept as collateral for Eurosystem credit operations eligible uncovered bank bonds which: (a) do not fulfil the Eurosystem's requirement of high credit standards; (b) are issued by the counterparty using them or by entities closely linked to the counterparty; and (c) are fully guaranteed by a Member State: (i) whose credit assessment does not comply with the Eurosystem's requirement of high credit standards for issuers and guarantors of marketable assets as laid down in Section 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 of Annex I to Guideline ECB/2011/14; and (ii) which is compliant with a European Union/International Monetary Fund programme, as assessed by the Governing Council*". Additionally, the Guideline provides that, unless exceptional circumstances apply, where the Governing Council may grant exceptions for a maximum of three years, "*Counterparties may not submit as collateral assets in the Eurosystem monetary policy operations uncovered bank bonds issued by themselves or issued by closely linked entities and guaranteed by a European Economic Area public sector entity with the right to impose taxes in excess of the nominal value of these bonds already submitted as collateral on 3 July 2012*".

These decisions and guidelines contribute to uncertainty regarding the liquidity buffers, given the discretionary nature of the decision by each national central bank, and have an indirect impact on the acceptance of this type of debt by third parties affecting capacity and speed in the return to market funding, which may lead to further isolation of the financial systems of the countries under adjustment programmes or with lower credit ratings. Any of the foregoing may have a negative impact on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***Changes to tax legislation, regulations, higher taxes or lower tax benefits could have an adverse effect on the Bank's activity.***

The Bank might be adversely affected by changes in the tax legislation and other regulations applicable in Portugal, the European Union and other countries in which it operates, as well as by changes of interpretation by the competent tax authorities of legislation and regulation. In addition, the Bank might be adversely affected by difficulties in the interpretation of or compliance with new tax laws and regulations. The materialisation of these risks may have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

The various measures approved by the Portuguese Republic to ensure budgetary consolidation, stimulate the economy and support the banking system have led to a considerable increase of public debt levels. In the context of low growth, the need to restore the balance to public finance in the medium term, as negotiated in the PAEF, will imply increased tax costs through the expansion of the tax base, tax rates and/or reduction of tax benefits, as well as increased restrictions on tax planning practices, which may directly affect the Bank's net income and turnover. Moreover, changes in legislation may require the Bank to bear costs associated with participation in financial stabilisation mechanisms, at a national or European level.

For example, under Portuguese Decree-Law 55-A/2010 of 31 December 2010 and Ministerial Order (*Portaria*) No. 121/2011 of 30 March 2011, as amended by Ministerial Order No. 77/2012, of 26 March 2012, and Ministerial Order No. 64/2014 of 12 March 2014, a bank levy is now applicable to the Bank and will be applied over (i) the Bank's liabilities at a tax rate of 0.07% and (ii) the notional amount of off-balance sheet financial derivatives, excluding hedging derivatives and back-to-back derivatives at a tax rate of 0.00030%. The taxable base is calculated by reference to an annual average of the monthly balances of the qualifying items, as reflected in the relevant year's approved accounts.

The Bank also has ongoing ordinary course disputes with the tax authorities, including those related to (i) the additional settlement of corporate income tax for 2005 and 2006 and (ii) value added tax for 2004 and 2005. The Bank considers the provisions it has made regarding these disputes to be adequate cover for the risk of judgements against the Bank, but is unable to guarantee the outcome of such disputes.

***Implementation of legislation relating to taxation of the financial sector could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's results of operations.***

The Portuguese State Budget Law for 2013 and 2014 (Law No. 66-B/2012, of 31 December 2012 and Law No. 83-C/2013 of 31 December 2013) have both included legislative authorisations that allow the Portuguese Government to introduce a financial transaction tax ("**FTT**") under the scope of the Portuguese Stamp Duty. However, at present, an FTT has yet to be implemented in Portugal. The legislative authorisation provides a broad range of transactions that would fall under the scope of the proposed FTT, covering all the transactions involving the sale and purchase of financial instruments, namely (i) share capital participations; (ii) bonds; (iii) money market instruments; (iv) participation units on investment funds; and (iv) derivative and structured financial products. According to the legislative authorisation, the expected rates are as follows: up to 0.3% on general transactions; up to 0.1% on highly frequent transactions; and up to 0.3% on transactions involving derivatives.

On 14 February 2013 the European Commission published its proposal for a Council Directive implementing enhanced cooperation in the form of an FTT, which was intended to take effect on 1 January 2014, but negotiations are still ongoing. The proposed Council Directive aims to ensure that the financial sector makes a fair and substantial contribution to covering the costs of the recent crisis and creating a level playing field with other sectors from a taxation point of view.

There can be no assurance that an FTT or similar additional bank taxes and national financial transaction taxes will not be adopted, at any moment, by the authorities of the jurisdictions where the Bank operates.

Any such additional levies and taxes could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Bank was charged and convicted by the CMVM (final decision) and the Bank of Portugal (subject to an ongoing appeal) in administrative proceedings in connection with certain transactions, including the financing of the acquisition of shares issued by the Bank by companies incorporated in certain offshore jurisdictions.***

### *Summary of the Bank of Portugal and CMVM investigations and proceedings*

The Bank received formal notice dated 27 December 2007 that administrative proceeding No. 24/07/CO was being brought by the Bank of Portugal against the Bank based on preliminary indications of possible administrative offences, with respect to a possible breach of accounting rules, possible provision of false or incomplete information to the Bank of Portugal (in particular with respect to the amount of own funds) and a possible breach of prudential obligations. A press release issued by the Bank of Portugal on 28 December 2007 stated that the administrative proceeding was brought based on facts related to 17 offshore entities, whose nature and activities had not previously been disclosed to the Bank of Portugal, namely in prior investigations.

On 12 December 2008, the Bank was notified by the Bank of Portugal of an accusation under administrative proceeding No. 24/07/CO and timely submitted its defence. On 12 May 2010, the Bank was notified of the decision by the Board of Directors of the Bank of Portugal, applying to the Bank a single fine of EUR 5 million in addition to fines against certain other non-acquitted individuals. The Bank appealed this decision and in April 2011, judicial hearings were initiated in the *Tribunal de Pequena Instância Criminal de Lisboa* (the “**Small Instance Criminal Court of Lisbon**”).

In the course of these hearings, a judicial order was issued in October 2011, declaring the evidence submitted null and inadmissible, and as a consequence, the entire proceeding was voided. The Public Prosecutor and the Bank of Portugal have appealed this decision and on 3 July 2012, the Lisbon Court of Appeal upheld such appeal and revoked the appealed judgement, determining that the trial hearing should resume.

Under a 27 February 2014 order, the Small Instance Criminal Court of Lisbon designated 31 March 2014 as the date to resume the hearing and also declared that all the infractions charged to an ex-member of the Board of Directors of the Bank were time barred. Regarding BCP, the same court declared the statute of limitations of two infringement proceedings regarding an alleged falsification of accounts by the Bank had expired. The trial regarding other alleged infringements attributed to BCP was resumed at Small Instance Criminal Court and several hearings took place. The Public Prosecutor, the Bank of Portugal and all the defendants, including the Bank, have already presented their final arguments. The judgement is expected to occur until the end of the summer of 2014.

On 12 December 2008, the Bank was notified by the CMVM of an accusation under administrative proceeding No. 41/2008 and, on 27 January 2009, provided its defence. BCP was notified on 26 June 2009 of the CMVM’s decision, to apply a one-time fine of EUR 5 million for disclosure of untrue information. The Bank appealed to the Small Instance Criminal Court of Lisbon, which, on 21 July 2010, confirmed the CMVM’s decision, including the EUR 5 million fine. However, the Small Instance Criminal Court of Lisbon approved a part of the Bank’s appeal regarding the partial suspension of EUR 2.5 million of the fine for two years.

Following the rejection of other appeals, the decision of 21 July 2010 of the Small Instance Criminal Court of Lisbon became final and the Bank has paid the EUR 2.5 million corresponding to the non-suspended part of the fine.

### *Adjustment to the financial statements*

In December 2007, the Bank launched an internal investigation into the transactions surrounding the offshore entities mentioned above. The Bank has been responsive to the requests made by the CMVM and the Bank of Portugal, including the provision of requested documents.

In light of the preliminary indications regarding the then ongoing investigations by supervisory authorities and, following a more thorough review of these transactions, and their respective nature and structuring, in 2008 the Bank accepted a more conservative approach regarding the risks then

currently identified in connection with these transactions. The Bank consequently agreed, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing, to take an impairment charge of EUR 300 million (impact of EUR 220.5 million net of tax effect) effective as of 1 January 2006, with respect to the series of transactions described below.

The impairment charge reduced the Bank's Tier I capital and the adjustment of the Bank's earnings could result in a loss of customer confidence, which could make it more difficult for the Bank to raise capital in the future. There can be no guarantee that the Bank will not be required or advised to make further adjustments, which may depend on the outcome of the Bank of Portugal and CMVM inquiries and proceedings or otherwise as a result of or in connection with the transactions described below.

Consequently, the development of regulatory investigations, any regulatory proceedings and liabilities resulting thereof, and any dispute arising from or related to the above, if decided against the Bank, could have a substantial negative effect on its activity and results.

#### *Summary of activities of offshore entities and related transactions*

The above inquiries, proceedings, subsequent impairment charge and adjustment of financials were made in connection with the following series of transactions.

Between 1999 and 2002, certain non-Portuguese incorporated offshore entities, which were financed by the Bank, acquired outstanding shares in the Bank equal to approximately 5% of the Bank's share capital as of November 2002. In November 2002, these offshore entities sold shares of the Bank they had acquired to a financial institution in exchange for cash and equity-linked notes, issued by that institution. In 2004, the loans originally granted by the Bank to these entities were restructured and assumed by a real estate development company ("**GI**"). Under these transactions, GI assumed net liabilities of EUR 450 million of the Bank. GI also acquired from the Bank a real estate holding company, Comercial Imobiliária ("**CI**"), for EUR 26 million and also acquired indirectly from the Bank a real estate portfolio for consideration of EUR 61 million. Later that year, the Bank reacquired an 11.5% stake in CI.

In 2005, CI issued EUR 210 million of commercial paper that was acquired by the Bank. The Bank subsequently contributed this commercial paper, together with other securities issued by listed companies, to the Bank's Pension Fund (the "**Pension Fund**"). The proceeds of the commercial paper issuance were used by CI to reimburse a portion of the loans payable to the Bank. In 2007, the commercial paper was converted into share capital of CI, resulting in a shareholding of 68.34% by the GI Group and 28.29% by the Bank's Pension Fund following the share capital increase. The Pension Fund then sold 18.29% of CI's share capital to the Bank.

In 2006, CI acquired a 54% shareholding and economic interest in a real estate development project in Luanda, Angola (the "**Luanda Bay Project**"), and the Bank made a shareholder loan of EUR 300 million to CI, the proceeds of which were used to repay a portion of the Bank's outstanding loans to GI.

In 2007, the Bank accepted additional shares in CI (corresponding to 68.34% of its share capital) from GI as repayment of GI's outstanding loans from the Bank totalling EUR 61 million.

As a result of these transactions, (i) all of the original loans made by the Bank to the offshore entities (which were subsequently assumed by GI) were repaid; (ii) an impairment charge of EUR 85 million was recorded in 2005, for the credit at stake; (iii) the Bank held a EUR 300 million principal amount shareholder loan outstanding to CI (the net book value of such exposure being EUR 23.4 million after the impairment charge mentioned below); and (iv) the Bank became the owner of 99.9% of the equity of CI and, indirectly, of approximately 54% interest in the Luanda Bay Project (the 54% interest has

been valued at between EUR 278.8 million and EUR 231.6 million by two independent appraisals in September 2007).

In light of the preliminary indications regarding the then ongoing investigations by supervisory authorities, and following a more thorough review of these transactions, their respective nature and structuring, the Bank accepted a more conservative approach regarding the risks identified in connection with these transactions. As a result, the Bank, without any admission of liability or wrongdoing agreed to take an impairment charge of EUR 300 million (impact of EUR 220.5 million net of tax effect) with respect to its loan outstanding to CI, as a result of CI valuing the 54% interest in the Luanda Bay Project at the investment cost of EUR 23.4 million. This decision did not imply the admission, by the Bank, of any alleged violations that could be attributed to the Bank. This impairment charge took effect on 1 January 2006, and the Bank's financial statements as of 31 December 2007 were adjusted to reflect the effects of this impairment charge as of 1 January 2006. When the Bank performed this adjustment, it had not been notified of any charges and did not admit, nor admits, any infraction or liability concerning any of the transactions described above.

During 2009, after analysing market conditions and the expected development of the Luanda Bay Project, the Bank decided to reduce its shareholding in the project to 10% through a sale to the Angolan company Finicapital—Investimentos e Gestão S.A., which resulted in proceeds of USD 100 million and generated a capital gain of EUR 57.2 million.

At this date, it is not possible to predict the final outcome of the proceeding initiated by the Bank of Portugal or whether new lawsuits or investigations will be initiated in the future. However, the Bank runs the risk of being subject to restrictive measures of civil, administrative or other natures, including fines, depending on the result of the accusations, investigations and proceedings in question. The Bank could also be subject to investigations or other proceedings by other regulators, or be subject to litigation in Portugal or elsewhere by shareholders or others, that, if adversely determined, could result in significant losses to the Bank and a decline in the Bank's corporate and debt ratings. These regulatory proceedings and any related litigation could result in adverse publicity or negative perceptions regarding the Bank's business, which would result in a loss of customers and, an increase in the Bank's cost of capital, and could divert management's attention from the day-to-day management of the Bank's business. Consequently, the abovementioned regulatory investigations, any subsequent regulatory proceedings and resulting liabilities, and any litigation arising from or otherwise relating to the transactions described above, if adversely determined, could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The use of standardised contracts and forms carries certain risks.***

The Bank and its subsidiaries maintain contractual relationships with a large number of clients. In all of the Bank and its subsidiaries' business areas and departments, the management of such a large number of legal relationships involves the use of general terms and conditions and standard templates for contracts and forms. This standardisation implies that for subjects that need clarification, contain drafting errors or require individual terms and conditions, the use of standard contracts and forms may pose a significant risk due to the large number of contracts entered into under these conditions. In light of recent amendments to the applicable legal frameworks as a result of new laws or judicial decisions, it is possible that not all standard contracts and forms used by the Bank comply with every applicable legal requirement at all times.

If there are drafting errors, interpretive issues, or if the individual contractual terms or the contracts are invalid in their entirety or in part, a large number of client relationships may be affected negatively. Any resulting claims for compensation or other legal consequences may have an adverse effect on the financial condition and operating results of the Bank.

## **Risks Relating to the Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan of the Bank**

*The Restructuring Plan of the Bank approved by the European Commission has an associated execution risk and both the Restructuring Plan's success and the Bank's strategic autonomy depend on the ability to repay the hybrid instruments subscribed by the Portuguese State in the amount of EUR 3 billion.*

The European Commission approved the Bank's Restructuring Plan on 30 August 2013. The non-confidential version will be made available by the European Commission on its website: ([http://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/case\\_details.cfm?proc\\_code=3\\_SA\\_34\\_724](http://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/case_details.cfm?proc_code=3_SA_34_724)).

The decision concluded that the Restructuring Plan was in compliance with the EU rules on State aid by demonstrating the Bank's viability without the continued State support. The plan operates on the following elements:

- increasing funding to the economy through full compliance with the regulatory requirements of capital levels;
- separating core and non-core assets (non-core assets include loans to purchase securities, highly leveraged loans, subsidised mortgage housing loans and credit to certain segments associated with construction, football clubs and real estate) to strategically refocus activity, aimed at gradually reducing non-core assets;
- deleveraging the balance sheet;
- improving operational efficiency;
- implementing a new approach in the management of investment funds by adopting a model of distribution of open architecture business, allowing for a wider range of client investment options; and
- continuing the process of adjusting the structure of the Bank in the domestic market, in particular by adapting the number of branches and other areas of business support and highlighting the continuity of human resources policies that calibrate the staff numbers to the demand for banking services.

In addition to the commitments related to the sale of Millennium Gestão de Ativos and the Bank's Romanian subsidiary, the credit portfolio operations in Switzerland and the Cayman Islands and the Piraeus Bank SA holding (already fulfilled), the Restructuring Plan also contains a set of general restrictions that may temporarily restrict the operational and strategic flexibility of the Bank, including: the prohibition of equity acquisitions; prohibition of aggressive commercial practices; remuneration of corporate bodies and employees on the basis of long-term goals of the organisation; restrictions on business with related parties; prohibition on the payment of dividends and coupons essentially related to preferential shares and subordinated and perpetual bonds (unless legally required) and repurchases of hybrid instruments and subordinated debt and prohibition of financing the purchase of shares or hybrid capital instruments issued by the Bank.

A failure to properly implement the Restructuring Plan could result in the possible obligation to reimburse earlier than expected the public investment or the potential conversion of hybrid instruments held by the Portuguese State into ordinary or special shares, resulting in the dilution of shareholder interests and rendering the Portuguese State the majority shareholder of the Bank. The Restructuring Plan also provides for the conditional sale of the investment operation in Poland, if the Bank does not repay a minimum of EUR 2.3 billion of hybrid instruments held by the Portuguese

State by the end of 2016. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Bank is exposed to contingent risks for the implementation of its strategy, and may not, totally or partially, achieve the objectives in its Strategic Plan 2012-2017.***

The Bank is exposed to strategic risk, with the possibility of inadequate strategic decisions, failures in the implementation of decisions or lack of response capability in light of changes to market conditions, and may not, totally or partially, achieve the objectives in its Strategic Plan 2012-2017 (the “**Strategic Plan**”), including what is foreseen in the Recapitalisation Plan and in the Restructuring Plan. Since 2011, the eight major Portuguese banks (including BCP) have been subject to monitoring by the Troika and have assumed several goals regarding their capital and liquidity. With respect to BCP specifically, these goals, set out in a Funding and Capital Plan, are in accordance with the provisions of the Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan. It is not assured that the Bank will be able to fully implement its strategic agenda due to general constraints, such as (i) the further deterioration of market conditions; (ii) increased competition or the actions taken by its main competitors; (iii) measures to resume growth and leadership in the retail banking segment and attract greater value in the Companies, Corporate and Investment Banking (including Large Corporate) segments; (iv) maintaining the drive to reduce costs and to optimise capital and liquidity management; and (v) the strengthening of risk management. Furthermore, the Bank could face difficulties in the implementation of critical management measures aimed at continued re-pricing, optimising the recovery of banking revenues and profitability, mitigating exposure to various types of risk and increasing its own funds, with a negative impact on expected efficiency levels, and compromising the defined objectives and solvency. If the Bank is unable to achieve its strategic objectives, it could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***Conditions imposed on the Bank as a result of the Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan may constrain the Bank's operations or otherwise be adverse to the interest of the Bank's shareholders.***

As a result of the Portuguese Republic's investment in the Bank pursuant to the Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan, the Bank assumed certain undertakings in the specific context of the approval of its Recapitalisation Plan, in addition to the limitations on distribution of dividends, which include, amongst other undertakings:

- a ban on buy-backs of hybrid instruments and subordinated debt without the consent of the Minister of State and Finance; in this respect, the Restructuring Plan approved by the European Commission extends the prohibition to the buy-back of shares, hybrid instruments, subordinated debt and similar securities held by entities other than the Portuguese State or entities in the consolidation perimeter of BCP, with the exception of prior authorisation by the European Commission, if such repurchases do not trigger payments to third parties;
- a ban on coupon and interest payments on hybrid instruments and subordinated debt where there is no legal obligation to proceed with such payment;
- a ban on the acquisition of equity stakes in other companies, unless previously authorised by the European Commission, the Minister of State and Finance and the Bank of Portugal;
- granting the Minister of State and Finance the right to appoint two non-executive members to the Board of Directors of the Bank (the “**Appointed Members**”), one of whom will serve on the Audit Committee and one on the Compensation and Welfare Board and Risk Commission. If required, after having consulted the senior executive officer of the Bank in that respect, acting in a commercially reasonable manner and in accordance with market standards, the Appointed Members will be able to require, at the Bank's expense, external

independent review and reporting of aspects of the financial position, conduct and plans of the Bank. On 29 November 2012, the Bank informed the market about the appointment of two representatives of the Portuguese Republic to the corporate bodies of Millennium BCP (Bernardo Sotto Mayor, as first non-executive director and José Rodrigues Jesus, as second non-executive director (who is also a member of the Audit Committee)) in connection with the Bank's recapitalisation process and in accordance with article 14, No. 2 of Law 63-A/2008, as amended and Order No. 8840-B/2012 of 28 June 2012;

- remuneration and benefits of senior management and executives will be subject to appropriate levels of transparency and scrutiny to ensure they remain appropriate;
- granting the Minister of State and Finance the ability to limit the commitment by the Bank of further financial resources to any non-lending businesses, mergers or acquisitions by the Bank;
- the prohibition of financing by the Bank of mergers or acquisitions of businesses in the financial services sector, except upon written approval of the Minister of State and Finance;
- the operation and maintenance of an internal specialised unit (or units) to be accountable for the management of problem and workout assets, in line with international best practices;
- the implementation of the Recapitalisation Plan and carrying out the Bank's activities accordingly, in particular with respect to the contribution of the Bank to the financing of the Portuguese economy, including households and small- and medium-sized enterprises, and particularly within the sectors of tradable goods and services. The Bank has changed the focus of its credit policy, which is now mainly directed towards funding companies of the tradable goods and services sector;
- the reduction, already achieved by 31 December 2013, and which shall be maintained until 31 December 2017, in lending to shareholders holding more than 2% of the Bank's outstanding shares to less than 30% of the Bank's own funds after the deduction of publicly invested funds, except where expressly authorised in writing by the Bank of Portugal. In March 2014, credit exposure to shareholders holding more than 2% of the Bank's outstanding shares was 25.7%, which compares with 25.9% on December 2013. In this respect, the Restructuring Plan approved by the European Commission also includes limits of exposure to these shareholders that are applicable during the restructuring period; and
- the commitment by the Bank of at least EUR 30 million per annum to a fund that will invest in equity in Portuguese small- and medium-sized enterprises and in companies with a medium level of capitalisation.

Pursuant to these commitments, the Bank has already invested EUR 34.4 million as at 31 March 2014.

Certain covenants and undertakings described above may require further interpretation and clarification, in particular, from the European Commission.

***The Bank may not be able to ensure payments related to certain hybrid instruments subscribed by the Portuguese Republic, the failure of which could render the Portuguese State the majority shareholder of the Bank.***

On 29 June 2012, the Bank issued hybrid instruments in the amount of EUR 3 billion subscribed by the Portuguese State (the "GSIs") that are remunerated at a high and growing cost (8.5% during the first year, with increases thereafter of 25 basis points per year in the second and third years and 50



basis points in the fourth and fifth years). In 2013 the costs associated with the GSIs (interest) was EUR 269 million.

There are risks that the Bank may not be able to avoid the dilution that may result from an event that would convert the Core Tier I Capital Instruments into ordinary or Special Shares. Such events may include, among others, the non-repayment of the whole amount at the end of the term legally established for the public funding (29 June 2017); if the Bank cancels or suspends, totally or partially, the payment of interests; any other circumstance that proves to be a materially relevant non-compliance with the Recapitalisation Plan; or other circumstances that the Bank is unable to control, including decisions made by the Bank of Portugal on the Bank's viability, changes to its control structure or in the applicable regulatory framework, the request for additional state aid or even the exclusion of its shares from trading in the market.

A potential conversion of the Core Tier I Capital Instruments held by the Portuguese State into ordinary or Special Shares (or the respective payment in kind with delivery of new ordinary shares, in accordance with the conditions approved at the General Meeting of Shareholders held on 25 June 2012 and pursuant to the respective terms and conditions of the issue attached to the Decision 8840-B/2012 of the Portuguese Minister of State and Finance (the “**Minister of State and Finance**”) of 28 June 2012, as amended, published in the Supplement of the Official Gazette, 2nd series of 3 July 2012, approving the public investment pursuant to the Recapitalisation Plan, the “**Decision**”) represents a considerable risk of dilution of shareholder interests and could mean that the State would be able to exercise a significant control over the Bank's operations as a majority shareholder. Both the resulting dilution and loss of control could negatively affect the price of the Bank's ordinary shares.

***The Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan may not be sufficient to meet the Bank's future regulatory capital requirements, which could necessitate further engagement in liability management transactions, sales of assets or additional public investment.***

The continued deterioration of the economic and financial situation in European and global markets, further reductions in the credit ratings of the Bank or changes to the regulatory framework of capital requirements may affect the Bank's ability to comply with minimum regulatory capital requirements in regulations, as described in *Risks Relating to the Portuguese Economy* and *Risks Relating to the Bank's Business*. If this were to materialise, the Bank may have to raise additional capital or issue other financial investments in order to comply with the minimum capital requirements. Such issuances may be made with respect for the shareholders' pre-emption rights; however, the Bank may decide to engage in other liability management exercises, as long as they are previously approved by the European Commission, under which the Bank could propose to holders of other classes of securities issued by the Bank or its subsidiaries an exchange or any other form of conversion of other securities into the Bank's ordinary shares. Additionally, the Bank may request additional funds from public entities in exchange for the issuance of ordinary shares, which may result in an exercise of significant State control over Bank operations, particularly where such a circumstance may in certain cases lead to conversion (in whole or in part) of the Core Tier 1 Capital Instruments held by the Portuguese State.

Any issuance of additional ordinary shares and/or special actions by the Bank or the perception by the market that such issuance may occur could adversely affect the market price of the ordinary shares of the Bank. In addition, any further issuance of ordinary shares and/or additional special shares would dilute current holders of ordinary shares to the extent that such holders do not or cannot exercise their pre-emptive rights, or such rights may be limited or suppressed.

***The Bank may not be able to use the proceeds of the share capital increase announced on 24 June 2014 to repay the GSIs.***

The Bank intends to use the proceeds of the share capital increase announced on 24 June 2014 to repay a portion of the GSIs ahead of the schedule stipulated in the Restructuring Plan, as approved by the European Commission. The Bank has already repaid EUR 400 million of GSIs in 2014, after having obtained authorisation from the Bank of Portugal; the total amount outstanding is EUR 2.6 billion. The share capital increase will enable the Bank to repay an additional portion of GSIs. Such repayment would significantly reduce the risks of the Bank having to divest the Polish operation in the event EUR 2.3 billion of the GSIs are not repaid by December 2016. See “*The Restructuring Plan of the Bank approved by the European Commission has an associated execution risk and both the Restructuring Plan’s success and the Bank’s strategic autonomy depend on the ability to repay the hybrid instruments subscribed to by the Portuguese State in the amount of EUR 3 billion*”.

Moreover, the earlier repayment of the GSIs would bolster the Bank’s income statement, contributing to a reduction of pressure on net interest income. The Bank of Portugal has already communicated to the Bank its non-opposition to the allocation of the share capital increase’s proceeds to the reimbursement of the GSIs in an amount of up to EUR 1.85 billion. This is based on the assumption that, in case the remaining own funds do not allow compliance with the minimum ratios namely for the purposes of the Comprehensive Assessment, the Bank will perform the necessary recapitalisation measures in order to free the additional capital intended to cover any potential insufficiencies. As soon as the share capital increase is effective, the Bank shall submit a formal partial reimbursement request for the GSIs in an amount of EUR 1.85 billion.

If the Bank is not authorised to use the proceeds of the capital increase to repay the GSIs, the positive expected impact on the Bank’s income statement would not materialise. Additionally, the Bank would be provided with an extra buffer of capital that would not be required to meet the regulatory capital ratios. It is possible that the Bank cannot use this buffer to make applications at rates equal or higher than the remuneration paid by the Bank related to the GSIs.

The abovementioned scenarios might have a material adverse impact on the Bank’s net interest income.

In the event the Bank is authorised to repay the GSIs in full, and other than in respect of the bans on the payment of dividends and on coupon and interest payments on hybrid instruments and subordinated debt where there is no legal obligation to proceed with such payment, which would automatically cease with the full repayment of the GSIs, the remaining obligations implied in the Restructuring Plan are likely to continue in force until 2017 unless waived by the European Commission.

***The Bank may be judicially compelled to repay State aid.***

On 30 August 2013, the Directorate-General for Competition of the European Commission (the “**DG Comp**”) announced a formal agreement with the Portuguese authorities regarding the approval of the Bank’s Restructuring Plan. Following the preliminary announcement of 24 July 2013, the decision concluded that the Bank’s Restructuring Plan is in compliance with the European Union rules on State aid, demonstrating the viability of the bank without continued State support. Compliance by the Bank with the Restructuring Plan approved by the European Commission and the conditions set forth in European Commission decisions involves execution risks and may have an adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations and future prospects of the Bank.

If the Portuguese State and/or the Bank do not comply with the conditions established in past or future decisions of the European Commission relating to State aid granted or to be granted to the Bank, if the European Commission considers that these decisions were made based on incorrect information, if a

national court decides that State aid has been granted in violation of the obligation set forth in Article 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (“**TFEU**”) requiring the relevant State to notify the European Commission prior to the State aid implementation, or if the European Commission considers that the State aid granted is incompatible with the TFEU, the European Commission and/or a national court, as the case may be, may order the State to recover the amount corresponding to the aid made available to the Bank, including interest determined by the European Commission. The European Commission can also order the Bank to return the aid if it deems that the Bank benefited from any State aid that was not previously authorised by the European Commission, if it considers that such aid is not compatible with the TFEU.

A potential obligation to repay the aid granted to the Bank would have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations and prospects and, among other things, would require a reimbursement of the Core Tier 1 Capital Instruments held by the Portuguese State before June 2017 and the repurchase or redemption of the investment of public funds in ordinary shares that may have been carried out in the meantime. Such repurchases or reimbursements could also present further legal complications under Portuguese corporate law.

### **Risks Relating to the Bank’s Business**

#### ***The Bank is exposed to the credit risk of its customers.***

The Bank is exposed to credit risk from its customers. Gross exposure to risk of credit (position in original risk) on 31 March 2014 was EUR 99.2 billion and on 31 December 2013 was EUR 100 billion.

On 31 March 2014, the decomposition of this exposure was the following: EUR 10.9 billion for central governments or central banks, EUR 744.5 million for regional administrations or local authorities, EUR 314.5 million for administrative entities and non-profit organisations, EUR 74.9 million for multilateral development banks, EUR 4.9 billion for other credit institutions, EUR 72.8 billion for retail and companies customers and EUR 9.4 billion for other elements.

A generalised deterioration of the Portuguese and global economy and the systemic risk of financial systems due to structural imbalances could affect the recovery and value of the Bank’s assets and require increased credit impairments, which would adversely affect the Bank’s financial condition and results of operations. This could further increase the Bank’s non-performing loan ratios and impair the Bank’s loan portfolio and other financial assets.

In addition, the ongoing process of revising IAS 39, particularly within the context of the amendment of the new impairment model framed by IFRS 9, which is currently foreseen to enter into force on 1 January 2018 (not yet approved for use in the EU), could determine the need for recognition of different levels of impairments, which could adversely affect the financial condition and results of the Bank. In Angola, there is presently no integrated system for monitoring credit risk and impairments (alerts system) that would enable the early detection of situations in which a customer may not be able to comply with the obligations established with the Bank and would implement concrete actions to avoid effective default, permitting the improvement of the conditions for credit recovery. The absence of an alert model also affects impairments signs.

#### ***The Bank is exposed to concentration risk in its credit exposure.***

The Bank is exposed to the credit risk of its customers, including risks arising from the high concentration of individual exposures of its loan portfolio. The 20 largest loan exposures of the Bank as of 31 March 2014 represented 11.8% of the total loan portfolio (gross) and as of 31 December 2013 represented 11.6% of the total loan portfolio (gross). The qualified shareholders’ loan exposures as of 31 March 2014 and 31 December 2013 represented 1.1% of the total loan portfolio (gross).

The Bank also has a high loan book sectorial concentration. The Bank's credit exposure to the real estate and civil construction sectors was 11.2%, which accounted for 4.0% (real estate activities) and 7.2% (construction companies) of the total loan portfolio (gross), respectively, as of 31 March 2014. In addition, 44% of the loan portfolio is mortgage loans. As at March 2014, the exposure to retail and wholesale commerce was 5.5% and the exposure to service sector companies was 20.6%.

This is common to most of the main Portuguese banks given the small size of the Portuguese market, and has been noted by the rating agencies as a fundamental challenge facing the Portuguese banking system.

Rating agencies have been particularly critical of the Bank's exposure to larger customers and, especially, exposure to its shareholders. Although the Bank carries out its business based on strict risk control policies, in particular with respect to credit risk, and seeks to increase the diversification of its loan portfolio, it is not possible to guarantee that the exposure to these groups will not be increased or that exposure will fall in the future.

***The Bank is exposed to credit risk of its counterparties.***

The Bank routinely transacts with counterparties in the financial services industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment banks, mutual and hedge funds and other institutional clients.

Sovereign credit pressures may weigh on Portuguese financial institutions, limiting their funding operations and weakening their capital adequacy by reducing the market value of their sovereign and other fixed income holdings. These liquidity concerns have adversely impacted, and may continue to adversely impact, inter-institutional financial transactions in general. Concerns about, or a default by, one financial institution could lead to significant liquidity problems and losses or defaults by other financial institutions, as the commercial and financial soundness of many financial institutions may be closely related as a result of credit, trading, clearing and other relationships. Many of the routine transactions the Bank enters into exposes it to significant credit risk in the event of default by one of its significant counterparties. Even the perceived lack of creditworthiness of, or questions about, a counterparty may lead to market-side liquidity pressures or losses or an inability of the Bank to pay the debt. In addition, the Bank's credit risk may be exacerbated when the collateral it holds cannot be enforced or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount of the loan or derivative exposure. A default by a significant financial and credit counterparty, or liquidity problems in the financial services industry in general, could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Exposure to credit risk may also derive from the underwriting of loans, interbank operations, clearing and settlement and trading activities as well as other activities and relationships. These relationships include those with retail customers, brokers and dealers, other commercial banks, investment banks and corporate borrowers. Most of these relationships expose the Bank to credit risk in the event of default by the counterparty or customer.

Adverse changes in the credit quality of customers and counterparties of the Bank, a generalized deterioration of the Portuguese and global economy or the systemic risk of financial systems due to structural imbalance could affect the recovery and value of the Bank's assets and require increased impairments, which would adversely affect the Bank's financial condition and results of operations.

***The Bank sells capitalisation insurance products with guaranteed principal that have associated credit linked notes, exposing the Bank to reputational risk in its role as seller, and financial risk indirectly arising from its shareholding in Millenniumbcp Ageas.***

The amounts of off-balance sheet customer funds as of 31 March 2014 totalled EUR 13.7 billion, largely consisting of assets under management (EUR 4.9 billion) and financial insurance (EUR 8.8 billion), including unit linked products (EUR 4.8 billion) and capitalisation insurance/PPR (retirement savings plans) (EUR 4.0 billion), with only the latter being able to ensure capital or a minimum income. Unit-linked products expose investors to the risk of underlying assets including credit linked notes. All financial insurances are predominantly placed with retail investors, those being in their majority issued and accounted by Millenniumbcp Ageas (in which the Bank has a 49% shareholding) and consolidated by the equity method). Therefore, adverse changes in the underlying assets, a generalised deterioration of the economy, or the systemic risk of financial systems due to structural imbalances may affect the recovery and value of such assets, entailing risks to the Bank's reputation as a seller of these products as well as financial risks indirectly arising out of the shareholding held by the Bank in Millenniumbcp Ageas.

***The Bank is exposed to a contraction of the real estate market.***

The Bank is highly exposed to the Portuguese real estate market, through loans granted to construction companies (7.2%), real estate activities (4.0%) and mortgage loans (44.2%), which represented 55.5% of the consolidated loan portfolio as at 31 March 2014; through assets related to its operations or obtained in lieu of payment, properties for securing loans, and funding of real estate development projects (foreclosed assets in Portugal represented 1.7% of total assets of the Bank as at 31 December 2013); and through the exposure to closed-ended real estate funds and to the Pension Fund and real estate properties in the Bank's balance sheet.

The foreclosed assets portfolio has decreased from EUR 1,524 million (EUR 322 million of impairments) on 31 March 2013 to EUR 1,379 million (EUR 363 million of impairments) on 31 March 2014.

Foreclosed assets portfolio coverage by impairments increased from 21.1% on 31 March 2013 to 26.3% on 31 March 2014. In 2013, 3,203 new properties were received in lieu of payment and 3,434 properties were sold with a value of EUR 285 million.

As of 31 March 2014, this item included an amount of EUR 349 million (31 December 2013: EUR 347 million) on the properties of closed-ended mutual funds, whose units were received following operations where properties were recovered in lieu of payment and in accordance with IFRS, were subject to the full consolidation method.

The Properties in the Pension Fund amounted to EUR 311 million as of 31 March 2014, the same amount as at the end of 2013. The balance of investment property includes the amount of EUR 187 million as at 31 March 2014 (compared with EUR 194 million as at 31 December 2013), related to real estate held by Fundo de Investimento Imobiliário Imosotto Acumulação, Fundo de Investimento Imobiliário Gestão Imobiliário, Fundo de Investimento Imobiliário Imorenda, Fundo de Investimento Imobiliário Fechado Gestimo and Imoport – Fundo de Investimento Imobiliário Fechado. On 31 March 2014, the balance under the real estate properties item classified as other tangible assets amounted to EUR 540.2 million, of which 75% related to the activity in Portugal and 25% related to international activity. The percentage of branches whose capital belongs to the Bank corresponds to 26% of the total branch network (corresponding to 194 branches), while in central buildings this percentage is 10% (corresponding to 2 buildings). As at 31 March 2014, the balance under the real estate properties item of the activity in Portugal amounted to EUR 403.7 million, of which EUR 55.2 million was related to central buildings and EUR 348.5 million associated with branches. Abroad, the distribution network was composed, as at 31 March 2014, of a total of 733 branches (744 branches as

at 31 December 2013); the Bank directly holds approximately 17% of these branches and 21% of central buildings.

Accordingly, the Bank is vulnerable to a contraction in the real estate market. Mortgage loans represent 44% of the total loan portfolio, with a low delinquency level and an average loan-to-value ratio of 67% for the mortgage portfolio. Although Portugal did not face a housing bubble during recent years as in other European countries, namely Ireland and Spain, the economic and financial crisis still had an impact on the real estate market. Portuguese banks have refrained from granting new mortgage loans with very low spreads, and real estate developers have encountered a difficult market for sellers. Moreover, there was a reduction in public works activity, which severely affected construction companies, which had to redirect their activities to foreign markets. It is worth noting the more difficult credit conditions associated with the contraction of the demand for tourism that has affected certain real estate developers that had been involved with tourism related projects, in particular in the southern part of Portugal. All of the abovementioned effects have increased delinquency among construction companies and real estate developers, impacting the Bank's NPL (non-performing loans) and contributing to the increase in impairment charges.

A significant devaluation of prices in the Portuguese real estate market may lead to impairment losses in the assets held directly and increased exposure in counterparty risk for loans guaranteed by real estate collateral and in pension fund assets retained by the Bank. Any of the foregoing could have a materially adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The Bank is exposed to the risk of interest rate repricing.***

Mortgage loans represented 44% of total loan portfolio (consolidated) as at 31 March 2014. The average spread of the mortgage loans portfolio in Portugal stood at 128 basis points as at 31 March 2014 and 49% of the mortgage loans had spreads lower than 100 basis points. As at 31 March 2014, 87% of the mortgage loans portfolio in Portugal was indexed to Euribor 3 months and 11% was indexed to Euribor 6 months.

As a counterbalancing measure, the Bank, along with other banks in Portugal, limited the granting of new mortgage loans. In 2013, 293 new mortgage credit operations were contracted with an average spread of 209 basis points.

The Bank cannot unilaterally change the contractual terms of the loans that make up its portfolio of mortgage loans and it has proven extremely difficult to negotiate these contracts of extended maturity. The resulting limitation of this contractual rigidity has a significant impact on net interest income. Given the current low demand for credit by companies, the Bank may also experience difficulties in changing the mix of its loan portfolio which would make it difficult to offset the impact of reduced spreads on mortgages in the average spread of the loan portfolio.

After a period in which banks implemented policies of interest rate repricing on loans, mainly directed at loans to companies, a reduction of corporate and consumer loans spreads may be observed in the future, given the weak credit dynamics in the Portuguese economy.

***The Bank holds units in specialised credit recovery closed-end funds that cannot be sold and may depreciate.***

The Bank performed a set of securitisation transactions comprising the sale of financial assets (namely loans and advances to customers) to funds specialising in loan recovery. These funds manage the companies or assets received as collateral with the objective of increasing the value of the companies' assets. The financial assets sold through these transactions are subsequently removed from the Bank's balance sheet, as the transactions result in the transfer of the risks and benefits associated with the assets to the funds, in addition to any control exercised thereof.

The holders of the participation units in these closed-end funds have no ability to request the reimbursement of their investment throughout the useful life of the fund. These participation units are held by several banks, which are the sellers of the loans, in proportions that vary through the useful life of the funds. No bank may hold more than 50% of each fund's capital.

The funds have a specific management structure, which is independent from the assignor banks, and is selected on the fund's incorporation date. The funds are mainly responsible for defining the fund's purpose and managing the fund on an exclusive basis, determining its investment goals and policy, in addition to management conduct and fund business.

The management structure is remunerated through commissions charged to the funds. The majority of funds in which the Bank holds a minority position are incorporated as Portuguese law companies that acquire bank credits that are financed through the issuance of senior and junior notes. The value of senior notes, entirely subscribed by funds holding the share capital, is determined as the negotiated fair value based on valuations made by both parties. These notes are paid at an interest rate that reflects the risk of the company holding the assets. The value of the junior notes equals the difference between the fair value based on the valuation of the senior notes and the value of the assigned credits to the Portuguese companies. These junior notes entitle the holder to a contingent positive value in the event the value of the transferred assets surpasses the amount of the senior instalments accrued with the remuneration in connection thereto.

The total amount of credit transferred by the Bank to the funds until March 2014 was EUR 1,214 million (gross). The Bank's total exposure to funds specialised in the recovery of loans was EUR 1,261 million in March 2014, with an impairment of EUR 195 million, including impairment of the senior and junior tranches with 100% of the latter provisioned. Therefore, the net exposure of the Bank to funds specialised in the recovery of loans was EUR 1,066 million in March 2014.

There are no formal procedures to control and monitor the assignment operations conducted by the Bank.

Therefore, such operations may encompass possible inaccuracies in the valuation and accounting treatment of the transferred assets. A possible deterioration in the prospects for recovery of the loans transferred to specialised closed-end funds may result in the devaluation of the held participation units that cannot be sold, leading to additional impairments.

***Financial problems faced by the Bank's customers could adversely affect the Bank.***

Continued market turmoil and poor economic growth, especially in Portugal and in other European countries, could have a material adverse effect on the liquidity, the activity and/or the financial conditions of the Bank's customers, which could in turn further impair the Bank's loan portfolio.

The Bank's customers' levels of savings and credit demand are dependent on consumer confidence, employment trends, the state of the economy in countries in which the Bank operates and the availability and cost of funding. In addition, customers may further decrease their risk tolerance to non-deposit-based investments such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds. This would adversely affect the Bank's fee and commission income. Any of the conditions described above could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition or results of operations.

***The Bank's portfolio may continue to contract.***

BCP loans to customers (gross) at a consolidated level decreased from EUR 71.5 billion in December 2011 to EUR 59.4 billion in March 2014. In the current economic environment, the Bank's loan portfolio in Portugal may continue to shrink and its loan portfolio abroad may not continue to grow at historical rates, or may even decrease. Furthermore, in some of the Bank's target markets, there are a

limited number of customers of high creditworthiness. As the demand for credit in the economy is reduced and the good quality credit loans are repaid, the Bank may face difficulties in exchanging loans being reimbursed for loans with good credit quality loans. Developments in the Bank's loan portfolio will be affected by, among other factors, the condition of the Portuguese economy and the consequences following the conclusion of the PAEF. The continued decline in the value of the Bank's loan portfolio could limit its ability to generate net interest income, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial position and results of operations.

***The Bank is exposed to further deterioration of asset quality.***

The value of assets collateralising the Bank's secured loans could decline significantly as a result of a general decline in market prices or a decline in the value of the asset class underlying the collateral, which could result in an impairment of the value of the Bank's loan assets. Loan volume to businesses and individuals is expected to remain depressed in Portugal due to downward pressure on household disposable income and firms' profitability from austerity measures, in addition to the resulting deterioration in the business environment, more restrictive credit conditions and stressed liquidity. A decline in equity and debt market prices could also have an impact on the quality of the Bank's collateral linked to financial assets leading to a reduction in coverage ratios (on 31 December 2013, 5.9% of the loan portfolio's collateral consisted of financial assets). See *The Bank is exposed to a contraction of the real estate market*.

The economic and financial crisis, combined with the implementation of budgetary consolidation measures established under the PAEF, resulted in a deterioration of the quality of the Bank's assets, including its loan portfolio.

The Bank's consolidated loan portfolio, as of 31 March 2014, was EUR 59.4 billion (adjusted from the changes associated with the processes of sale of the operations in Greece, which has already been completed, and of the operations in Romania, which is currently underway).

The ratio of overdue loans over 90 days stood as at 31 March 2014 at 7.2%, compared to 6.2% as at 31 March 2013; the ratio of overdue loans stood at 7.5% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 6.7% in 31 March 2013; the ratio of impaired loans stood at 9.3% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 8.8% as at 31 March 2013; the ratio of impaired loans net stood at 3.8% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 2.4% as at 31 March 2013; the ratio of credit at risk stood at 11.7% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 13.8% as at 31 March 2013; the credit at risk net ratio stood at 6.3% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 7.8% as at 31 March 2013.

As at 31 March 2014, the credit portfolio in Portugal amounted to EUR 46.6 million. In Portugal, the ratio of overdue loans over 90 days stood as at 31 March 2014 at 8.5%, compared to 7.0% as at 31 March 2013; the ratio of overdue loans stood at 8.9% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 7.6% in 31 March 2013; the ratio of impaired loans stood at 11.2% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 9.7% as at 31 March 2013; the ratio of impaired loans net stood at 5.2% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 4.0% as at 31 March 2013; the ratio of credit at risk stood at 13.6% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 13.5% as at 31 March 2013; the credit at risk net ratio stood at 7.7% as at 31 March 2014, compared to 8.0% as at 31 March 2013.

The persistence of adverse economic and financial circumstances at worldwide, European and national levels increases the risk of deterioration of the quality of the consolidated loan portfolio and may also lead to increased impairment losses and deterioration of the regulatory capital ratios. Loan impairment (net of recoveries) increased to EUR 191.7 million as of 31 March 2014, compared with EUR 186.9 million as of 31 March 2013. Loans impairment net of recoveries amounted to EUR 820.8 million in 2013, compared with EUR 969.6 million in 2012 and EUR 1,230.5 million in 2011. From 2011 to 2013, the Bank's loan impairment charges amounted to EUR 3,020.9 million. A significant portion of the foregoing related to inspections to the Bank's loan portfolio, namely SIP Work Stream



1 EUR 381 million, OIP EUR 290 million and ETRICC EUR 306 million. Cost of risk, measured by the proportion of loan impairment annualised charges (net of recoveries) versus loans to customers (gross), stood at 129 basis points as of 31 March 2014, compared with 137 basis points as of 31 December 2013 and 157 basis points as of 31 December 2012. The credit at risk coverage stood at 49% as of 31 March 2014, compared with 48% as of 31 December 2013 and 47% as of 31 December 2012. The persistence, or deepening, of the crisis, general market volatility, sluggish economic growth and increased unemployment, coupled with either decreased consumer spending or a sharp increase in risk premiums required would lead to increased loan impairment levels and, consequently, to the reduction of the Bank's net income. In addition, the level of impairments and other reserves may not be sufficient to cover possible future impairment losses, and it may be necessary to create additional provisions of significant amounts. Any failure in risk management or control policies relating to credit risk could adversely affect the Bank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Credit risk and deterioration of asset quality is mutually reinforcing. Should there be any reduction in the value of assets securing loans that have been granted, or in the case that the value of assets is not sufficient to cover the exposure to derivative instruments, the Bank would be exposed to an even higher credit risk of non-collection in the case of non-performance, which, in turn, may affect the Bank's ability to comply with its payment obligations. The Bank cannot guarantee that it would be able to realise adequate proceeds from disposals of collateral to cover loan losses. A deterioration in the credit risk exposure of the Bank may have a material and adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Bank faces strong competition in its main areas of activity, namely in the retail business.***

The Portuguese banking market is well developed, containing major national and foreign competitors that follow multi-product, multi-channel and multi-segment approaches and are, in general, highly sophisticated. Over recent years, there has been a significant development of banking operations through the internet and the use of new technology that have enabled banks to assess the needs of their customers with greater accuracy and efficiency. These factors have contributed to an increase in competition in the Portuguese banking sector. Furthermore, many Portuguese banks are dedicated to increasing their market shares by launching new products, implementing cross-selling strategies and engaging in more aggressive commercial strategies. Additional integration of European financial markets may contribute to increased competition, particularly in the areas of asset management, investment banking and online banking and brokerage services.

In 2013, the Bank had 2.3 million customers in Portugal. During 2013, 129,067 customer accounts were opened and 107,257 customer accounts were closed.

In March 2014, the Bank's market share in Portugal (estimates based on figures disclosed by the Bank of Portugal and other banking industry associations) were the following: 19.2% in loans to customers, 21.9% in loans to companies, 16.9% in loans to individuals, 18.3% in mortgage loans, 9.7% in consumer credit, 18.4% in customer funds, 19.1% in on-balance sheet customer funds, 19.3% in deposits and 16.2% in off-balance sheet customer funds.

The Bank's financial success depends on its capacity to maintain high levels of loyalty among its customer base and to offer a wide range of competitive and high quality products and services to its customers. In order to pursue these objectives, the Bank has adopted a strategy of segmentation of its customer base, aimed at serving the various needs of each segment in the most suitable manner, in addition to cross-selling its products and services through its distribution network in Portugal, under the unique brand "Millennium bcp". However, high levels of competition in Portugal, as well as in other countries where the Bank operates and an increased emphasis on cost reduction may result in the Bank's inability to maintain these objectives. Moreover, under its Restructuring Plan, BCP will close approximately 50 additional branches by the end of 2017. This will result in the downsizing of BCP's branch network and consequently the decrease of BCP's branches' market share in Portugal.

This could result in a lower competitive positioning in the Portuguese retail market. Any of the foregoing may have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

If the price of the Bank's ordinary shares were to decline, this could lead to shareholder dissatisfaction and, to the extent that such shareholders are also customers of the Bank, this could result in broader customer dissatisfaction, any of which could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

There is no assurance that the Bank will be able to compete effectively, or that it will be able to maintain or improve its operational results. Such inability to compete or maintain results could also lead to a reduction in net interest income, fees and other income of the Bank, any of which could have a further material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Bank may generate lower revenues from commissions and fee-based businesses.***

A decrease in the volume of lending transactions that the Bank executes with its customers could result in lower commissions derived from banking operations and guarantees. Moreover, changes to market sentiment could lead to market downturns that are likely to impact transactional volume, therefore leading to declines in the Bank's non-interest fees. In addition, as the fees that the Bank charges for managing its clients' portfolios are, in many cases, based on the value or performance of those portfolios, a market downturn that reduces the value of the Bank's clients' portfolios or increases the amount of withdrawals would reduce the revenue the Bank receives from its asset management, private banking and custody services. Revenue derived from the Bank's asset management business could also be impacted by below market performance by the Bank's securities portfolio under management, which could lead to increased withdrawals and reduced inflows.

***Changes in consumer protection laws may limit the fees that the Bank can charge in certain banking transactions.***

Changes in consumer protection laws in Portugal and other jurisdictions where the Bank has operations could limit the fees that banks may charge for certain products and services, such as mortgages, unsecured loans, credit cards and funds transfers and remittances. If introduced, such laws could reduce the Bank's net income, which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***Downgrades in the Bank's credit rating could increase the cost of borrowing funds and make the Bank's ability to raise new funds or renew maturing debt more difficult.***

The Bank's credit ratings are assigned by Moody's España, Standard & Poor's, Fitch and DBRS. The ratings as of the date of this Base Prospectus are as follows: Moody's España "B1/NP", Standard & Poor's "B+/B", Fitch "BB +/B" and DBRS "BBB (low)/R-2 (mid)".

Credit ratings represent an important component of the bank's liquidity profile and affect the cost and other terms upon which the Bank is able to obtain funding. Changes to the Bank's credit ratings reflect, apart from changes to the rating of the Portuguese Republic, a series of factors intrinsic to the Bank.

Currently, the ratings assigned to BCP, with the exception of the ratings assigned by DBRS, are non-investment grade. Despite the fact that the rating agencies recognise that the solvency levels of BCP are better due to the recapitalisation by the Portuguese State and by shareholders in June and September 2012, respectively, there remains uncertainty whether certain adverse conditions of the Portuguese economy could impact the Bank's profitability and ability to generate income jeopardising the Bank's ability to preserve capital. Rating agencies also consider the following additional risk

factors: (i) the declining quality of the loan portfolio and any exposure to small and medium enterprises in Portugal; (ii) the Bank's exposure to public debt; (iii) the Bank's exposure to its main clients, particularly shareholders (5.4% of BCP's shareholders are also clients of BCP as at 31 December 2013); and (iv) the high dependency on wholesale funding and funding from the ECB.

As at June 2014, the outlook of all rating agencies is negative, which indicates a risk that a downgrade could occur within the next two years. Although the BRRD does not prohibit the use of public funds to finance bank resolutions, some rating agencies believe that State aid will become more uncertain and difficult to justify, meaning the majority of EU banks could see their government support removed. This could result in the downgrading of the Bank's long-term credit ratings.

Any downgrade in the Bank's credit ratings may contribute to the erosion of the collateral eligible for funding by the ECB, as well as more restrictive access to funding and increased funding costs. Under such circumstances, the Bank may need to accelerate its deleveraging process and reduce its activities, which could have a negative impact on the Bank's rating. Any downgrade in the Bank's credit rating could also affect the Bank's ability to raise funding. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial conditions, results of operations and prospects.

***In addition to its exposure to the Portuguese economy, the Bank faces exposure to macroeconomic risks in its businesses in Europe (Poland and Romania) and Africa (Angola and Mozambique).***

The Bank faces exposure to macroeconomic risks in its businesses in Poland, Romania, Mozambique and Angola and, if these risks in respect of each country materialise in the future, this may have an adverse impact on the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Bank. Moreover, the deterioration in the macroeconomic climate of emerging markets in Africa and Central Europe generally may have an adverse impact on the business, financial condition and results of operations of the Bank. In the three months ended 31 March 2014, the Bank's net contribution for the Bank's earnings attributable to international operations was EUR 47.8 million, compared with a net loss attributable to shareholders of EUR 40.7 million for the Bank as a whole. For the same period, net income in Poland was EUR 37.2 million, of which EUR 24.4 million was attributable to the Bank, net losses in Romania was EUR 0.9 million, net income in Angola was EUR 11.2 million, of which EUR 5.5 million was attributable to the Bank and net income in Mozambique was EUR 20.2 million, of which EUR 13.4 million was attributable to the Bank.

#### *Europe (Poland and Romania)*

Up to 2009, the economies of Poland and Romania showed strong GDP growth rates. However, the worldwide financial crisis, and more recently the sovereign debt crisis in the Eurozone, influenced the performance of these two economies.

Poland withstood the impact of the global crisis resiliently. After a marked slowdown in 2012, which deepened in the first half of 2013, economic activity in Poland rebounded, expanding by 1.6% (Source: Eurostat, March 2014), benefiting mainly from the strong growth in exports. The near-term outlook points to an acceleration of GDP through firmer exports and increased domestic demand due to improvement in the labour market.

Against this background, a potential downward revision of the growth of the EU, the main trading partner of Poland, may constrain activity and negatively affect confidence levels of households and businesses, which would have repercussions on the financial conditions of customers and therefore on the Bank's results. In addition, the risks of renewed instability in financial markets and geopolitical tensions in Ukraine could lead to greater volatility of the Polish zloty exchange rate and affect the Bank's results directly through financial operations and indirectly through repercussions on the clients' financial situation. Risks may also arise from an intensification of the budget consolidating process based on the need to reduce the public deficit below a 3% threshold in 2015 (the public deficit

stood at 4.3% in 2013) (Source: Eurostat, April 2014). Therefore, in the medium-term, a more adverse context may develop in terms of turnover, asset quality and higher taxes on banking activity.

Romania, on the other hand, fared worse in recovering from the financial crisis, suffering an acute recession in 2009-2010, leading its government to apply for a multilateral financial assistance programme sponsored by the EU and the IMF (the programme was originally negotiated in 2009, renewed in 2011, and renewed again in 2013). Though the GDP growth rate of Romania increased to 3.5% in 2013 (Source: Eurostat, March 2014), reflecting the strong performance of net exports and increased agricultural production, in 2014, the EC forecasts a deceleration of economic growth due to a depressed improvement in private consumption. The following may also impact recovery in the medium-term: the overhaul of the balance sheets of families and the reduction of debt levels; the persistence of tight financing conditions; and the commitment of the authorities to the pursuit of the budgetary targets and measures agreed under the financial assistance programme. Any of the foregoing could have a negative impact on the Bank's rating, business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

#### *Africa (Angola and Mozambique)*

Angola and Mozambique have demonstrated strong and sustained growth over the past few years, with the adoption of economic policies targeting the reduction of inflation, sustainability of economic activity and diversification of productive potential.

Mozambique has been one of the fastest growing economies in Sub-Saharan Africa. Its GDP recorded a real annual average growth rate of 7.1% in 2013 (Source: IMF, April 2014), largely determined by the acceleration of mining industry output. Over the past two years, the country has had significant improvement in budgetary management, inflation control, stabilisation of the exchange rate and foreign exchange reserves and improvement in the quality of life of its population. However, in the future, Mozambique may not be able to achieve its objectives in budgetary control and may face political unrest prior to the presidential election scheduled to occur in October 2014. The country is also vulnerable to external shocks and fluctuations in the price of commodities, namely aluminium. Furthermore, delays in the implementation of structural reforms, development of infrastructure and human capital may also slow down the expected improvements in economic development, namely of Mozambique's natural resources.

Any of the foregoing may negatively affect the Bank's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Despite the Mozambican banking sector being highly concentrated—in 2012 the three largest banks had a combined market share of approximately 70%—the competitive environment is dynamic, with a total of 18 banking groups currently competing in the market. Mozambique exhibits a low level of banking activities, with low but increasing banking business volumes. Indeed, the ratio of credit to GDP stood at 29% at the end of 2013, an amount that is below the average of the surrounding countries, though both credit and deposits recorded average annual growth rates above 20% between 2010 and 2013.

The banking sector in Mozambique: (i) had a ratio of return-on-equity of 19.6% in 2012; (ii) may be considered adequately capitalised, with equity capital ratio of 16.9% in 2012; (iii) may be considered liquid, with a ratio of loan-to-deposits of 69.5% in 2012; and (iv) has a moderate delinquency ratio—the ratio of overdue loans was 3.2% in 2012.

In Angola, real GDP expanded by 4.1% during 2013 (Source: IMF, April 2014), essentially benefiting from a strong expansion in oil production. The country has also progressed into single digit inflation, with strong international reserves, a stable exchange rate, structural reforms and economic diversification. However, an eventual weakening of budgetary management may increase

vulnerability to external shocks. The Angolan economy is also vulnerable to the price of oil, and political risks arising from future elections.

Risks may also arise if Angola is not able to strengthen its budgetary management or reduce the recurrence of domestic public arrears, if structural reforms expected to lead to a sustained level of diversified growth suffer delays or if there is a lower level of solvency and perceived safety of the banking system.

Despite the large number of banks operating in Angola, with 29 banking institutions authorised in 2014, the Angolan banking sector shows a relatively high degree of concentration. In 2013, the five largest banks had a combined share of 77% of credit and 62% of deposits. Although the ratio of credit to GDP (16% in 2012) is relatively low, the volume of banking businesses have displayed great dynamism, with loans and deposits registering average annual growth rates of 13% and 17%, respectively, between 2010 and 2013.

In qualitative terms, the banking sector in Angola has: (i) moderate levels of profitability, with a ratio of return-on-equity of 10.9% in 2013, due to the investment of most banks in network growth; (ii) adequate capitalisation levels, with the solvency ratio of 19.6% in 2013; (iii) adequate levels of liquidity, with a ratio of loan-to-deposits of 63.3% in 2013 and (iv) a moderate delinquency ratio—a ratio of overdue loans of 9.8% in 2013.

The introduction of specialised credit and State guaranteed loans, which are generally perceived by international organisations such as the IMF as potentially benign for the economy, while providing access to finance to SMEs, improving competitiveness and productivity, is still recent. Although the Bank has shown a significantly lower amount of overdue loans in Angola when compared with the sector at large (2.3% loans overdue over 90 days in 2013, compared with 9.8% loans overdue over 90 days, on average, in the sector), the loan portfolio in Angola is growing strongly, particularly in the corporate segment and in new loan products that may negatively affect asset quality of the customer base and the performance of the economy. Any of the foregoing could adversely affect the Bank's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

#### *The Bank's economic performance with regards to its international operations*

In the three months ended 31 March 2014, the Bank's net income attributable to international operations was EUR 47.8 million, compared to a net loss of EUR 40.7 million for the Bank as a whole. For the same period, net income in Poland was EUR 37.2 million, of which EUR 24.4 million was attributable to the Bank, net losses in Romania were EUR 0.9 million, net income in Angola was EUR 11.2 million, of which EUR 5.5 million was attributable to the Bank and net income in Mozambique was EUR 20.2 million, of which EUR 13.4 million was attributable to the Bank.

In the year ended 31 December 2013, the Bank's net income attributable to international operations was EUR 178.2 million, compared to a net loss of EUR 740.5 million for the Bank as a whole. For the same period, net income in Poland was EUR 127.1 million, of which EUR 83.3 million was attributable to the Bank, net losses in Romania were EUR 5.9 million (a 75% reduction in losses as compared with the year ended 31 December 2012), net income in Angola was EUR 40.8 million, of which EUR 20.4 million was attributable to the Bank and net income in Mozambique was EUR 85.5 million, of which EUR 57.0 million was attributable to the Bank.

#### ***The Bank's operations in emerging markets expose its business to risks associated with social, economic and political conditions in those markets.***

The Bank operates in certain emerging markets, particularly in Africa, which present specific political, economic, fiscal, legal, regulatory and social risks that differ from those encountered in countries with European economic and political systems, including, but not limited to, those related to

political and social environments, different business practices, logistical challenges, shortages of skilled labour, trade restrictions, macroeconomic imbalances and security challenges. The Bank's operations are currently exposed to the political and economic conditions of Angola and Mozambique. These conditions also relate to the fact that structural improvements are still needed in many sectors in these markets, including transport, energy, agriculture and mineral sectors, as well as land, social and fiscal reforms. Certain of these markets may also suffer from geopolitical conflict, while a number of African states have unresolved political differences internally, regionally and/or internationally. For example, upcoming national elections in Mozambique in October 2014 and expected municipal elections in Angola in 2015 could give rise to political uncertainty and any changes in government could result in significant policy changes.

Additionally, the Bank's operations in those markets may involve protracted negotiations with host governments, companies or other local entities and may be subject to instability arising from political, legal, economic or other disturbances. Both Angola and Mozambique impose certain exchange controls and restrictions upon capital flows to and from other jurisdictions. Therefore, the ability to transfer U.S. dollars and euro directly from local banks, including the repatriation of profits, is subject to official vetting. Transfers above a threshold amount may require government approval, which may not be obtained or may be subject to delays. Regarding Millennium bim, the amount of dividends paid to the Bank related to fiscal year 2013 amounted to EUR 17 million. The Angolan subsidiary did not distribute any dividends.

Any of the factors detailed above or similar factors could adversely affect the Bank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The Bank's highly liquid assets may not cover liabilities to its customer base.***

The Bank's main source of funding is its deposits base, constituting 68% of the Bank's funding as at 31 March 2014 and 67% of the Bank's funding as at 31 December 2013. However, the persistence of interest rates at historically low levels over the past few years has resulted in the Bank investing deposits into instruments with higher potential yield. The Bank's other funding sources include money market instruments, medium- and long-term bonds, covered bonds, commercial paper, medium-term structured products and the securitisation of a portion of its loan portfolio. The Bank has increasingly strengthened its own funds through capital increases (the most recent amounting to EUR 500 million was completed in October 2012) and the June 2012 subscription by the Portuguese Republic of Core Tier 1 Capital Instruments in the amount of EUR 3.0 billion.

The Bank has calculated the Liquidity Coverage Ratio and Net Stable Funding Ratio to stand at 512% and 121% as at March 2014, respectively, which compares with a reference value of 100% (fully implemented). The leverage ratio stood at 2.9% as at March 2014, which compares with a reference value of 3% (fully implemented). The leverage ratio would have been 4.5%, if calculated assuming a conservative interpretation (although not definitive) of the legislative proposal made public on 12 June 2014 concerning the deferred tax assets reform (the proposal relating to deferred tax assets was approved on 10 July 2014 by the Portuguese Parliament).

In the case that the Bank is unable to maintain its capacity of obtaining liquid assets, its ability to repay its liabilities will be limited, which may represent a substantial adverse effect in its activity, financial condition and results.

***The results of additional stress tests could result in a need to increase capital or a loss of public confidence in the Bank.***

National and international regulators, including the IMF, the ECB and the EBA, have been conducting stress tests on the banking sector. Under an EU Regulation conferring specific tasks on the ECB concerning the prudential supervision of credit institutions, the ECB will conduct a thorough review

of the major banks, covering about 85% of the banking system in the Eurozone, to strengthen confidence in the financial stability and asset quality of bank balance sheets. This exercise includes three elements: risk assessment for supervisory purposes, analysis of asset quality to increase transparency about the exposure of banks, and a stress test for assessing the resilience of Eurozone banks' balance sheets to adverse scenarios (the “**Comprehensive Assessment**”).

This exercise may reveal new capital requirements of a particular bank or the Portuguese banking system in general and may lead to the adoption of greater regulation in the financial system. In particular, the outcome of a stress test could obligate the Bank to obtain additional capital and could result in the Bank being unable to repay certain equity instruments, potentially resulting in the Portuguese State becoming a shareholder (see *Risks Relating to the Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan of the Bank – The Bank may not be able to ensure payments related to certain hybrid instruments subscribed by the Portuguese Republic, the failure of which could render the Portuguese State the majority shareholder of the Bank*).

At present, the second phase of the Comprehensive Assessment is underway. This exercise is promoted at the European level by the ECB in advance of assuming full responsibility for supervision at the European level, within the Single Supervisory Mechanism. This phase, called Asset Quality Review (“**AQR**”), evaluates the appropriateness of the valuation of assets, collateral received as guaranty and related provisions.

The Bank is currently submitting information for AQR, and the results of this exercise will determine adjustments to CET 1 for the purposes of the stress tests that will take place from September 2014 and constitute the third and final phase of the Comprehensive Assessment. It is expected that the individual results will be known in October 2014.

It is too early to assess the potential impact of the inspection, especially considering its broad scope.

Therefore, the disclosure of the results of the stress tests could result in a reduction in confidence in a particular bank or the banking system as a whole. Although the Bank does not foresee the need for material additional impairments, it cannot exclude that additional impairment charges may be made.

Consequently, these new stress tests could adversely affect the cost of funding of the Bank and have a materially adverse impact on its financial position and business.

***The Bank's ability to achieve certain targets is dependent upon certain assumptions involving factors that are significantly or entirely beyond the Bank's control and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors.***

The achievement of the Bank's internal targets will depend on the verification of assumptions involving factors that are significantly or entirely beyond the Bank's control and subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may result in management failing to achieve these targets. These factors include those described elsewhere in this section and, in particular,

- the Bank's ability to successfully implement its Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan;
- the Bank's ability to successfully implement its funding and capital plans;
- the successful implementation of economic reforms in Portugal;
- the Bank's ability to access financing on the capital markets;
- the adequacy of the Bank's current provisions against non-performing loans;

- the quality of the Bank's assets;
- the Bank's ability to reduce costs;
- the Bank's ability to deleverage;
- the financial condition of the Bank's customers;
- reductions in the Bank's credit rating;
- growth of the financial markets in the countries in which the Bank operates;
- the Bank's ability to grow internationally;
- future market conditions;
- currency fluctuations;
- the actions of regulators;
- changes in the political, social and regulatory framework in which the Bank operates;
- macroeconomic or technological trends or conditions, including inflation and consumer confidence; and other risk factors identified in this Base Prospectus. If one or more of these assumptions is inaccurate, the Bank may be unable to achieve one or more of its targets, which may have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

The Bank regularly uses financial models in the course of its operations. These financial models help inform the Bank of the value of certain of its assets (such as certain loans, financial instruments, including illiquid financial instruments where market prices are not readily available, goodwill or other intangible assets) and liabilities (such as the Bank's defined benefit obligations and provisioning) as well as the Bank's risk exposure. These financial models also generally require the Bank to make assumptions, judgements and estimates which, in many cases, are inherently uncertain, including expected cash flows, the ability of borrowers to service debt, residential and commercial property price appreciation and depreciation, and relative levels of defaults and deficiencies. Such assumptions, judgements and estimates may need to be updated to reflect changing facts, trends and market conditions and may result in a decrease in the value of, and consequently an impairment of, the Bank's assets, an increase in the Bank's liabilities or an increase in the Bank's risk exposure, any of which may have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

In particular, recent historic market volatility and illiquidity has challenged the factual bases of certain underlying assumptions and made it difficult to value certain of the Bank's financial instruments.

Decreased valuations reflecting prevailing market conditions, faulty assumptions or illiquidity, may result in changes in the fair values of these instruments, which may have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Bank is vulnerable to fluctuations in interest rates, which may negatively affect net interest income and lead to other adverse consequences.***

Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors beyond the Bank's control, including policy changes of the monetary authorities and other national and international political constraints. Changes in



market interest rates could affect the interest rates the Bank charges on interest-earning assets differently from those it pays on interest-bearing liabilities. These differences could reduce the Bank's net interest income.

ECB interest rates stand currently near zero, after the last reference rate cut on 5 June 2014 to 0.15%.

Although the data released for the Eurozone related to the GDP and inflation confirm a scenario of weak economic dynamics and absence of inflationary risks, an increase of interest rates in the Eurozone could increase the costs associated with debt repayment in Portugal and aggravate the financial conditions of the country in general, namely if the interest rate increase is not adequate for the particular macroeconomic conditions of the Portuguese economy. An increase in interest rates could reduce demand for loans and the Bank's capacity to grant loans to customers, contribute to increased loan default and increase interest expense from deposits.

Additionally, ECB refinancing interest rates could ultimately be cut to zero which could, in turn, affect market interest rates, while the deposit rate is already negative (-0.1%). These developments may negatively affect the Bank through, among others things, the lower average interest rate of its loan portfolio, reduced demand for deposits and increased competition. As a result of these factors, changes or volatility in interest rates may materially and adversely affect the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Bank is exposed to reputational risks, including those arising from rumours that affect its image and customer relations.***

Reputational risk is inherent to the Bank's business activity. Negative public opinion towards the Bank or the financial services sector as a whole could result from real or perceived practices in the banking sector, such as money laundering, terrorism funding, fraudulent selling of financial products or anticompetitive practices, or from the real or perceived way in which the Bank carries out its business. Negative publicity and negative public opinion, particularly in relation to pending litigation that could resolve against the Bank's favour (see *Legal and Regulatory Risks – The Bank was charged and convicted by the CMVM (final decision) and the Bank of Portugal (subject to an ongoing appeal) in administrative proceedings in connection with certain transactions, including the financing of the acquisition of shares issued by the Bank by companies incorporated in certain offshore jurisdictions*), could adversely affect the Bank's ability to maintain and attract customers – causing, for instance, a run on deposits and subsequent lack of funding sources – the loss of which could adversely affect the Bank's business, financial condition and future prospects.

The Bank has a limited number of customers who are classified as politically exposed persons pursuant to the applicable legislation including the Bank of Portugal's Notice No. 5/2013. Although the Bank exercises increasingly stricter scrutiny of transactions with politically exposed persons in order to ensure compliance with applicable laws, the services provided to these individuals may expose the Bank to reputational risks, notwithstanding the Bank's compliance with applicable laws.

***The Bank may have difficulty in hiring and retaining board members and qualified personnel.***

The Bank's ability to successfully implement its strategy depends on its ability to recruit and maintain the most qualified and competent members for its governing bodies and for employment positions in Portugal and other countries. Restrictions on the compensation of members of management and supervisory bodies provided for in Portaria 150-A/2012 of 17 May 2012 to the greater of (i) 50% of such members' average compensation over the previous two years; or (ii) the remuneration received by members of management and supervisory bodies of public credit institutions, may hinder the Bank's ability to maintain and/or attract members with the desired profile.

The current members of BCP's Board of Directors, including the members of its Executive Committee, were elected for the term of office of 2012-2014 at the general meeting of shareholders held on 28 February 2012, in which the amendment and restructuring of the articles of association ("*estatutos*" or the "**Articles of Association**"), comprising the adoption of a one-tier management and supervisory model, also took place. The composition of the Board of Directors of the Bank and/or its Executive Committee might change due to decisions made by the shareholders or by the Board of Directors or due to other circumstances.

As at 31 December 2013, the total number of employees in Portugal was 8,584, which represents a reduction versus 31 December 2011 (9,959 employees). In 2013, this contracted to 19 new employees (52 employees in 2012), while 417 left the Bank (1,029 employees in 2012). At the end of 2013 the average age of employees in Portugal was 45 years old and the average seniority was 19 years.

On 31 December 2013 a memorandum of understanding was signed with the unions to implement a process of salary adjustments of temporary duration, allowing the Bank to achieve the commitments undertaken with the European Commission and the Portuguese State to reduce personnel costs. Besides reducing compensation, this agreement suspends promotions, progressions and seniority payments that were to be paid up until the end of 2017. This agreement will enter into force in July 2014.

Regarding the international operations, there has been a high staff turnover in the Bank's operations in Poland, Mozambique and Angola. In Poland, 831 employees left the Bank and 675 employees were hired, the total number of employees at the end of 2013 being 5,881. In Mozambique, in 2013 the hiring process surpassed the number of exits, with a staff turnover of 208 and 176 employees, respectively. At the end of 2013 the total headcount stood at 2,476 employees. In Angola, a total of 247 employees were recruited in 2013 and 199 left, resulting in 1,075 active employees at the end of 2013.

The inability to attract and retain qualified and competent members for its governing bodies and/or other employee positions could limit or delay the implementation of the Bank's strategy, which could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The coverage of pension fund liabilities could be insufficient, which would lead to actuarial losses.***

The Bank has undertaken the obligation to pay pensions to its employees upon retirement or due to disability and other obligations, in accordance with the terms established in the Collective Labour Agreement of the Banking Sector. The Bank's liabilities are essentially covered by the Pension Fund, which is managed by PensõesGere – Sociedade Gestora de Fundos de Pensões, S.A. The total number of the Pension Fund participants stood at 24,971 as at 31 December 2013.

Following the Portuguese Government's decision decreed in Decree-Law No. 127/2011, of 31 December 2011, the Portuguese Government signed a tripartite agreement with the Portuguese Banking Association, the banks and the unions for the partial transfer of the liabilities with the payments of retirement pensions and the pension fund assets from the pension funds of the banks to the social security system. The Government undertook these measures in order to reduce the Portuguese banking system's exposure to the risks of defined benefit plans and to release those assets held by pension funds to the Portuguese Republic, in part, to meet the Government's fiscal targets under the PAEF.

The impacts of the transfer of the liabilities included a reduction to the Bank's liabilities with pensions of 54%, as of 31 December 2011, which means that the Bank's vulnerabilities associated with the market risk inherent to the Pension Fund were also reduced. This risk has penalised the Bank significantly in the recent past, especially considering the adverse economic and financial environment.

The value of transferred liabilities was determined based on actuarial assumptions that are different from those used by the Bank, namely with respect to the discount rate (4%) and the mortality table (TV 88/90 for women and TV 73/77 aggravated by one year for men). These assumptions were determined under the assumption of a liquidation of liabilities (exit value), since this involves a definitive and irreversible transfer of these liabilities. This implies differences when compared with the assumptions used in the determination of the liabilities reflected in the financial statements prepared in accordance with the requirements of IAS 19—Employee Benefits. On 31 December 2011, the total value of the transferred liabilities reached EUR 2,747 million.

The liabilities related to retirement pensions and other employee benefits were wholly funded at levels above the minimum limits defined by the Bank of Portugal, presenting a coverage level of 112% at the end of 2013. As of 31 December 2013, the liabilities related to pension and other employee benefits reached EUR 2,533 million, compared with EUR 2,293 million recorded as of 31 December 2012. In 2013, the Pension Fund recorded a 4.4% rate of return, whereas in 2012 it stood at 1.6%. The expected return rate of the Pension Fund is 4%.

Considering that International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 19—Employee Benefits allows direct recognition in equity of actuarial gains and losses, the Bank decided in 2011 to change its accounting policy and now recognises the actuarial gains and losses for the year against reserves. Hence, as of 31 December 2011, inclusively, the Bank no longer has deferred actuarial losses on the balance sheet.

The actuarial assumptions of the Pension Fund, the last evaluation of which was made at December 2013, are as follows: discount rate of 4% (the discount rate decreased from 4.5% to 4% from 2012 to 2013); age growth rate of 1% until 2016 and 1.75% after 2017 (unchanged from 2012), pensions growth rate of 0% up to 2016 and 0.75% after 2017 (unchanged from 2012); and rate of return of fund 4% (previously 4.5% in 2012). The mortality tables for men and women are the TV 73/77 minus one year and TV 88/90 minus two years, respectively (unchanged from the previous year).

Regulation (EU) No. 475/2012 of 5 June 2012, which amended IAS 19, disallowed use of the corridor method. As per this Regulation, in 2013, the Bank applied IAS 19, as amended, which, however, has not had any impact on its financial statements, as in accordance with the options permitted under the earlier version of IAS 19, the Bank had recognised actuarial gains and losses in net position.

The Bank of Portugal authorised the maintenance of the corridor for prudential purposes only. As at 31 December 2013, the value of the corridor was EUR 255 million (compared to with EUR 243 million registered as at 31 December 2012). According to CRD IV, the corridor is required to be deducted from regulatory capital (CET 1) during a five-year period beginning on 1 January 2014.

The level of coverage of pension fund liabilities could turn out to be insufficient. If the deterioration of global financial markets leads to lower investment income and, consequently, a lower value of the fund, this would result in actuarial losses for the year.

The losses are recognised against reserves for the year in which they occur. In 2013, actuarial differences amounted to negative EUR 212 million, penalised by the change in the discount rate to 4% (negative EUR 200 million). The Bank cannot guarantee that changes will not take place in the actuarial assumptions relating to the pension obligations and other employee benefits. Any changes in the assumptions could lead to increased actuarial losses which could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Bank.

Finally, the value of assets that are part of the Pension Fund depends on the future evolution of capital markets. A sharp decline in the capital markets could cause the value of the portfolio’s assets to become insufficient to cover the liabilities assumed by the Pension Fund, adversely affecting capital ratios and the Bank’s results.

***Labour disputes or other industrial actions could disrupt Bank operations or make them more costly to run.***

The Bank is exposed to the risk of labour disputes and other industrial actions. 86.5% of the Bank's employees in Portugal and 82.4% of all its employees were members of labour unions as of 31 December 2013. The Bank may experience strikes, work stoppages or other industrial actions in the future. Any of these actions could, possibly for a significant period of time, result in disruption to the Bank's activity and increased salaries and benefits granted to employees or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

***The Bank is exposed to market risk, which could result in the devaluation of investment holdings or affect its trading results.***

The Bank is exposed to market risk. This is the risk of a decline in the value of the Bank's investment holdings or its trading results as a consequence of changes in market factors—specifically in the risk of fluctuations in its share prices, interest rate risk and foreign exchange rate risk (as at 31 March 2014, 23% of the consolidated balance sheet is not generated in euro). The performance of the financial markets could cause changes in the value of the Bank's investment and trading portfolios. Changes in the interest rate level, yield curve and spreads could affect the Bank's net interest margin. Changes in foreign exchange rates could affect the value of its assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and could affect the results of trading.

The main measure used by the Bank in evaluating the market risks (including interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk and equity price risk) is Value at Risk (“**VaR**”). VaR is calculated based on analytical approximation defined in the methodology developed by Risk Metrics (1996). It is calculated using a 10 business day time horizon and a unilateral statistical confidence interval of 99%. During 2013, the average VaR for the trading portfolio stood at EUR 6.1 million.

The interest rate risk originated by transactions involving the non-trading book is assessed through a risk sensitivity analysis, carried out every month for all operations included in the Bank's consolidated balance sheet. The reported analysis as at 31 December 2013 indicates that interest rate risk sensitivity of the balance sheet, calculated as the difference between the present value of the interest rate mismatch after discounting cash flows at the market interest rate and discounting those same cash flows after taking into account parallel shifts in the market interest rate by + 100 basis points, is negative EUR 73.7 million for the currency in which the Bank has the most significant position, the euro.

The trading portfolio and portfolio of assets available for sale (shares) was EUR 92.8 million as at 31 December 2013, compared to EUR 100.7 million as at 31 December 2012. Any depreciation in the value of the Bank's trading portfolio, portfolio of assets available for sale and other variable yield securities could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

The Bank has significant exposure to participation units of closed-end funds, which are companies with audit accounts, and from the transfer of restructured loans. These assets included in the AFS portfolio amounted to EUR 1.205 billion (31 December 2013: EUR 1.106 billion). These funds have a diverse set of assets and liabilities valued in their respective accounts at fair value through internal methodologies used by the management company. Changes in the assumptions could have a significant impact on the net situation of the funds and, consequently, on the value of the participation units of the Bank. It is not practicable to present a sensitivity analysis of the different components of the underlying assumptions used by entities in the presentation of net asset value, though it should be noted that a variation of +/-10% of the net asset value has an impact of EUR 120.5 million (EUR 110.6 million as of 31 December 2013) in net position (fair value reserves).

The Bank has implemented risk management methods to mitigate and control these and other market risks to which it is exposed, including the use of derivatives to hedge certain products offered to its customers, and the Bank's risk exposure is continuously monitored. However, it is difficult to accurately predict changes in market conditions and to foresee the effects that these changes might have on the Bank's financial condition and results of operations. Any failure in risk management or control policies compared to market risk could have a negative impact on the Bank's activities, financial condition and results of operations.

***The Bank is exposed to insurance risks, where the value of insurance claims may exceed the amount of reserves held against those claims.***

The Bank is exposed to insurance risks mainly through its 49% shareholding in Millenniumbcp Ageas.

Insurance risk is the risk to earnings due to mismatches between expected and actual claims. Depending on the insurance product, this risk is influenced by macroeconomic changes, changes in customer behaviour, changes in public health, pandemics and catastrophic events such as earthquakes, industrial disasters, riots or terrorism. Failure to control insurance risks could result in material adverse effects on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects. Further, the EU is developing a new solvency framework for insurance companies, referred to as "**Solvency II**".

The new approach will be based on the concept of three pillars: minimum capital requirements, supervisory review of firms' assessment of risk, and enhanced disclosure requirements and will encompass valuations, the treatment of insurance groups, the definition of capital and the needs of capital at a global level. The European Commission is continuing to develop the detailed rules that will complement the high-level principles of the Directive, referred to as "**implementing measures**". There is significant uncertainty regarding the final outcome of this process. As a result, there is a risk that the effect of the measures finally adopted could be adverse for Millenniumbcp Ageas, including potentially a significant increase in capital required to support its business and a correlative competitive disadvantage with respect to other European and non-European financial services groups.

***The Bank is subject to compliance risk, which may lead to claims of non-compliance and lawsuits by public agencies, regulatory agencies and other parties.***

The Bank operates in a highly regulated industry and is subject to claims of non-compliance and lawsuits by public agencies, regulatory agencies and other parties in each jurisdiction it operates.

Compliance reviews or other proceedings that are unfavourable to the Bank may result in sanctions, limitations on its business opportunities or a reduction of its growth potential or may materially and adversely affect its ability to fulfil certain contractual obligations.

Any compliance audits or other proceedings deemed disadvantageous for the Bank may trigger certain sanctions to be applied against the Bank, limitations on business opportunities, or a reduction of its growth potential, and may have an adverse effect on the Bank's ability to comply with certain contractual obligations.

The Bank is subject to provisioning, minimum cash level, credit qualification, record-keeping, privacy, liquidity, permitted investments, contingency and other prudential and behavioural requirements which have associated costs; any increase or change in the criteria of these requirements could have an impact on the Bank's operations and results.

The Bank is also subject to rules and regulations related to the prevention of money laundering and terrorism financing. Compliance with anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing rules entails significant cost and effort. Non-compliance with these rules may have serious consequences,

including adverse legal and reputational consequences. Although the Bank believes that its current anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing policies and procedures are adequate to ensure compliance with applicable legislation, the Bank cannot guarantee that it will comply at all times with all rules applicable to money laundering and terrorism financing as extended to the whole Bank and applied to its workers in all circumstances. At the end of 2013, the Bank of Portugal issued a new regulation on anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing applicable to credit institutions, providing new preventative rules and reinforcing some of the previous obligations. This new regulation demands a continuous revision of the Bank's internal policies and risk control system which, together with the reinforcement of the powers of the Bank of Portugal, may increase the risk of non-compliance. A possible violation, or even any suspicion of a violation of these rules, in Portugal and in other jurisdictions where the Bank operates, may have serious legal, financial and reputational consequences, which could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

The Bank is subject to competition regulations. In particular, the Bank is subject to laws prohibiting the abuse of a dominant market position and prohibiting agreements and/or concerted practices between business entities that aim to prevent, restrict or distort competition, or have the effect of preventing, restricting or distorting competition. In cases where the Bank is found to have infringed the relevant rules of EU and/or Portuguese competition law, the Bank is subject to the risk of fines of up to 10% of its consolidated annual turnover in addition to a public announcement of any sanctions issued. In addition to penalties imposed by the EC and/or the Portuguese Competition Authority, the Bank may be ordered by these entities or by national courts, as applicable, to discontinue certain practices, comply with behavioural or structural remedies, or pay damages to third parties that demonstrate that they have been harmed by the Bank's infringement of the competition rules, whether based on an earlier infringement decision by the relevant authority or independent of any such decision. The Bank may also be subject to similar consequences in other jurisdictions where it is active, as imposed by competition authorities or national courts of such jurisdictions.

***The Bank is subject to certain operational risks, which may include interruptions in the services provided, errors, fraud attributable to third parties, omissions and delays in the provision of services and implementation of requirements for risk management.***

In its normal activity and as a result of its organisational structure, the Bank is subject to certain operational risks, including interruptions in the services provided, errors, fraud attributable to third parties, and omissions and delays in the provision of services and implementation of requirements for risk management. A majority of operational losses in 2013 was caused by failures in processes and external causes and 82.9% of the operational losses was lower than EUR 20,000. The Bank continually monitors operational risks by means of, among other actions, advanced administrative and information systems and insurance coverage with respect to certain operational risks. However, it is not possible to guarantee that the monitoring and prevention of these risks will be fully effective. Any lack of success in the implementation of the Bank's risk management and control policies could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Bank faces technological risks, and a failure in the Bank's information technology systems could result in, among other things, trading losses, losses in customer deposits and investments, accounting and financial reporting errors and breaches in data security.***

The operations developed by the Bank, in Portugal and internationally, have an infrastructure of information systems that is externalised, but also common and integrated, promoting higher overall efficiency. The Bank's operations depend heavily on their respective computer processing capabilities, especially following the centralisation of the information systems. Computer processing capabilities include record-keeping, financial reporting and other systems, including systems for monitoring points of sale and internal accounting systems.

A failure in the Bank's information technology systems could result in, among other things, trading losses, losses in customer deposits and investments, accounting and financial reporting errors and breaches in data security. The occurrence of any of the aforementioned events could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***The Bank is subject to the risk of changes in the relationship with its partners.***

Some of the Bank's activities are carried out in partnership with other entities that are not under the control of the Bank, including Millenniumbcp Ageas. Therefore, the Bank does not have the ability to control the decisions of these entities or ensure full compliance with the agreements that established such partnerships. Any decision or action by these entities and/or their breach of such agreements may have a material adverse effect on the Bank's reputation, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

As part of a process aiming to refocus on core activities, defined as a priority in the Strategic Plan, the Bank announced that it agreed with the international insurance group Ageas ("**Ageas**") to a partial recast of the strategic partnership agreements entered into in 2004, which includes the sale of its 49% interest in the (currently jointly owned) insurance companies that operate exclusively in the non-life insurance business, including "Ocidental – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros, S.A." and "Médias – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros de Saúde, S.A.". Subject to regulatory approval from supervisory authorities, the agreement has a base price of EUR 122.5 million, subject to a medium-term performance adjustment. In 2013, the non-life activity recorded gross inflows of EUR 251 million and a net profit of EUR 12 million.

The partners (Ageas and BCP) also agreed that the joint venture will upstream excess capital totalling EUR 290 million to its shareholders, which is planned for 2014 in accordance with the proportion of participations held by BCP and Ageas.

Following the sale, Millennium bcp will continue, now in tandem with other banking and non-banking distribution channels, to distribute non-life insurance products from "Ocidental – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros, S.A." and "Médias – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros de Saúde, S.A.".

In February 2009, the Bank carried out financial transactions relating to the strategic partnership agreements established with Sonangol (a company that currently holds 19.44% of the Bank's share capital and voting rights) and Banco Português do Atlântico ("**BPA**") (a company in which BMA holds a shareholding of 6.66%), as a result of which the Bank reduced its stake in BMA to 52.7% through BMA's share capital increase of USD 105,752,496.80.

In April 2012, the Bank reduced its stake in BMA to 50.1%, following BMA's share capital increase, which was fully subscribed to by Global Pactum – Gestão de Activos (main shareholder of BPA), in line with the partnership agreement entered into with Sonangol and BPA. Within the scope of this partnership, the Bank, Sonangol and BPA entered in May 2008 into a shareholders' agreement regarding BMA, which included, among others, clauses on corporate bodies and preferential rights in case of transfer of BMA's shares. It is not possible to predict in advance the success of the Bank's development in Angola.

***Transactions in the Bank's own portfolio involve risks.***

The Bank carries out various proprietary activities, including the placement of deposits denominated in euro and other currencies in the interbank market, as well as trading in primary and secondary markets for government securities. The management of the Bank's own portfolio includes taking positions in fixed income and equity markets, both via spot market and through derivative products and other financial instruments. In spite of the Bank's limited level of involvement in these activities, trading on account of its own portfolio carries risks, since its results depend partly on market

conditions. A reduction in the value of financial assets held due to market conditions, or any other such conditions outside the control of the Bank, could require a corresponding loss recognition that may impact the Bank's balance sheet. Moreover, the Bank relies on a vast range of reporting and internal management tools in order to be able to report its exposure to such transactions correctly and in due time. Future results arising from trading on account of its own portfolio will depend partly on market conditions, and the Bank may incur significant losses resulting from adverse changes in the fair value of financial assets, which could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

***Hedging operations carried out by the Bank may not be adequate to prevent losses.***

The Bank carries out transactions (hedging) to reduce its exposure to different types of risks associated with its business. In 2013, the fair value of hedge losses stood at EUR 9.7 million. Many of its hedging strategies are based on historical patterns of transactions and correlations. Consequently, unexpected market developments might negatively affect the Bank's hedging strategies.

Furthermore, the Bank does not hedge all of its risk exposure in all market environments or against all types of risks. Moreover, the way that gains or losses arising from certain ineffective hedges are recognized may result in additional volatility in its reported earnings. The Group employs derivatives and other financial instruments to hedge its exposure to interest rate and foreign exchange risk resulting from financing and investment activities. Hedging derivatives are recognised at their fair value and the profits and losses resulting from their valuation are recognised against the results. The Bank may still incur losses from changes in the fair value of derivatives and other financial instruments qualify as fair value hedges. If any of its hedging instruments or strategies are inefficient, the Bank could incur losses, which could have a material adverse effect on its activity, financial condition and results of operations.

***The Bank faces exchange rate risk related to its international operations***

All of the Bank's international operations are directly or indirectly exposed to exchange rate risk, which could adversely affect the Bank's results. Any devaluation of these currencies relative to the euro could have a negative impact on the Bank's business activity, financial condition and results of operations.

As at 31 December 2013, the commercial gap in local currency observed in the main locations in which the Bank has operations, measured by the difference between on balance sheet customer funds and loans to customers, was the following: Bank Millennium in Poland: PLN 18.7 billion (EUR 4.5 billion), Bank Millennium in Romania: RON 0.4 billion (EUR 0.09 billion), Millennium bim in Mozambique: MZM 12.1 billion (EUR 0.3 billion) and Banco Millennium in Angola: AOA 58.8 billion (EUR 0.4 billion). The Bank's loan portfolio also includes loans in foreign currency, where the losses are assumed by customers and recorded in the profit and loss account under impairment. The use of funding in foreign currency in some countries of Eastern Europe exposes some of the Bank's customers to exchange rate risk, affecting the financial condition of these entities and, consequently, the net income of the Bank. Although Bank Millennium stopped granting new foreign currency loans in Poland at the end of 2008, it still holds a considerable loan portfolio in foreign currency, mainly in Swiss francs (as at 31 December 2013, 42% of the total loan portfolio and 67% of the total mortgage loan book), and therefore the Bank's net income could be significantly affected by the need to undertake additional payments for impairment in the loan portfolio and the high cost of zloty swaps. Additionally, as at 31 December 2013, the loan portfolio denominated in USD in the Angolan subsidiary had a weight of 41% of the total loan portfolio and the deposits denominated in USD in the Angola subsidiary had a weight of 31% of the total amount of deposits.

Net income may also be adversely affected if Poland does not join the Eurozone in the medium term as is currently expected. Similarly, net income may be affected if institutional investors pool their



assets in established, rather than emerging, markets. This risk is exacerbated in the context of greater political instability related to reform of the European institutional framework, which has already had repercussions on the Swiss franc exchange rate.

***The Bank might be exposed to non-identified risks or to an unexpected level of risks, notwithstanding the risk management policies pursued by the Bank.***

The Bank is exposed to a series of risks, including, among others, credit risk, market risk, operational risk and liquidity risk. Although careful methodologies have been implemented for the management of each type of risk to which the Bank is exposed, when faced with exceptionally adverse scenarios, the policies and procedures used by the Bank in the identification, monitoring and management of these risks might not prove to be totally effective. The Bank's risk management methods are based on a combination of human and technical controls and supervision, which are subject to errors and defects. Some of the Bank's methods of managing risks are based on internally developed controls and on historic data on market behaviour, also supported by common market practices. These methods might not adequately predict future losses, in particular when related to relevant market fluctuations, which could be considerably higher than those observed in other periods. These methods might also be ineffective in protecting against losses caused by technical errors, if the implemented testing and control systems are not effective in the prevention of software and hardware technical defects. Any errors or failures in the implementation of such risk management systems, as well as their possible inability to identify all the risks or risk levels to which the Bank is exposed, could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's activities, financial condition and results of operations.

***The Non-Core Business Portfolio segment may generate additional impairment levels.***

In the scope of the Restructuring Plan, business portfolios in Portugal that the Bank should gradually divest/discontinue and not promote new credit production were identified. These portfolios are related with credit granted to customers, comprising loans to securities acquisition, highly leveraged secured lending in which LTV (loan to value) is no lower than 90%, the subsidised mortgages segment and credit related to construction that is almost exclusively focused on the Portuguese market, football clubs and real estate development. The Bank began the process of internal reorganisation with a view to managing this segment in a segregated way, and proceeded to develop and implement the applicable internal rules framework and to implement the rules and management practices of the Non-Core Business Portfolio. On 31 March 2014, such credits totalled EUR 13.7 billion (EUR 12.3 billion net of impairment), of which 86% have real guarantees, 66% from real estate assets and 20% from other assets. The Bank has committed to the goal of progressive reduction of these credits, and their total should not exceed EUR 12 billion at 31 December 2017. Notwithstanding the divestment of this credit portfolio which takes primarily into consideration the optimisation of the impact on capital through minimisation of the expected loss, the Bank may have to register additional impairments related to the devaluation of the respective collaterals and to the increase of delinquency.

***Risks relating to legislation on deferred tax assets.***

The Bank's deferred tax assets on 31 March 2014 corresponded to EUR 2,184 million and were generated by tax losses and temporary differences between certain income and expense accounts. The most notable sources of the Bank's deferred tax assets are impairment losses amounting to EUR 1,090 million and related employee benefits amounting to EUR 771 million, as at 31 March 2014.

Deferred taxes are calculated as a function of the expected tax rates in force when temporary differences are reversed, which correspond to the approved or substantively approved rates in place as of the date of the balance sheet. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are presented on a net basis whenever, in accordance with applicable law, current tax assets and current tax liabilities can be offset and when deferred taxes are related to the same tax.

As a result of Law No. 2/2014, enacted 16 January 2014, several amendments were made to the Corporate Income Tax Code that affected the calculation of deferred taxes as at 31 December 2013. These include:

- the reduction of the income tax rate from 25% to 23%;
- the creation of the state surcharge of 7% applied to the portion of taxable income greater than EUR 35,000,000;
- the decrease of the limit for deduction of losses and tax benefits from 75% to 70% of the taxable income;
- a change in the reporting period of tax losses from five to 12 years, calculated in periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014; and
- the non-taxation of gains taxable and non-tax deduction of losses arising out of the sale of equity shares, subject to the verification of a set of requirements, and the full tax deduction of losses arising out of shareholdings due to the liquidation of companies.

The deferred taxes recognised in the financial statements are based on an assessment made of their recoverability, taking into account the expectation of the generation of future tax profits, which is supported by the approved business plan. If the Bank is unable to generate sufficient future profits in order to be able to use the temporary differences deductible for tax purposes, the deferred taxes may not be recovered. These procedures and this recognition may be changed if a new legal framework for the conversion of certain deferred tax assets in tax credits in case of losses of a financial year is approved, pursuant to a proposal of the Portuguese government to the Portuguese Parliament discussed below, and the Bank adheres to it.

On 10 July 2014, the Portuguese Parliament approved a law relating to deferred tax assets, aimed at restoring competitive conditions for domestic companies in the vein of similar legislative schemes that have been introduced in other EU countries, such as Spain and Italy. The law has still not entered into force, as it is still pending promulgation and publication on the Portuguese Official Gazette.

The scheme that has now been approved shall apply to expenditures and negative equity variations accounted in tax periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015, the deferred tax assets that are recorded in the annual accounts of the taxpayer for the preceding period preceding the date of the taxation and spending, and negative equity changes that are associated with them.

Additionally, the bill aims to ensure the strengthening of the capital structure of companies that opt into the scheme, requiring mandatory adoption by these entities of measures aimed at increasing capital via the issue of conversion rights tradable in the market.

In accordance with the release published on the website of the Portuguese Parliament (<http://www.parlamento.pt/ActividadeParlamentar/Paginas/DetalheIniciativa.aspx?BID=38542>), the approved legislation provides (with an optional adhesion regime and the possibility of subsequent waiver) that, upon certain events (including annual negative net results, as well as liquidation as a result of voluntary dissolution, insolvency decided by the court or withdrawal of the respective licence), the deferred tax assets that have resulted from the non-deduction of expenses and negative asset variation with impairment losses in credits and with post-employment benefits or long term employments, will be converted into tax credits, that will be able to be offset against tax debts of the beneficiaries or reimbursed by the Portuguese Republic. The offset or reimbursed credits will generate a special reserve corresponding to 110% of their amount, which is intended to be incorporated into the share capital, with the issuance of rights of conversion into equity (issued with reference to the market price of the shares) attributed for free to the Portuguese Republic.

The shareholders at such date will have a potestative right of acquisition of such conversion rights against the same reference price.

Assuming that (i) the approved legislation by the Parliament would correspond to the final version to be published in the Official Gazette and to enter into force, (ii) the Bank would adhere to the regime and assuming further its application as at 31 March 2014, the Bank's CET 1 ratio, fully implemented as at 31 March 2014, would have been 8.4% if calculated assuming a conservative interpretation (although not definitive) of the approved legislation by Parliament concerning the deferred tax assets reform, as compared with a CET 1 ratio of 5.4% without approval of this legislation. In these scenarios (although only in the cases of annual losses, liquidation as a result of voluntary dissolution, insolvency decided by the court or withdrawal of the respective licence), the potential issuance of conversion rights to the State associated to the amount of tax credits would have dilutive effects to the shareholders not exercising their right to acquire such conversion rights from the State.

As of the date of this Base Prospectus, whether and when the approved legislation will enter into force, is not yet known. If this approved legislation enters into force, any features of its final configuration, implementation, or interpretation by the assigned authorities, changes on its implementation or conditions of potential applicability to the Bank could have a material adverse effect on the Bank's business, capital position, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

## **RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COVERED BONDS ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME**

### **Obligations under the Covered Bonds**

The Covered Bonds will not represent an obligation or be the responsibility of the Arrangers, the Common Representative or the Dealers or any person other than the Issuer. The Issuer will be liable solely in its corporate capacity for its obligations in respect of the Covered Bonds and such obligations will not be the obligations of its officers, members, directors, employees, security holders or incorporators.

### **Extended Maturity of the Covered Bonds**

Unless the rating provided by the rating agencies appointed by the Issuer at the relevant time in respect of the Programme is adversely affected by such provisions, an Extended Maturity Date will apply to each Series of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. If an Extended Maturity Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, in the applicable Pricing Supplement) as applying to a Series of Covered Bonds and the Issuer fails to redeem at par all of those Covered Bonds in full on the Maturity Date, the maturity of the principal amount outstanding of the Covered Bonds will automatically be extended on a monthly basis for up to one year to the Extended Maturity Date, subject as otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, in the applicable Pricing Supplement). In that event, the Issuer may redeem at par all or part of the principal amount outstanding of those Covered Bonds on an Interest Payment Date falling in any month after the Maturity Date up to and including the Extended Maturity Date, subject as otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, in the applicable Pricing Supplement). In that event also, the interest payable on the principal amount outstanding of those Covered Bonds will change as provided in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, in the applicable Pricing Supplement) and such interest may apply on a fixed or floating basis. The extension of the maturity of the principal amount outstanding of those Covered Bonds from the Maturity Date up to the Extended Maturity Date will not result in any right of the holders of Covered Bonds to accelerate payments on those Covered Bonds or constitute an event of default for any purpose and no payment will be due to the holders of Covered Bonds in that event other than as set out in the *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*.

### **Benefit of special creditor privilege (“*privilégio creditório*”)**

The holders of Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer under the Programme whether outstanding at the date hereof or in the future benefit from a special creditor privilege (“*privilégio creditório*”) over all assets comprised in the Cover Pool in relation to the payment of principal and interest on the Covered Bonds (see *Characteristics of the Cover Pool*). The Covered Bonds Law establishes that the Common Representative and any Hedge Counterparties at the date hereof and in the future are also preferred creditors of the Issuer which benefit from the above mentioned special creditor privilege (“*privilégio creditório*”). None of the assets comprised in the Cover Pool are or will be exclusively available to meet the claims of the holders of certain Covered Bonds ahead of other holders of Covered Bonds or of Other Preferred Creditors of the Issuer at the date hereof or in the future.

### **Dynamic Nature of the Cover Pool**

The Cover Pool may contain mortgage credits, other eligible assets, substitution assets and hedging contracts, in all cases subject to the limitations provided for in the Covered Bonds Law. The Covered Bonds Law permits the composition of the Cover Pool to be dynamic and does not require it to be static. Accordingly, the composition of mortgage credits (and other permitted assets) comprised in the Cover Pool will change from time to time in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law. See *The Covered Bonds Law*.

### **Other Assets/Hedging Contracts**

The Covered Bonds Law permits the inclusion in the Cover Pool of other eligible assets and hedging contracts subject to certain restrictions under the Covered Bonds Law. The aggregate amount of other eligible assets cannot exceed 20% of the total value of the mortgage credits and other eligible assets comprised in the Cover Pool. See *Characteristics of the Cover Pool*.

### **Hedging Contracts**

Hedging contracts can be entered into exclusively to hedge risks such as interest rate risk, exchange rate risk and liquidity risk. The Issuer is entitled but not required to enter into hedging contracts under the Covered Bonds Law, except if the Covered Bonds and the Cover Pool are denominated in different currencies, in which case the Issuer shall hedge any rate risk coverage. See *Characteristics of the Cover Pool – Hedging Contracts*.

### **Value of security over residential property**

As described above, the holders of Covered Bonds benefit from a special creditor privilege (“*privilégio creditório*”) over all assets comprised in the Cover Pool in relation to the payment of principal and interest on the Covered Bonds (See *Characteristics of the Cover Pool*). The security for a mortgage credit included in the Cover Pool consists of, among other things, a mortgage over a property granted in favour of the Issuer. The value of this property and accordingly the level of recovery on the enforcement of the mortgage, may be affected by, among other things, a decline in the value of the relevant property and no assurance can be given that the values of the relevant properties will not decline in the future. A situation where a mortgage has to be enforced to pay the holders of Covered Bonds is, however, highly unlikely because the Covered Bonds Law establishes that any mortgage credits which are delinquent for over 90 days must be substituted. See *The Covered Bonds Law*.

### **Amortisation of Mortgage Credits**

Mortgage credits which are included in the Cover Pool are and will generally be subject to amortisation of principal and payment of interest on a monthly basis. They are also subject to early

repayment of principal at any time in whole or part by the relevant borrowers. Early repayments of principal on mortgage credits may result in the Issuer being required to include further mortgage credits and/or substitution assets in the Cover Pool in order for the Issuer to comply with the financial matching requirements under the Covered Bonds Law.

### **No Due Diligence**

None of the Arrangers or the Dealers has or will undertake any investigations, searches or other actions in respect of any assets contained or to be contained in the Cover Pool but will instead rely on representations and warranties provided by the Issuer in the Programme Agreement.

### **Withholding under the EU Savings Directive**

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest (or income deemed equivalent for these purposes) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non- EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland). In April 2013, the Luxembourg Government announced its intention to abolish the withholding system with effect from 1 January 2015, in favour of automatic information exchange under the Directive.

On 15 April 2014, Council Directive 2014/48/EU of 24 March 2014 entered into force and amended Directive 2003/48/EC. Member States are to adopt the changes to comply with the amendments by 1 January 2016, which are to apply from 1 January 2017.

Among other changes, a “look-through approach” is to be applied to payments made to entities or legal arrangements established or having their place of effective management in countries or territories where Directive 2003/48/EC or measures to the same or equivalent effect do not apply, an indicative list of entities and legal arrangements in the third countries and jurisdictions concerned being provided.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Covered Bond as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. If a withholding tax is imposed on payment made by a Paying Agent, the Issuer will be required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

### **U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Withholding**

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or “**FATCA**”) impose a new reporting regime and, potentially, a 30% withholding tax with respect to (i) certain payments from sources within the United States, (ii) “**foreign passthru payments**” made to certain non-U.S. financial institutions that do not comply with this new reporting regime, and (iii) payments to certain investors that do not provide identification information with respect to interests issued by a participating non-U.S. financial institution. While the Covered Bonds are in global form and held within Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (together, the “**ICSDs**”) or cleared through Interbolsa, in all but the most remote circumstances, it is not expected that FATCA will affect the amount of any payment received by the ICSDs or Interbolsa. However, FATCA may affect payments made to custodians or intermediaries in the subsequent payment chain leading to the ultimate investor

if any such custodian or intermediary generally is unable to receive payments free of FATCA withholding. It also may affect payment to any ultimate investor that is a financial institution that is not entitled to receive payments free of withholding under FATCA, or an ultimate investor that fails to provide its broker (or other custodian or intermediary from which it receives payment) with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for the payments to be made free of FATCA withholding.

Investors should choose the custodians or intermediaries with care (to ensure each is compliant with FATCA or other laws or agreements related to FATCA) and provide each custodian or intermediary with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for such custodian or intermediary to make a payment free of FATCA withholding. Investors should consult their own tax adviser to obtain a more detailed explanation of FATCA and how FATCA may affect them. The Issuer's obligations under the Covered Bonds are discharged, in respect of Covered Bonds other than Book Entry Covered Bonds, once it has paid the common depositary for the ICSDs (as bearer or registered holder of the Covered Bonds) and the Issuer has therefore no responsibility for any amount thereafter transmitted through the ICSDs or Interbolsa and custodians or intermediaries. Prospective investors should refer to *Taxation – Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act*.

### **Change of law**

The Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds are governed by Portuguese law in effect as at the date of issue of the relevant Covered Bonds. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to Portuguese laws, including the Covered Bonds Law, or administrative practice after the date of issue of the relevant Covered Bonds.

### **Risks related to withholding tax**

Under Portuguese law, income derived from the Book Entry Covered Bonds integrated in and held through a centralised system managed by Portuguese resident entities (such as the Central de Valores Mobiliários, managed by Interbolsa), by other European Union or European Economic Area entities that manage international clearing systems (in the latter case if there is administrative cooperation for tax purposes with the relevant country which is equivalent to that in place within the European Union), or, when authorised by the member of the government in charge of finance (currently the Finance Minister), in other centralised systems held by non-resident investors (both individual and corporate) eligible for the debt securities special tax exemption regime which was approved by Decree-Law 193/2005, of 7 November, as amended, (“**Decree-Law 193/2005**”) and in force as from 1 January 2006, may benefit from withholding tax exemption, provided that certain procedures and certification requirements are complied with.

Failure to comply with procedures, declarations, certifications or others, will result in the application of the relevant Portuguese domestic withholding tax to the payments without giving rise to an obligation to gross up by the Bank.

It should also be noted that, if interest and other income derived from the Covered Bonds issued by the Bank is paid or made available (“**colocado à disposição**”) to accounts in the name of one or more accountholders acting on behalf of undisclosed entities (e.g., typically “**jumbo**” accounts) such income will be subject to withholding tax in Portugal at a rate of 35% unless the beneficial owner of the income is disclosed. Failure by the investors to comply with this disclosure obligation will result in the application of the said Portuguese withholding tax at a rate of 35% and the Bank will not be required to gross up payments in respect of any withheld accounts in accordance with Condition 7.

Further, interest and other types of investment income obtained by non-resident holders (individuals or legal persons) without a Portuguese permanent establishment to which the income is attributable that are domiciled in a country included in the “tax havens” list approved by Ministerial order No.

150/2004 of 13 February (as amended by Ministerial order No. 292/2011 of 8 November) is subject to withholding tax at 35%, which is the final tax on that income, unless Decree-Law 193/2005 applies and the beneficial owners are central banks and government agencies, international organisations recognised by the Portuguese state, residents in a country or jurisdiction with which Portugal has entered into a double tax treaty or a tax information exchange agreement in force.

The Bank will not be required to gross up payments in respect of any of such nonresident holders, in accordance with Condition 7.

See details of the Portuguese taxation regime in *Taxation—Portugal*.

### **The secondary market generally**

Covered Bonds may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Covered Bonds easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Covered Bonds.

### **Exchange rate risks and exchange controls**

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Covered Bonds in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the “**Investor's Currency**”) other than the Specified Currency. These include the risks that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Covered Bonds, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Covered Bonds and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Covered Bonds. Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

### **Credit ratings may not reflect all risks**

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Covered Bonds. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Covered Bonds. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time. A rating agency may lower or withdraw its rating of the Covered Bonds and that action may reduce the market value of the Covered Bonds.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the “**CRA Regulation**”) from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended). Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended). The list of registered and certified rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority (“**ESMA**”) on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation is not conclusive evidence of the status of the

relevant rating agency included in such list, as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated ESMA list. Certain information with respect to the credit rating agencies and ratings is set out on the cover of this Base Prospectus.

### **Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Covered Bonds**

A wide range of Covered Bonds may be issued under the Programme. Covered Bonds may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors, who should consider the terms of the Covered Bonds before investing.

*Investors who purchase Covered Bonds in denominations that are not an integral multiple of the Specified Denomination may be adversely affected if definitive Covered Bonds are subsequently required to be issued.*

In relation to any issue of Bearer Covered Bonds which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination and one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Covered Bonds may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case, a holder who, as a result of such trading, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a Definitive Bearer Covered Bond in respect of such holding (should Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Covered Bonds such that its holding amounts to the minimum Specified Denomination.

If definitive Covered Bonds are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Covered Bonds which have a denomination which is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

#### *Risks relating to Fixed Rate Covered Bonds.*

Investment in Fixed Rate Covered Bonds involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Covered Bonds.

*If the Issuer has the right to redeem the Covered Bonds at its option, this may limit the market value of the Covered Bonds concerned and an investor may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a manner which achieves a similar effective return.*

An optional redemption feature of Covered Bonds is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Covered Bonds, the market value of those Covered Bonds generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem Covered Bonds when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Covered Bonds. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Covered Bonds being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.



*If the Issuer has the right to convert the interest rate on any Covered Bonds from a fixed rate to a floating rate or vice versa, this may affect the secondary market and the market value of the Covered Bonds concerned.*

Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may bear interest at a rate that converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Where the Issuer has the right to effect such a conversion, this will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Covered Bonds since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate in such circumstances, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds tends to be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Covered Bonds tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Covered Bonds. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate in such circumstances, the fixed rate tends to be lower than then prevailing market rates.

*Covered Bonds which are issued at a substantial discount or premium may experience price volatility in response to changes in market interest rates.*

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount (such as Zero Coupon Covered Bonds) or premium to their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for more conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of such securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to more conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

## **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

The following documents, which have previously been published and have been filed with the Central Bank, shall be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- (a) the published consolidated balance sheet (page 197 of the document related to 2012 Annual Report and page 153 of the document related to 2013 Annual Report), income statement (page 196 of the document related to 2012 Annual Report and page 152 of the document related to 2013 Annual Report), cash flows statement (page 198 of the document related to 2012 Annual Report and page 154 of the document related to 2013 Annual Report), statement of changes in equity (page 199 of the document related to 2012 Annual Report and page 155 of the document related to 2013 Annual Report), statement of comprehensive income (page 200 of the document related to 2012 Annual Report and page 156 of the document related to 2013 Annual Report), notes to the consolidated financial statements (pages 201 to 335 of the document related to 2012 Annual Report and pages 158 to 297 of the document related to 2013 Annual Report) and audit reports (pages 464 to 466 of the document related to 2012 Annual Report and pages 442 to 444 of the document related to 2013 Annual Report) of the Banco Comercial Português Group for the years ended on 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2013 all as included in the 2012 and 2013 Annual Reports of the BCP Group. The remainder of the 2012 and 2013 Annual Reports of the BCP Group is not incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus;
- (b) the published unaudited consolidated balance sheet (page 22), income statement (page 21), cash flows statement (page 23), statement of changes in equity (page 24), statement of comprehensive income (page 25), notes to the consolidated financial statements (pages 26 to 116) and limited review report (pages 117 to 118) of the Bank and its subsidiaries for the three-month period ended 31 March 2014 included in the Interim Activity Report of the 1st Quarter 2014. The remainder of the Interim Activity Report of the 1st Quarter 2014 is not incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus; and
- (c) solely for the purposes of any issues of Covered Bonds which are expressed to be consolidated and form a single Series with a Tranche of Covered Bonds issued in earlier Base Prospectuses published by the Issuer, the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds, on pages 40 to 63 (inclusive) of the Base Prospectus dated 5 June 2007, on pages 50 to 74 (inclusive) of the Base Prospectus dated 4 August 2008, on pages 55 to 79 (inclusive) of the Base Prospectus dated 23 July 2009, on page 59 to 84 (inclusive) of the Base Prospectus dated 6 May 2010, on pages 74 to 99 of the Base Prospectus dated 29 June 2012 and on pages 81 to 105 of the Base Prospectus dated 10 July 2013 each prepared by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

The information incorporated by reference in (a) to (b) above are a direct and accurate translation from their original Portuguese form. In the event of a discrepancy the original Portuguese version will prevail.

Following the publication of this Base Prospectus, a supplement may be prepared by the Issuer and approved by the Central Bank in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any document incorporated by reference therein) shall to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise) modify or supersede statements contained in this Base Prospectus or in a document which is incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this Base Prospectus.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus can be obtained from the registered offices of the Issuer and from the specified offices of the Agent and of the Common Representative for the time being. Documents referred to in (a) to (b) above can be viewed electronically and free of charge at the Issuer's website at the following links <http://ind.millenniumbcp.pt/en/Institucional/investidores/Pages/RelatorioContas.aspx> and <http://ind.millenniumbcp.pt/en/Institucional/investidores/Documents/RelatorioContas/RCBCP1Q2014EN.pdf>. Earlier Base Prospectuses published by the Issuer referred to in (c) above can be viewed electronically and free of charge at the following links:

- (a) Base Prospectus dated 5 June 2007:  
[http://www.rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com/rns/0575z\\_-2007-6-26.pdf](http://www.rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com/rns/0575z_-2007-6-26.pdf);
- (b) Base Prospectus dated 4 August 2008:  
[http://www.rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com/rns/6254A\\_-2008-8-4.pdf](http://www.rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com/rns/6254A_-2008-8-4.pdf);
- (c) Base Prospectus dated 23 July 2009:  
[http://ind.millenniumbcp.pt/pt/Institucional/investidores/Documents/permanentes/OfferingCircularFinal\\_2009\\_07\\_23.pdf](http://ind.millenniumbcp.pt/pt/Institucional/investidores/Documents/permanentes/OfferingCircularFinal_2009_07_23.pdf);
- (d) Base Prospectus dated 6 May 2010:  
[http://ind.millenniumbcp.pt/pt/Institucional/investidores/Documents/permanentes/OfferingCircularFinal\\_2010\\_05\\_06.pdf](http://ind.millenniumbcp.pt/pt/Institucional/investidores/Documents/permanentes/OfferingCircularFinal_2010_05_06.pdf);
- (e) Base Prospectus dated 29 June 2012:  
<http://tools.morningstar.co.uk/tsweu6nqxu/globaldocuments/document/documentHandler.aspx?DocumentId=40437185>; and
- (f) Base Prospectus dated 10 July 2013:  
<http://tools.morningstar.co.uk/tsweu6nqxu/globaldocuments/document/documentHandler.aspx?DocumentId=54239215>.

The Issuer will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Covered Bonds, prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus or publish a new base prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Covered Bonds.

Any documents themselves incorporated by reference in the documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus shall not form part of this Base Prospectus.

The Bank confirms that any non-incorporated parts of a document referred to herein are either not relevant for an investor or are otherwise covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

Under the Programme, the Issuer may from time to time issue Covered Bonds denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, subject as set out herein. An overview of the terms and conditions of the Programme and the Covered Bonds appears under *Overview of the Covered Bonds Programme*. The applicable terms of any Covered Bonds will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer prior to the issue of those Covered Bonds and will be set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds endorsed on, or attached to, the Covered Bonds as completed by the applicable Final Terms attached to, or endorsed on, such Covered Bonds, or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, the applicable Pricing Supplement, as more fully described under *Final Terms for Covered Bonds* and *Pricing Supplement for Exempt Covered Bonds* below.

This Base Prospectus will only be valid for admitting Covered Bonds to trading on the Irish Stock Exchange's regulated market during the period of 12 months after the date of approval of this Base Prospectus in an aggregate nominal amount which, when added to the aggregate nominal amount then outstanding on all Covered Bonds previously or simultaneously issued under the Programme, does not exceed Euro 12,500,000,000 (subject to increase in accordance with the Programme Agreement (as defined below)) or its equivalent in other currencies. For the purpose of calculating the euro equivalent of the aggregate nominal amount of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme from time to time:

- (a) the euro equivalent of Covered Bonds denominated in another Specified Currency (as specified in the applicable Final Terms in relation to the Covered Bonds, or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, the applicable Pricing Supplement) shall be determined, at the discretion of the Issuer, either as of the date on which agreement is reached for the issue of Covered Bonds or on the preceding day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London and Lisbon, in each case, on the basis of the spot rate for the sale of the euro against the purchase of such Specified Currency in the Lisbon foreign exchange market quoted by any leading international bank selected by the Issuer on the relevant day of calculation; and
- (b) the euro equivalent of Zero Coupon Covered Bonds (as specified in the applicable Final Terms in relation to the Covered Bonds or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, the applicable Pricing Supplement) and other Covered Bonds issued at a discount or a premium shall be calculated in the manner specified above by reference to the net proceeds received by the Issuer for the relevant issue.

## FORM OF THE COVERED BONDS AND CLEARING SYSTEMS

*Any reference in this section to “applicable Final Terms” shall be deemed to include a reference to “applicable Pricing Supplement” where relevant.*

The Covered Bonds will be held through a central securities depository (“**CSD**”) which can be either (i) a Portuguese domestic CSD, which will be Interbolsa – Sociedade Gestora de Sistemas de Liquidação e de Sistemas Centralizados de Valores Mobiliários, S.A. as operator of the Central de Valores Mobiliários (“**Interbolsa**”) or (ii) an international CSD, which will be Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear System (“**Euroclear**”) and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”).

The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of Interbolsa, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (together, the “**Clearing Systems**”) currently in effect. The information in this section concerning the Clearing Systems has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable, but none of the Arrangers or any Dealer takes any responsibility for the accuracy thereof. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Clearing Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Clearing System. None of the Issuer, the Arrangers or any of the Dealers will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, interests in the Covered Bonds held through the facilities of any Clearing System or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such interests.

Interbolsa, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each hold securities for its participants and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective participants. Interbolsa, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of domestically and internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depository and custodial relationships.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg participants are world-wide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations.

Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions and persons that directly or indirectly through other institutions clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant of either system.

The address of Interbolsa is Avenida da Boavista, 3433, 4100-138 Oporto, Portugal, the address of Euroclear is 1 Boulevard Du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brussels, Belgium and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is 42 Avenue J.F. Kennedy, 1855 Luxembourg, Luxembourg.

Any reference herein to Interbolsa, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, wherever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, US persons unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act (see *Subscription and Sale and Transfer Restrictions*

and Secondary Market Arrangements). Accordingly, the Covered Bonds will only be issued outside the United States in reliance upon Regulation S.

## **Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa**

### *General*

Interbolsa holds securities through a centralised system (“*sistema centralizado*”) composed by interconnected securities accounts, through which such securities (and inherent rights) are held and transferred, and which allows Interbolsa to control at all times the amount of securities so held and transferred. Issuers of securities, financial intermediaries, the Bank of Portugal and Interbolsa, as the controlling entity, all participate in such centralised system.

The centralised securities system of Interbolsa provides for all the procedures required for the exercise of ownership rights inherent to the Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa.

In relation to each issue of securities, Interbolsa’s centralised system comprises, inter alia, (i) the issue account, opened by the relevant issuer in the centralised system and which reflects the full amount of issued securities; and (ii) the control accounts opened by each of the financial intermediaries which participate in Interbolsa’s centralised system, and which reflect the securities held by such participant on behalf of its customers in accordance with its individual securities accounts.

Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa shall only be tradable in one specified denomination.

As of the date of this Base Prospectus, Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa may only be issued in Euro, U.S. dollars, United Kingdom pounds sterling, Japanese Yen, Swiss Francs, Australian dollars and Canadian dollars.

Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa will be attributed an International Securities Identification Number (“**ISIN**”) code through the codification system of Interbolsa and will be accepted for clearing through the clearing system operated at Interbolsa and settled by Interbolsa’s settlement system.

### *Form of the Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa*

The Covered Bonds of each Series will be in book-entry form (“*forma escritural*”) and title to the Covered Bonds will be evidenced by book entries in accordance with the provisions of the Portuguese Securities Code and the applicable CMVM regulations. No physical document of title will be issued in respect of Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa. The Covered Bonds can be either *nominativas* (in which case Interbolsa, at the Issuer’s request, can ask the Interbolsa Participants information regarding the identity of the holders of Covered Bonds and transmit such information to the Issuer) or *ao portador* (in which case Interbolsa cannot inform the Issuer of the identity of the holders of Covered Bonds), as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The Covered Bonds of each Series will be registered in the relevant issue account opened by the Issuer with Interbolsa and will be held in control accounts by each Interbolsa Participant on behalf of the holders of the Covered Bonds. Such control accounts reflect at all times the aggregate of Covered Bonds held in the individual securities accounts opened by the holders of the Covered Bonds with each of the Interbolsa Participants. The expression “**Interbolsa Participant**” means any authorised financial intermediary entitled to hold control accounts with Interbolsa on behalf of their customers and includes any depository banks appointed by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for the purpose of holding accounts on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Each person shown in the records of an Interbolsa Participant as having an interest in Covered Bonds shall be treated as the holder of the principal amount of the Covered Bonds recorded therein.

If the Covered Bonds are stated in the applicable Final Terms to be in book-entry form and registered with Interbolsa in its capacity as a securities settlement system, they may be eligible for Eurosystem monetary policy. Registering the Covered Bonds with Interbolsa, however, does not necessarily mean that the Covered Bonds will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue, or at any or all times during their life, as such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.

#### *Payment of principal and interest in respect of Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa*

Whilst the Covered Bonds are held through Interbolsa, payment of principal and interest in respect of the Covered Bonds will be (i) **if made in euro** (a) credited, according to the procedures and regulations of Interbolsa, by the relevant Paying Agent (acting on behalf of the Issuer) to the payment current-accounts used by the Interbolsa Participants for payments in respect of securities held through Interbolsa and thereafter (b) credited by such Interbolsa Participants from the aforementioned payment current-accounts to the accounts of the owners of those Covered Bonds or through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to the accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg of the beneficial owners of those Covered Bonds, in accordance with the rules and procedures of Interbolsa, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be; (ii) **if made in currencies other than euro** (a) transferred, on the payment date and according to the procedures and regulations of Interbolsa, from the account held by the relevant Paying Agent in the Foreign Currency Settlement System (“*Sistema de Liquidação em Moeda Estrangeira*”), managed by Caixa Geral de Depósitos, S.A., to the relevant accounts of the relevant Interbolsa Participants, and thereafter (b) transferred by such Interbolsa Participants from such relevant accounts to the accounts of the owners of Covered Bonds or through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to the accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg of the owners of Covered Bonds, in accordance with the rules and procedures of Interbolsa, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

The Issuer must provide Interbolsa with a prior notice of all payments in relation to Covered Bonds and all necessary information for that purpose. In particular, such notice must contain:

- (a) the identity of the Paying Agent responsible for the relevant payment; and
- (b) a statement of acceptance of such responsibility by the Paying Agent.

The Interbolsa Participant must, at the request of Interbolsa, inform the Paying Agent of the bank accounts to which the relevant payments shall be made. Interbolsa must notify the Paying Agent of the amounts to be settled, which Interbolsa calculates on the basis of the balances and on the tax rules governing the accounts of the Interbolsa Participants.

In the case of a partial payment, the amount held in the current account of the Paying Agent with the Bank of Portugal must be apportioned pro-rata between the accounts of the Interbolsa Participants. After a payment has been processed, whether in full or in part, the Paying Agent must confirm that fact to Interbolsa.

Procedures relating to Covered Bonds denominated in a currency other than Euro will be in accordance with the relevant Interbolsa procedures.

#### *Transfer of Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa*

Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa may, subject to compliance with all applicable rules, restrictions and requirements of Interbolsa and Portuguese law, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such Covered Bonds. No owner of a Covered Bond will be able to transfer such Covered Bond, except in accordance with Portuguese law and the applicable procedures of Interbolsa.

## **Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg**

The Covered Bonds of each Series held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be in bearer form, with or without interest coupons attached, or in registered form, without interest coupons attached. The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold in the United States or to, or for the benefit of, US persons unless an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act (see *Subscription and Sale and Transfer Restrictions and Secondary Market Arrangements*). Accordingly, the Covered Bonds will only be issued outside the United States in reliance upon Regulation S.

### *Bearer Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg*

Each Tranche of Bearer Covered Bonds will be issued in the form of either a temporary bearer global covered bond (a “**Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond**”) or a permanent bearer global covered bond (a “**Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond**”) as indicated in the applicable Final Terms, which, in either case, will be delivered, on or prior to the original issue date of such Tranche, to a common depository for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Whilst any Bearer Covered Bond is represented by a Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond and held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, payment of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of such Covered Bond due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made against presentation of the Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Covered Bond are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Agent.

On or after the date (the “**Exchange Date**”) which is 40 days after a Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond is issued, interests in such Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable (free of charge) as described therein either for (i) interests in a Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond of the same Series or (ii) for Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds of the same Series with, where applicable, interest coupons and talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms), in each case, against certification of beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given, provided that purchasers in the United States and certain U.S. persons will not be able to receive Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds. The holder of a Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond for an interest in a Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond or for Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond will be made, according to the applicable legal and regulatory requirement through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of the Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for definitive securities in bearer form with, where applicable, interest coupons and talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event.



For these purposes, “**Exchange Event**” means in the case of the Covered Bonds that the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available. The Issuer will promptly give notice to holders of Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 11 (Notices) of the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds, as the case may be, if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond) may give notice to the Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Agent.

The exchange of a Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bonds for definitive Bearer Covered Bonds upon notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder) or at any time at the request of the Issuer should not be expressed to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms if the Covered Bonds are issued with a minimum Specified Denomination such as EUR 100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount such as EUR 1,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency). Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Bearer Covered Bonds which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond exchangeable for definitive Covered Bonds.

The following legend will appear on all Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bonds and definitive Bearer Covered Bonds which have an original maturity of more than one year and on all interest coupons relating to such Covered Bonds.

**“ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.”**

The sections referred to provide that United States holders of Covered Bonds, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Covered Bonds or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of Covered Bonds or interest coupons.

Covered Bonds in global form will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms.

*Registered Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg*

The Registered Covered Bonds may be represented by a global security in registered form (a “**Registered Global Covered Bond**”). Prior to the expiry of the Distribution Compliance Period applicable to each Tranche of Covered Bonds, beneficial interests in a Registered Global Covered Bond may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person and may not be held otherwise than through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as applicable) and such Registered Global Covered Bond will bear a legend regarding such restrictions on transfer.

In addition, Covered Bonds in definitive registered form may be privately placed to non-US persons outside the United States on a non-syndicated basis with professional investors only in reliance on

Regulation S. Any such issue of Covered Bonds will be evidenced by a single security registered in the name of the holder thereof.

Registered Global Covered Bonds will be deposited with a common depository for, and registered in the name of a common nominee of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Persons holding beneficial interests in Registered Global Covered Bonds will be required, under the circumstances described below, to receive delivery of Definitive Registered Covered Bonds.

Payments of principal, interest and any other amount in respect of the Registered Global Covered Bonds will, in the absence of provision to the contrary, be made to the person shown on the relevant registration as the registered holder of the Registered Global Covered Bonds. None of the Issuer, any Paying Agent or the Registrar (as defined in *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*) will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments or deliveries made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Covered Bonds or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Interests in a Registered Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Definitive Registered Covered Bonds without interest coupons or talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, Exchange Event means that the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any such case, no successor clearing system is available. The Issuer will promptly give notice to the holders of the Covered Bond in accordance with Condition 11 (Notices) of the Terms and Conditions if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Registered Global Covered Bond) may give notice to the relevant registration requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 10 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice.

*Transfers of Covered Bonds Represented by Global Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg*

Interests in a Global Covered Bond may, subject to compliance with all applicable restrictions and requirements, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such interest in a Global Covered Bond. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Covered Bond will be able to transfer such interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in each case to the extent applicable.

Transfers of any interests in Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond within Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (as applicable) will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and operating procedures of the relevant clearing system.

Although Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have agreed to the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of beneficial interests in the Covered Bonds among participants and accountholders of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. None of the Issuer, the Arrangers, the Common Representative or the Agent will have any responsibility for the performance of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

### *Covered Bonds issued in the NGN form*

On 13 June 2006 the European Central Bank (the “**ECB**”) announced that Covered Bonds in NGN form are in compliance with the “Standards for the use of EU securities settlement systems in ESCB credit operations” of the central banking system for the Euro (the “**Eurosystem**”), provided that certain other criteria are fulfilled.

At the same time, the ECB also announced that arrangements for Covered Bonds in NGN form will be offered by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as of 30 June 2006.

If the Covered Bonds are stated in the applicable Final Terms to be issued in NGN form, they are intended to be eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and will be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (the “**Common Safekeeper**”). Depositing the Covered Bonds with the Common Safekeeper does not necessarily mean that the Covered Bonds will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue, or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria.

If the Covered Bond is a NGN, the Issuer shall procure that details of each payment in respect thereof are entered pro rata in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and, in the case of principal payments, the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds recorded in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be reduced accordingly. Each payment so made will discharge the Issuer’s obligations in respect thereof. Any failure to make the entries in the records of the relevant clearing system shall not affect such discharge.

Where the Covered Bond is a NGN, the Issuer shall procure that any exchange, payment, cancellation, exercise of any option or any right under the Covered Bonds, as the case may be, in addition to the circumstances set out above are entered in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and upon any such entry being made, the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds represented by such Global Covered Bond shall be adjusted accordingly.

## FINAL TERMS FOR COVERED BONDS

The form of Final Terms that will be issued in respect of each Tranche of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme, subject only to the deletion of non-applicable provisions, is set out below:

Final Terms dated [     ]

**Banco Comercial Português, S.A.**

**Issue of [     ]**

**[[     ]%/Floating Rate/Zero Coupon] Covered Bonds due [     ]**

**under the Euro 12,500,000,000 Covered Bonds Programme**

THE COVERED BONDS (AS DESCRIBED HEREIN) ARE MORTGAGE COVERED BONDS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECREE-LAW 59/2006, OF 20 MARCH 2006 (AS AMENDED, THE “**COVERED BONDS LAW**”) AND FURTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. THE ISSUER HAS THE CAPACITY TO ISSUE COVERED BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVERED BONDS LAW. THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER UNDER THE COVERED BONDS ARE SECURED ON THE COVER POOL MAINTAINED BY THE ISSUER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVERED BONDS LAW.

### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds (the “**Terms and Conditions**”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 14 August 2014 [and the supplemental Base Prospectus dated [     ]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus [and the supplemental Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing during normal business hours at Banco Comercial Português, S.A., Praça Dom João 1, 28, 4000-295 Oporto, Portugal, physical copies may be obtained from the same address and electronic copies from the website of the Irish Stock Exchange ([www.ise.ie](http://www.ise.ie)).]

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds (the “**Terms and Conditions**”) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [*original date*] which are incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus dated 14 August 2014 [and the supplemental Base Prospectus dated [     ]]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 14 August 2014 [and the supplemental Base Prospectus dated [     ]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus dated 14 August 2014 [and the supplemental Prospectus dated [     ]]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplemental Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing during normal business hours at Banco Comercial Português, S.A., Praça Dom João 1, 28, 4000-295 Oporto, Portugal, physical copies may be obtained from the same address and electronic copies from the website of the Irish Stock Exchange ([www.ise.ie](http://www.ise.ie)).]

1. (i) Series Number: [     ]

- (ii) Tranche Number: [ ]
- (iii) Date on which the Covered Bonds will be consolidated and form a single Series: [The Covered Bonds will be consolidated and form a single Series with [ ] on [Issue exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond for interest in the Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond, as referred to below, which is expected to occur on or about [ ]] [Not Applicable]
2. Specified Currency: [ ]
3. Aggregate Nominal Amount of Covered Bonds:
- A. Series: [ ]
- B. Tranche: [ ]
4. Issue Price: [ ]% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [ ] (if applicable)]
5. Specified Denominations: [ ] [and integral multiples of [ ] in excess of up to and including [ ]]. Definitive Notes will not be issued in denominations in excess of [ ].]
6. (i) Issue Date: [ ]
- (ii) Interest Commencement Date: [ ] [Issue Date] [Not Applicable]
7. Maturity Date: [ ] [Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [ ]]
8. Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ]
9. Interest Basis:
- (i) Period to (and including) Maturity Date: [[ ]% Fixed Rate]  
[[ ] month [LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [ ]% Floating Rate]  
[Zero Coupon]  
(further particulars specified below)
- (ii) Period from (but excluding) Maturity Date up to (and including) Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]  
[[ ]% Fixed Rate] [[ ] month [LIBOR/EURIBOR] +/- [ ]% Floating Rate]  
(further particulars specified below)

10. Redemption Basis: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Covered Bonds will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [ ]% of their nominal amount.
11. Change of Interest Basis: [ ] [Not Applicable]
12. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]  
[Issuer Call]  
[(further particulars specified below)]  
[Not Applicable]
13. Date of [Board] approval for issuance of Covered Bonds obtained: [ ] [Not Applicable]

#### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

14. Fixed Rate Covered Bonds Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (i) Rate (s) of Interest:
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ]% per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ]% per annum. payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date]
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s):
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date / [ ]]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ] in each month up to and including the Extended Maturity Date]/[ ]]
- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s):
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ] per [ ] in nominal amount]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ] per [ ] in nominal amount]
- (iv) Broken Amount:
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ] per [ ] in nominal amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ]]

- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ] per [ ] in nominal amount Calculation Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ]
- (v) Day Count Fraction:
  - To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [30/360] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [30/360] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
- (vi) Determination Date(s):
  - To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ] in each year
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ] in each year
- 15. Floating Rate Covered Bonds Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
  - (i) Specified Period(s)/ Specified Interest Payment Dates:
    - To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ]
    - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ]
  - (ii) Business Day Convention:
    - To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention]
    - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention]
  - (iii) Additional Business Centre(s):
    - To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ]
    - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ]

- (iv) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined:
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
- (v) Party responsible (the “**Calculation Agent**”) for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Agent):
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [     ]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [     ]
- (vi) Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- A. To Maturity Date: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- Reference Rate: [LIBOR/EURIBOR]
  - Interest Determination Date: [     ]
  - Relevant Screen Page: Reuters
- B. From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]
- Reference Rate: [LIBOR/EURIBOR]
  - Interest Determination Date: [     ]
  - Relevant Screen Page: [Reuters] [     ]
- (vii) ISDA Determination: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- A. To Maturity Date: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- Floating Rate Option: [     ]
  - Designated Maturity: [     ]
  - Reset Date: [     ]



- B. From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- Floating Rate Option: [     ]
  - Designated Maturity: [     ]
  - Reset Date: [     ]
- (viii) Margin (s):
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[+/-] [     ]% per annum]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[+/-] [     ]% per annum]
- (ix) Minimum Rate of Interest:
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[     ]% per annum]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[+/-] [     ]% per annum]
- (x) Maximum Rate of Interest:
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[     ]% per annum]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[+/-] [     ]% per annum]
- (xi) Day Count Fraction:
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]  
[Actual/Actual (ISDA)]  
[Actual/365 (Fixed)]  
[Actual/365 (Sterling)]  
[Actual/360]  
[30/360]  
[30E/360]  
[30E/360 (ISDA)]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]  
[Actual/Actual (ISDA)]  
  
[Actual/365 (Fixed)]  
[Actual/365 (Sterling)]  
[Actual/360]  
[30/360]  
[30E/360]  
[30E/360 (ISDA)]

16. Zero Coupon Covered Bonds Provisions: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(i) Accrual Yield: [ ]% per annum

(ii) Reference Price: [ ]

## **PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

17. Issuer Call [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond: [ ] per Covered Bond of [ ] Specified Denomination

(iii) If redeemable in part:

(a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [Not Applicable] [ ]

(b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [Not Applicable] [ ]

(iv) Notice period: Minimum period: [ ] days  
Maximum period: [ ] days

18. Investor Put [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond: [ ] per Covered Bond of [ ] Specified Denomination

(iii) Notice period: Minimum period: [ ] days  
Maximum period: [ ] days

19. Final Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond: [ ] per Covered Bond of [ ] Specified Denomination

20. Early Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond payable on an event of default: [ ] per Covered Bond of [ ] Specified Denomination

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COVERED BONDS**

21. Form of Covered Bonds:

(a) Form: [Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond/Certificate exchangeable for a permanent Global Covered Bond/ Certificate which is exchangeable for Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds/Certificates on [ ] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the

permanent Global Covered Bond/Certificate]

[Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond/  
Certificate exchangeable for Definitive Bearer  
Covered Bonds/ Certificates on [ ] days'  
notice]

[Permanent Global Covered Bond/Certificate  
exchangeable for Definitive Bearer Covered  
Bonds/ Certificates on [ ] days' notice/at any  
time/in the limited circumstances specified in the  
Permanent Global Covered Bond/ Certificate]

[Registered Covered Bonds]

[Book Entry Covered Bonds *nominativas*]

[Book Entry Covered Bonds *ao portador*]

(b) New Global Note:

[Yes] [No]

22. Additional Financial Centre(s):

[Not Applicable] [ ]

23. Talons for future Coupons to be attached  
to Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds:

[Yes, as the Covered Bonds have more than 27  
coupon payments, talons may be required if, on  
exchange into definitive form, work than 27  
coupon payments are still to be made/No]

Signed on behalf Banco Comercial Português, S.A.:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Duly authorised

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. Listing and Admission to trading

- (i) Listing and Admission to trading: [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on [the Irish Stock Exchange's regulated market and admitted to listing on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange/[ ]] with effect from [ ].]  
[Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on [the Irish Stock Exchange's regulated market and admitted to listing on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange/[ ]] with effect from [ ].]
- (ii) Estimate of total expenses related [ ] to admission to trading:

### 2. Ratings

Ratings: The following ratings reflect rating assigned to the Covered Bonds issued under the Programme generally: Ba1 by Moody's  
BBB (minus) by Fitch  
A (low) by DBRS

[The Covered Bonds to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated [ ] by [ ].]

### 3. Interests of Natural and Legal Persons Involved in the Issue

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Covered Bonds has an interest material to the issue. [Certain [Dealers/Managers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investments, banking and or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary cover of business.]]

### 4. Yield – Fixed Rate Covered Bonds only

Indication of yield: [Not Applicable] [ ]%

### 5. Operational Information

- (i) ISIN Code: [ ]
- (ii) Common Code: [ ]
- (iii) Any clearing system(s) other [ ] [Not Applicable]

than Interbolsa – Sociedade Gestora de Sistemas de Liquidação e de Sistemas Centralizados de Valores Mobiliários, S.A. as operator of the *Central de Valores Mobiliários*, Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear System and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* and the relevant identification number(s) and addresses:

(iv) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment

(v) Names and addresses of [ ] additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):

U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg. S Compliance Category] [TEFRA D]  
[TEFRA C] [TEFRA rules not applicable]

## 6. **Third Party Information**

[[ ] has been extracted from [ ]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [ ], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

## PRICING SUPPLEMENT FOR EXEMPT COVERED BONDS

The form of Pricing Supplement that will be issued in respect of each Tranche of Exempt Covered Bonds (herein also referred to as the “**Covered Bonds**”) whatever the denomination of such Covered Bonds, subject only to the deletion of non-applicable provisions, is set out below. The Central Bank has neither approved or reviewed information contained in this Pricing Supplement.

**NO PROSPECTUS IS REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIVE 2003/71/EC FOR THE ISSUE OF THE EXEMPT COVERED BONDS DESCRIBED BELOW.**

Pricing Supplement dated [   ]

**Banco Comercial Português, S.A.**

**Issue of** *[Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche]*

*[   ]* %/Floating Rate/Zero Coupon] Covered Bonds due [   ]

**under the Euro 12,500,000,000 Covered Bonds Programme**

THE COVERED BONDS (AS DESCRIBED HEREIN) ARE MORTGAGE COVERED BONDS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECREE-LAW 59/2006, OF 20 MARCH 2006 (AS AMENDED, THE “**COVERED BONDS LAW**”) AND FURTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS. THE ISSUER HAS THE CAPACITY TO ISSUE COVERED BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVERED BONDS LAW. THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER UNDER THE COVERED BONDS ARE SECURED ON THE COVER POOL MAINTAINED BY THE ISSUER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVERED BONDS LAW.

### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement of the Exempt Covered Bonds described herein. This document must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 14 August 2014 [and the supplemental Base Prospectus dated *[date]*] ([together] the Base Prospectus). Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Pricing Supplement and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus [and the supplemental Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing during normal business hours at Banco Comercial Português, S.A., Praça Dom João 1, 28, 4000-295 Oporto, Portugal, physical copies may be obtained from the same address and electronic copies from the website of the Irish Stock Exchange ([www.ise.ie](http://www.ise.ie)).

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds (the “**Terms and Conditions**”) set forth in the Base Prospectus.

*(Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.)*

- |    |                      |                                 |
|----|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Issuer:              | Banco Comercial Português, S.A. |
| 2. | (i) Series Number:   | [   ]                           |
|    | (ii) Tranche Number: | [   ]                           |

*(If fungible with an existing series, details of that series, including the date on which the Covered Bonds become fungible)*

3. Specified Currency: [ ]

*(Note: Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa may only be issued in Euro, U.S. Dollars, Sterling, Japanese yen, Swiss francs, Australian Dollars and Canadian Dollars or any other currency as can be settled through Interbolsa from time to time)*

4. Aggregate Nominal Amount of Covered Bonds:

A. Series: [ ]

B. [Tranche: [ ]]

5. Issue Price: [ ]% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]

6. Specified Denominations: [ ]

*(NB Where Bearer Covered Bonds with multiple denominations above EUR [100,000] or equivalent are being issued the following language should be used:*

*“EUR [100,000] and integral multiples of EUR [1,000] in excess thereof up to and including EUR [199,000]. No Covered Bonds in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above EUR [199,000]”)*

*(NB Book Entry Covered Bonds will only be tradable in one Specified Denomination)*

7. (i) Issue Date: [ ]

(ii) [Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date): [specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]]

*(NB An Interest Commencement Date will not be relevant for certain Covered Bonds, for example Zero Coupon Covered Bonds.)*

8. Maturity Date: [Fixed rate – specify date/Floating rate – Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [specify month]]

9. Extended Maturity Date: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

*[insert date] (If applicable, the date should be that falling one year after the Maturity Date. If not applicable, insert “Not Applicable”).*

*(Extended Maturity Date must be Applicable to all*

issues of Covered Bonds, unless, the rating agencies which at the relevant time provide credit ratings for the Programme agree that Extended Maturity Date may be Not Applicable)

10. Interest Basis:

- (i) Period to (and including) Maturity Date: [[ ]% Fixed Rate]  
[[ ] month [LIBOR/EURIBOR/[ ] +/- [ ]% Floating Rate]  
[Zero Coupon]  
(further particulars specified below)
- (ii) Period from (but excluding) Maturity Date up to (and including) Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] /  
[[ ]% Fixed Rate]  
[[ ] month [LIBOR/EURIBOR/[ ] +/- [ ]% Floating Rate]  
(further particulars specified below) (Insert “Not Applicable” only if Extended Maturity Date does not apply)

11. Redemption Basis: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Covered Bonds will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [ ]% of their nominal amount

12. Change of Interest Basis: [Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate change occurs or cross refer to paragraph [15 and 16] below and identify there] [Not Applicable]

13. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]  
[Issuer Call]  
  
[(further particulars specified below)] [ ]

14. [Date [Board] approval for issuance of Covered Bonds obtained]

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**

15. Fixed Rate Covered Bonds Provisions:

- To Maturity Date: [Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Applicable/Not Applicable] (If subparagraphs (i) and (ii) not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)  
  
[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]



- (i) Rate [(s)] of Interest:
- To Maturity Date: [ ]% per annum payable in arrear on each interest payment day
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [ ]% per annum. payable in arrear on each interest payment day  
*[State "Not Applicable" unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s):
- To Maturity Date: [[ ] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date / *[specify other]*]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ] in each month up to and including the Extended Maturity Date]/*[specify other]*  
*[State "Not Applicable" unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*
- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]:
- To Maturity Date: [[ ] per [ ] in nominal amount]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [[ ] per [ ] in nominal amount]  
*[State "Not Applicable" unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*
- (iv) Broken Amount:
- To Maturity Date: [ ] per Calculation Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ] [Not Applicable]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [ ] per Calculation Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ] [Not Applicable]  
*[State "Not Applicable" unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*
- (v) Day Count Fraction:
- To Maturity Date: [30/360 or Actual/Actual (ICMA)]

- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [30/360 or Actual/Actual (ICMA)]  
*[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*

(vi) Determination Date(s):

- To Maturity Date: *[Insert day(s) and month(s) on which interest is normally paid (if more than one, then insert such dates in the alternative)]* in each year]
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] *[Insert day(s) and month(s) on which interest is normally paid (if more than one, then insert such dates in the alternative)]* in each year  
*[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Fixed Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*

16. Floating Rate Covered Bonds Provisions:

- To Maturity Date: [Applicable/Not Applicable] *(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph.)*
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Applicable/Not Applicable] *(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph.)*  
*[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*

(i) Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates:

- To Maturity Date: [   ]
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [   ]  
*[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*

(ii) Business Day Convention:

- To Maturity Date: [Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/Modified Following Business Day

- Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention]
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/[Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention] *[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*
- (iii) Additional Business Centre(s):
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [    ]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [    ]  
*[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*
- (iv) Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined:
- To Maturity Date: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [Screen Rate Determination/ ISDA Determination]  
*[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*
- (v) Party responsible (the “**Calculation Agent**”) for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Agent):
- To Maturity Date: [Not Applicable] [    ]
  - From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [    ]  
*[State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*
- (vi) Screen Rate Determination:
- A. To Maturity Date:
- Reference Rate: [LIBOR/EURIBOR/[    ]]

- Interest Determination Date: [ ] (*Second London business day prior to start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if Euribor or euro LIBOR*)
  - Relevant Screen Page: Reuters
- B. From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]
- [*State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.*]
- Reference Rate: [LIBOR/EURIBOR/[ ]]
  - Interest Determination Date: [ ] (*Second London business day prior to start of each Interest Period if LIBOR (other than Sterling or euro LIBOR), first day of each Interest Period if Sterling LIBOR and the second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if Euribor or euro LIBOR*)
  - Relevant Screen Page: Reuters
- (vii) ISDA Determination:
- A. To Maturity Date:
- Floating Rate Option: [ ]
  - Designated Maturity: [ ]
  - Reset Date: [ ]
- B. From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]
- [*State “Not Applicable” unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.*]
- Floating Rate Option: [ ]
  - Designated Maturity: [ ]
  - Reset Date: [ ]

(viii) Margin(s):

- To Maturity Date: [ +/- ] [     ]% per annum
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [ +/- ] [     ]% per annum  
*[State "Not Applicable" unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*

(ix) Minimum Rate of Interest:

- To Maturity Date: [     ]% per annum
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [ +/- ] [     ]% per annum  
*[State "Not Applicable" unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*

(x) Maximum Rate of Interest:

- To Maturity Date: [     ]% per annum
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/ [ +/- ] [     ]% per annum  
*[State "Not Applicable" unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*

(xi) Day Count Fraction:

- To Maturity Date: Actual/Actual (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Fixed)  
Actual/365 (Sterling)  
Actual/360  
30/360  
30E/360  
30E/360 (ISDA)  
(see Condition 4 (*Interest*))
- From Maturity Date up to Extended Maturity Date: [Not Applicable]/  
Actual/Actual (ISDA)  
Actual/365 (Fixed)  
Actual/365 (Sterling)  
Actual/360 30/360 30E/360 30E/360 (ISDA)  
(see Condition 4 (*Interest*))  
  
*[State "Not Applicable" unless Extended Maturity Date applies and the Covered Bonds are Floating Rate Covered Bonds after the Maturity Date.]*

17. Zero Coupon Covered Bonds [Applicable/Not Applicable] (*If not applicable, delete*

Provisions: *the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*

(i) Accrual Yield: [ ]% per annum

(ii) Reference Price: [ ]

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

18. Issuer Call [Applicable/Not Applicable] *(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond: [ ] per Covered Bond of [ ] Specified Denomination

(iii) If redeemable in part:

(a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [ ]

(b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [ ]

(iv) Notice period: Minimum period: [ ] days  
Maximum period: [ ] days

*(NB - When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of five clearing system business days' notice for a call) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)*

19. Investor Put [Applicable/Not Applicable] *(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [ ]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond: [ ] per Covered Bond of [ ] Specified Denomination

(iii) Notice period: Minimum period: [ ] days Maximum period: [ ] days

*(NB - When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of*

*information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of 15 clearing system business days' notice for a call) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent)*

20. Final Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond: [ ] per Covered Bond of [ ] Specified Denomination
21. Early Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond payable on an event of default: [ ] per Covered Bond of [ ] Specified Denomination

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COVERED BONDS**

22. Form of Covered Bonds:

(a) Form:

*[Bearer Covered Bonds:]*

*[Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond/Certificate exchangeable for a permanent Global Covered Bond/ Certificate which is exchangeable for Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds/Certificates on [ ] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the permanent Global Covered Bond/Certificate]*

*[Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond/ Certificate exchangeable for Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds/ Certificates on [ ] days' notice]*

*[Permanent Global Covered Bond/Certificate exchangeable for Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds/ Certificates on [ ] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Covered Bond/ Certificate]]*

*[Registered Covered Bonds]*

*[Book Entry Covered Bonds:]*

*[Book Entry Covered Bonds nominativas]*

*[Book Entry Covered Bonds ao portador]]*

*(Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the Covered Bonds" section in the Base Prospectus and the Covered Bonds themselves. N.B. The exchange upon notice/at any time options should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the Covered Bonds in paragraph 6 includes language substantially to the following effect:*

*[EUR 100,000] and integral multiples of [EUR 1,000]*

*in excess thereof up to and including [EUR 199,000].  
No Covered Bonds in definitive form will be issued with  
a denomination above [EUR 199,000]”.)*

*(Furthermore, such Specified Denomination  
construction is not permitted in relation to any issue by  
a Temporary Bearer Global Note exchangeable for  
Definitive Bearer Notes)*

- |     |  |   |
|-----|--|---|
| (b) | New Global Note:   | [Yes] [No]  |
| 23. | Additional Financial Centre(s):  | [Not Applicable /give details] (Note that this item<br>relates to the place of payment and not Interest Period<br>end dates to which item 16(iii) relates)                                |
| 24. | Talons for future Coupons to be<br>attached to Definitive Bearer<br>Covered Bonds: | [Yes, as the Covered Bonds have more than 27 coupon<br>payments, talons may be required if, on exchange into<br>definitive form, work than 27 coupon payments are still<br>to be made/No] |

Signed on behalf Banco Comercial Português, S.A.:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Duly authorised



## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. Listing and Admission to trading

- (i) Listing and Admission to trading: [Application [has been made/is expected to be made] by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be [listed/admitted to trading] on *[specify market -note this should not be a regulated market with effect from [ ]]* [Not Applicable]

*(When documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Covered Bonds are already admitted to trading)*

- (ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [ ]

### 2. Ratings

Ratings: The following ratings reflect rating assigned to the Covered Bonds issued under the Programme generally:  
Ba1 by Moody's  
BBB (minus) by Fitch  
A (low) by DBRS

[The Covered Bonds to be issued [[have been]/[are expected to be]] rated *[insert details]* by *[insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies)]*.]

### 3. Interests of Natural and Legal Persons Involved in the Issue

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Covered Bonds has an interest material to the issue. [Certain [Dealers/Managers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investments, banking and or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary cover of business] - *Amend as appropriate if there are other interests*]

### 4. Yield – Fixed Rate Covered Bonds only

Indication of yield: [Not Applicable] [ ]

[The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price, using the formula set out in the Base Prospectus (see *General Information*). It is not an indication of future yield.]

### 5. Operational Information

- (i) ISIN Code: [ ]

- (ii) Common Code: [   ]
- (iii) Any clearing system(s) other than Interbolsa - Sociedade Gestora de Sistemas de Liquidação e de Sistemas Centralizados de Valores Mobiliários, S.A. as operator of the *Central de Valores Mobiliários*, Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear System and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/give name(s), address(es) and number(s)]
- (iv) Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment
- (v) Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [   ]

## 6. **Distribution**

- (i) If syndicated, names of Managers: [Not Applicable/give names]
- (ii) Date of [Subscription] Agreement: [   ]
- (iii) If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: [Not Applicable/give name]
- (iv) U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg. S Compliance Category] [TEFRA D] [TEFRA C] [TEFRA rules not applicable]

## 7. **Third Party Information**

[[*Relevant third party information*] has been extracted from [*specify source*]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [*specify source*], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COVERED BONDS

*The following, save for the text in the footnotes, are the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds which will be incorporated by reference into, or endorsed upon, each Global Covered Bond (as defined below) and each Definitive Bearer Covered Bond (if applicable), in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such Definitive Bearer Covered Bond will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to any Tranche of Exempt Covered Bonds may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Covered Bonds. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be incorporated by reference or endorsed upon, or attached to, each Covered Bond. Reference should be made to “Final Terms for Covered Bonds” for a description of the content of Final Terms which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Covered Bonds.*

**THE COVERED BONDS (AS DEFINED IN THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS) ARE MORTGAGE COVERED BONDS (“OBRIGAÇÕES HIPOTECÁRIAS”) ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVERED BONDS LAW (AS DEFINED). THE ISSUER (AS DEFINED IN THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS) IS A CREDIT INSTITUTION WITH THE CAPACITY TO ISSUE COVERED BONDS PURSUANT TO THE COVERED BONDS LAW. THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE ISSUER UNDER THE COVERED BONDS LAW ARE SECURED ON THE ASSETS THAT COMPRISE THE COVER POOL (AS DEFINED BELOW) MAINTAINED BY THE ISSUER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COVERED BONDS LAW.**

This Covered Bond is one of a Series (as defined below) of mortgage covered bonds issued by Banco Comercial Português, S.A. (the “**Issuer**”) in accordance with the procedures set out in the Set of Agency Procedures (as defined below).

Depending on the Clearing System through which the Covered Bonds are held (as specified in the applicable Final Terms), references herein to the Covered Bonds shall be references to the Covered Bonds of this Series and shall mean:

- (i) whilst the Covered Bonds are held through Interbolsa, the book-entries corresponding to the units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (ii) in relation to any Covered Bonds represented by a global Covered Bond (a “**Global Covered Bond**”), units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;
- (iii) any Global Covered Bond;
- (iv) any definitive Covered Bonds in bearer form (“**Definitive Bearer Covered Bond**”) issued in exchange for a Global Covered Bond in bearer form; and
- (v) any definitive Covered Bond in registered form (“**Definitive Registered Covered Bond**”), whether or not in exchange for a Global Covered Bond in registered form.

The Covered Bonds have the benefit of a set of agency procedures (such set of agency procedures as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the “**Set of Agency Procedures**”) dated 23 July 2009 and made and agreed by Banco Comercial Português, S.A. (acting in its capacity as Agent and Paying Agent, which expressions shall include any successors, and as Issuer) and by any subsequent agent, paying agent, transfer agent, agent bank and/or registrar appointed by the Issuer.

The final terms for this Covered Bond (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms attached to or endorsed on this Covered Bond which complete information regarding these Terms and Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) or, if this Covered Bond is a Covered Bond which is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive (an “**Exempt Covered Bond**”), the final terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Pricing Supplement and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the Conditions, replace or modify the Conditions for the purposes of this Covered Bond. References to the applicable Final Terms are, unless otherwise stated, to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Covered Bond. Any reference in the Conditions to “**applicable Final Terms**” or “**relevant Final Terms**” shall be deemed to include a reference to “**applicable Pricing Supplement**” or “**relevant Pricing Supplement**”, respectively, where relevant.

Interest bearing Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds have interest coupons (“**Coupons**”) and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms, talons for further Coupons (“**Talon**”) attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Registered Covered Bonds and Global Covered Bonds do not have Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

Any reference to “**holders of Covered Bonds**” shall mean (in the case of Bearer Covered Bonds) the holders of such Covered Bonds and (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds and of Book Entry Covered Bonds) the persons in whose name the Covered Bonds are registered and shall, in relation to any Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to “**Couponholders**” shall mean the holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

As used herein, “**Tranche**” means Covered Bonds which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and Series means a Tranche of Covered Bonds together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Covered Bonds which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single Series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates, interest rates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Set of Agency Procedures are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents and the Registrar (such Paying Agents and the Registrar being together referred to as the “**Agents**”). Copies of the applicable Final Terms are obtainable during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Agents. If the Covered Bonds are to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange the applicable Final Terms will be published on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange ([www.ise.ie](http://www.ise.ie)). If this Covered Bond is an Exempt Covered Bond, the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be obtainable by a Covered Bonds holder holding one or more Covered Bond and such Covered Bonds holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer, the Trustee and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Covered Bonds and identity. The Covered Bonds holders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Set of Agency Procedures and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them. The statements in these Terms and Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Set of Agency Procedures.

Words and expressions defined in the Set of Agency Procedures or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Set of Agency Procedures and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

As used herein, **outstanding** means in relation to the Covered Bonds all the Covered Bonds issued other than:

- (a) those Covered Bonds which have been redeemed and cancelled pursuant to these Terms and Conditions;
- (b) those Covered Bonds in respect of which the date for redemption under these Terms and Conditions has occurred and the redemption moneys (including all interest (if any) accrued to the date for redemption and any interest (if any) payable under these Terms and Conditions after that date) have been duly paid to or to the order of the Agent in the manner provided in the Set of Agency Procedures (and, where appropriate, notice to that effect has been given to the Covered Bonds holders in accordance with these Terms and Conditions) and remain available for payment against presentation of the relevant Covered Bonds and/or Coupons as applicable;
- (c) those Covered Bonds which have been purchased and cancelled under these Terms and Conditions;
- (d) those Covered Bonds which have become prescribed under these Terms and Conditions;
- (e) those mutilated or defaced Covered Bonds which have been surrendered and cancelled and in respect of which replacements have been issued pursuant to these Terms and Conditions;
- (f) (for the purpose only of ascertaining the principal amount of the Covered Bonds outstanding and without prejudice to the status for any other purpose of the relevant Covered Bonds) those Covered Bonds which are alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacements have been issued under these Terms and Conditions;
- (g) (if applicable) a Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond to the extent that it has been duly exchanged for the relevant Permanent Global Covered Bond and a Permanent Global Covered Bond to the extent that it has been exchanged for the Definitive Bearer Covered Bond in each case under its provisions; and
- (h) (if applicable) any Registered Global Covered Bond to the extent that it has been exchanged for Definitive Registered Covered Bonds and any Definitive Registered Covered Bond to the extent that it has been exchanged for an interest in a Registered Global Covered Bond.

## **1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE**

The Covered Bonds will be issued in bearer form and will be initially represented by a Global Covered Bond, in registered form or in book entry form (*forma escritural*) as specified in the applicable Final Terms and, in the case of Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds, serially numbered, in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Covered Bonds issued in book entry form can either be *nominativas* (in which case Interbolsa, at the Issuer's request, can ask the Affiliated Members of Interbolsa for information regarding the identity of the holders of Covered Bonds) or *ao portador* (in which case Interbolsa cannot inform the Issuer of the identity of the holders of Covered Bonds). Covered Bonds of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Covered Bonds of another Specified Denomination and Bearer Covered Bonds may not be exchanged for Registered Covered Bonds or Book Entry Covered Bonds and vice versa.

The Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa will be in book-entry form and title to the Covered Bonds will be evidenced by book entries in accordance with the provisions of Portuguese Securities Code and the applicable CMVM regulations. No physical document of

title will be issued in respect of the Covered Bonds. Each person shown in the records of an Interbolsa Participant as having an interest in Covered Bonds shall be treated as the holder of the principal amount of the Covered Bonds recorded therein.

For so long as any of the Covered Bonds is represented by a Global Covered Bond held on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Covered Bonds (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Covered Bonds standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest or proven error) shall be treated by the Issuer and the Agents as the holder of such nominal amount of Covered Bonds for all purposes (subject to Condition 2 (*Transfers of Covered Bonds*)) other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount of Covered Bonds, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global Covered Bond or the registered holder of the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond shall be treated by the Issuer and any Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of such Covered Bonds in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Covered Bond. References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Interest-bearing Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds have (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms) Coupons.

This Covered Bond may be a Fixed Rate Covered Bond, a Floating Rate Covered Bond, a Zero Coupon Covered Bond or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Where the applicable Final Terms specifies that an Extended Maturity Date applies to a Series of Covered Bonds, those Covered Bonds may be Fixed Rate Covered Bonds or Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of the period from the Issue Date to and including the Maturity Date and Fixed Rate Covered Bonds or Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of the period from the Maturity Date up to and including the Extended Maturity Date, subject as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Covered Bonds will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, save that the denomination of each Covered Bond (other than an Exempt Covered Bond) will be at least EUR 100,000 (or, if the Covered Bonds are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency) or, in any case only if higher than EUR 100,000, any other minimum denomination as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank or supervisory authority (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency. Each series will have Covered Bonds of one denomination only.

Subject as set out below, title to the Bearer Covered Bonds and Coupons will pass by delivery and title to Registered Covered Bonds or Book Entry Covered Bonds will pass upon registration of transfers in accordance with the provisions of the Set of Agency Procedures. The Issuer, the Paying Agents and the Common Representative will (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Bearer Covered Bond or Coupon and the registered holder of any Registered Covered Bond or Book Entry Covered Bonds as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the

case of any Global Covered Bond, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

## **2. TRANSFERS OF COVERED BONDS**

The transferability of the Covered Bonds is not restricted.

Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa may, subject to compliance with all applicable rules, restrictions and requirements of Interbolsa and Portuguese law, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such Covered Bond. No owner of a Covered Bond will be able to transfer such Covered Bond, except in accordance with Portuguese law and with the applicable procedures of Interbolsa.

Whilst the Covered Bonds are held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, interests in a Global Covered Bond may, subject to compliance with all applicable restrictions and requirements, be transferred to a person who wishes to hold such interest in a Global Covered Bond. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Covered Bond will be able to transfer such interest, except in accordance with the applicable procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, in each case to the extent applicable. Transfers of any interests in Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond within Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and operating procedures of the relevant clearing system.

Any reference herein to Interbolsa, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, wherever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms. The holders of Covered Bonds will not be required to bear the costs and expenses of effecting any registration of transfer as provided above, except for any costs or expenses of delivery other than by regular uninsured mail and except that the Issuer may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp duty, tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation to the registration.

## **3. STATUS OF THE COVERED BONDS**

The Covered Bonds, any interest thereon and any relative Coupons, if applicable, constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and secured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves. The Covered Bonds are mortgage covered securities issued in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law, which are secured by the Cover Pool maintained by the Issuer in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bonds Law, and rank *pari passu* with all other obligations of the Issuer under mortgage covered securities issued or to be issued by the Issuer pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law.

## **4. INTEREST**

### **4.1 *Interest on Fixed Rate Covered Bonds***

Each Fixed Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its Principal Amount Outstanding from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Subject as provided in Condition 4.4, interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms).

Except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such

date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

As used in these Terms and Conditions, “**Fixed Interest Period**” means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

If interest is required to be calculated for a period other than a Fixed Interest Period, such interest shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

“**Day Count Fraction**” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 4.1:

- (i) if “**Actual/Actual (ICMA)**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (a) in the case of Covered Bonds where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the “**Accrual Period**”) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or
  - (b) in the case of Covered Bonds where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:
    - 1. the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
    - 2. the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
- (ii) if “**30/360**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months) divided by 360.

In these Terms and Conditions:

- (i) “**Determination Period**” means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a



Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date);

- (ii) “**Principal Amount Outstanding**” means in respect of a Covered Bond the principal amount of that Covered Bond on the relevant Issue Date thereof less principal amounts received by the relevant holder of the Covered Bond in respect thereof; and
- (iii) “**sub-unit**” means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, one cent.

#### 4.2 *Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds*

##### (A) *Interest Payment Dates*

Each Floating Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its Principal Amount Outstanding from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (i) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or
- (ii) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an “**Interest Payment Date**”) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period (which expression shall, in these Terms and Conditions, mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date).

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (i) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 4.2(A)(ii) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (ii) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or

- (iii) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (iv) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In these Terms and Conditions, “**Business Day**” means a day which is both:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and Lisbon and any Additional Business Centre(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than London and Lisbon and any Additional Business Centre(s)) and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

(B) *Rate of Interest*

*Floating Rate Covered Bonds*

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

- (i) *ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds:* Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this subparagraph, “**ISDA Rate**” for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent or other person specified in the applicable Final Terms under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent or that other person were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds (the “**ISDA Definitions**”) and under which:
  - 1. the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
  - 2. the Designated Maturity is the period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
  - 3. the relevant Reset Date is as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph 4.2(B), “**Floating Rate**”, “**Calculation Agent**”, “**Floating Rate Option**”, “**Designated Maturity**” and “**Reset Date**” have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

(ii) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds:* Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

1. the offered quotation (if there is only one quotation on the Relevant Screen Page); or
2. the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate (being either LIBOR or EURIBOR, as specified in the applicable Final Terms) which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent or, where the applicable Final Terms specifies a Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent so specified. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) or, as applicable, the relevant Calculation Agent, of such offered quotations.

If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if no offered quotations appear thereon, the Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the Interest Determination Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Agent with such offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of such offered quotations plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent.

If on any Interest Determination Date, one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Agent with such offered quotations as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be the rate per annum which the Agent determines as being the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the rates, as communicated to (and at the request of) the Agent by the Reference Banks or any two or more of them, at which such banks were offered, at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate by leading banks in

the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any). However, if one only or none of the Reference Banks provide the Agent with such offered rates at the Agent's request, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period will be the offered rate for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, or the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of the offered rates for deposits in the Specified Currency for a period equal to that which would have been used for the Reference Rate, at which, at 11.00 a.m. (London time, in the case of LIBOR, or Brussels time, in the case of EURIBOR) on the relevant Interest Determination Date, any one or more banks (which bank or banks is or are in the opinion of the Issuer suitable for such purpose) informs the Agent it is quoting to leading banks in the London inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is LIBOR) or the Euro-zone inter-bank market (if the Reference Rate is EURIBOR) plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any). If the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Rate of Interest shall be determined on the Interest Determination Date for the last preceding Interest Period (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

In these Conditions, **Reference Banks** means those banks whose offered rates were used to determine such quotation when such quotation last appeared on the Relevant Screen Page or, if applicable, those banks whose offered quotations last appeared on the Relevant Screen Page when no fewer than three such offered quotations appeared.

*(C) Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest*

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of Condition 4.2 above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest. If no minimum interest rate is specified or if the minimum interest rate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, then the minimum interest rate shall be zero.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of Condition 4.2 above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

*(D) Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts*

The Agent or, where the applicable Final Terms specifies a Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent so specified, will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period.

The Agent or, where the applicable Final Terms specifies a Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent so specified, will calculate the amount of interest payable on the Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of each Specified Denomination (each an “**Interest Amount**”) for the relevant Interest Period. Each Interest Amount shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to each Specified Denomination, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention.

“**Day Count Fraction**” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (i) if “**Actual/Actual (ISDA)**” or “**Actual/Actual**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a nonleap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if “**Actual/365 (Fixed)**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if “**Actual/365 (Sterling)**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (iv) if “**Actual/360**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (v) if “**30/360**”, “**360/360**” or “**Bond Basis**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“ $Y_1$ ” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“ $Y_2$ ” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“ $M_1$ ” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“ $M_2$ ” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“ $D_1$ ” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

“D<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30;

- (vi) if “**30E/360**” or “**Eurobond Basis**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y<sub>1</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“Y<sub>2</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“M<sub>1</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“M<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“D<sub>1</sub>” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

“D<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30;

- (vii) if “**30E/360 (ISDA)**” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

“Y<sub>1</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“Y<sub>2</sub>” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“M<sub>1</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

“M<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

“D<sub>1</sub>” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

“D<sub>2</sub>” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30.

(E) *Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts*

The Agent, or where the applicable Final Terms specifies a Calculation Agent for this purpose, the Calculation Agent so specified, will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and to any Stock Exchange or other relevant competent listing authority or quotation system on which the relevant Floating Rate Covered Bonds are for the time being listed, quoted and/or traded and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*) as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment or alternative arrangements will be promptly notified to the Common Representative and each Stock Exchange or other relevant authority on which the relevant Floating Rate Covered Bonds are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing and to the holders of Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*). For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression “**London Business Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in London.

(F) *Certificates to be final*

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 4.2, whether by the Agent or the Calculation Agent (if applicable) shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent, the other Paying Agents, any Calculation Agent, the Common Representative and all holders of Covered Bonds and (in the absence of wilful default or bad faith) no liability to the Issuer, any Calculation Agent, the holders of Covered Bonds shall attach to the Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

4.3 *Accrual of interest*

Subject as provided in Condition 4.4, interest (if any) will cease to accrue on each Covered Bond (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Covered Bond, that part only of such Covered Bond) on the due date for redemption thereof unless, upon due presentation, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue until (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Covered Bond have been paid; and (ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Covered Bond has been received by the Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, and notice to that effect has been given to the holders of Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*).

**4.4** *Interest Rate and Payments from the Maturity Date in the event of extension of maturity of the Covered Bonds up to the Extended Maturity Date*

- (A) If an Extended Maturity Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms as applying to a Series of Covered Bonds and the maturity of those Covered Bonds is extended beyond the Maturity Date in accordance with Condition 6.7, the Covered Bonds shall bear interest from (and including) the Maturity Date to (but excluding) the earlier of the relevant Interest Payment Date after the Maturity Date on which the Covered Bonds are redeemed in full or the Extended Maturity Date, subject to Condition 4.3. In that event, interest shall be payable on those Covered Bonds at the rate determined in accordance with Condition 4.4(B) on the principal amount outstanding of the Covered Bonds in arrear on the Interest Payment Date in each month after the Maturity Date in respect of the Interest Period ending immediately prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date, subject as otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms. The final Interest Payment Date shall fall no later than the Extended Maturity Date.
- (B) If an Extended Maturity Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms as applying to a Series of Covered Bonds and the maturity of those Covered Bonds is extended beyond the Maturity Date in accordance with Condition 6.7, the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of the principal amount outstanding of the Covered Bonds on each Interest Payment Date after the Maturity Date in respect of the Interest Period ending immediately prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date will be as specified in the applicable Final Terms and, where applicable, determined by the Agent or, where the applicable Final Terms specifies a Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent so specified, two Business Days after the Maturity Date in respect of the first such Interest Period and thereafter as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
- (C) In the case of Covered Bonds which are Zero Coupon Covered Bonds up to (and including) the Maturity Date and for which an Extended Maturity Date is specified under the applicable Final Terms, for the purposes of this Condition 4.4 the principal amount outstanding shall be the total amount otherwise payable by the Issuer on the Maturity Date less any payments made by the Issuer in respect of such amount in accordance with these Conditions.
- (D) This Condition 4.4 shall only apply to Covered Bonds to which an Extended Maturity Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms and if the Issuer fails to redeem those Covered Bonds (in full) on the Maturity Date (or within two Business Days thereafter) and the maturity of those Covered Bonds is automatically extended up to the Extended Maturity Date in accordance with Condition 6.7.

**5. PAYMENTS**

**5.1** *Method of payment*

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively);



- (ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque; and
- (iii) payments in US dollars will be made by a transfer to a US dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank outside the United States (which expression as used in this Condition 5 (*Payments*), means the United States of America including the States, and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction or by cheque drawn on a US bank. In no event will payment be made by a cheque mailed to an address in the United States. All payments of interest will be made to accounts outside the United States except as may be permitted by United States tax law in effect at the time of such payment without detriment to the Issuer.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any Clearing System regulations, fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7 (*Taxation*).

## 5.2 *Payments Subject to Fiscal and Other Laws*

Payments will be subject in all cases to the provisions of Condition 7 (*Taxation*), to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in any jurisdiction, and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “**Code**”) or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. Any such amounts withheld or deducted will be treated as paid for all purposes under the Covered Bonds, and no additional amounts will be paid on the Covered Bonds with respect to any such withholding or deduction.

## 5.3 *Payments in relation to Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa*

Whilst the Covered Bonds are held through Interbolsa, payment of principal and interest in respect of the Covered Bonds will be (i) **if made in euro** (a) credited, according to the procedures and regulations of Interbolsa, by the relevant Paying Agent (acting on behalf of the Issuer) to the payment current-accounts used by the Interbolsa Participants for payments in respect of securities held through Interbolsa and thereafter (b) credited by such Interbolsa Participants from the aforementioned payment current-accounts to the accounts of the owners of those Covered Bonds or through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to the accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg of the beneficial owners of those Covered Bonds, in accordance with the rules and procedures of Interbolsa, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be; (ii) **if made in currencies other than euro** (a) transferred, on the payment date and according to the procedures and regulations of Interbolsa, from the account held by the relevant Paying Agent in the Foreign Currency Settlement System (*Sistema de Liquidação em Moeda Estrangeira*), managed by Caixa Geral de Depósitos, S.A., to the relevant accounts of the relevant Interbolsa Participants, and thereafter (b) transferred by such Interbolsa Participants from such relevant accounts to the accounts of the owners of Covered Bonds or through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg to the accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg of the owners of Covered Bonds, in accordance with the rules and procedures of Interbolsa, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

#### 5.4 *Presentation of Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds and Coupons*

- (A) Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in Condition 5.1 above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds, and payments of interest in respect of Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).
- (B) Fixed Rate Covered Bonds in definitive bearer form should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 12 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 8 (*Prescription*)) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 8 (*Prescription*)). Upon the date on which any Fixed Rate Covered Bond in definitive bearer form becomes due and repayable, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.
- (C) Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Covered Bond in definitive bearer form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof.
- (D) If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Bearer Covered Bond is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Covered Bond from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant Definitive Bearer Covered Bond.

#### 5.5 *Payments in respect of Bearer Global Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg*

Except if otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Covered Bonds represented by any Global Covered Bond in bearer form held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Covered Bond against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Covered Bond at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of any Global Covered Bond in bearer form, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Covered Bond by the Paying Agent to which it was presented and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made.

5.6 *Payments in respect of Registered Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg*

- (A) Payments of principal in respect of each Registered Covered Bond (whether or not in global form) will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the Registered Covered Bond at the specified office of the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents. Such payments will be made by transfer to the Designated Account (as defined below) of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Covered Bond appearing in the register of holders of the Registered Covered Bonds maintained by the Registrar (the Register) at the close of business on the third business day (being for this purpose a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located) before the relevant due date. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if (i) a holder does not have a Designated Account or (ii) the principal amount of the Covered Bonds held by a holder is less than EUR 250,000 (or its approximate equivalent in any other Specified Currency), payment will instead be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank (as defined below). For these purposes, Designated Account means the account maintained by a holder with a Designated Bank and identified as such in the Register and Designated Bank means (in the case of payment in a Specified Currency other than euro) a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) and (in the case of a payment in euro) any bank which processes payments in euro.
- (B) Payments of interest in respect of each Registered Covered Bond (whether or not in global form) will be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank and mailed by uninsured mail on the business day in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located immediately preceding the relevant due date to the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Registered Covered Bond appearing in the Register at the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not such fifteenth day is a business day) before the relevant due date (the Record Date) at his address shown in the Register on the Record Date and at his risk. Upon application of the holder to the specified office of the Registrar not less than three business days in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located before the due date for any payment of interest in respect of a Registered Covered Bond, the payment may be made by transfer on the due date in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph. Any such application for transfer shall be deemed to relate to all future payments of interest (other than interest due on redemption) in respect of the Registered Covered Bonds which become payable to the holder who has made the initial application until such time as the Registrar is notified in writing to the contrary by such holder. Payment of the interest due in respect of each Registered Covered Bond on redemption will be made in the same manner as payment of the principal amount of such Registered Covered Bond.
- (C) Holders of Registered Covered Bonds will not be entitled to any interest or other payment for any delay in receiving any amount due in respect of any Registered Covered Bond as a result of a cheque posted in accordance with this Condition arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the post. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to such holders by the Registrar in respect of any payments of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Covered Bonds.

- (D) None of the Issuer or the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the Registered Global Covered Bonds or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

#### 5.7 *Payment Day*

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Covered Bond or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, Payment Day means any day which (subject to Condition 8 (*Prescription*)) is:

- (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
  - (A) the relevant place of presentation; or
  - (B) any Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than the place of presentation and any Additional Financial Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

#### 5.8 *Interpretation of principal*

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Covered Bonds shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (i) the Final Redemption Amount of the Covered Bonds;
- (ii) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Covered Bonds; and
- (iii) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Covered Bonds.

### **6. REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE**

#### 6.1 *Final redemption*

Subject to Condition 6.7, unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled or extended as specified below, each Covered Bond will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms, in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

## 6.2 *Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Call Option)*

If Issuer Call option is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms<sup>1</sup> to the Common Representative, the Agent and, in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*), the holders of Covered Bonds (which notice shall be irrevocable) redeem all or some only (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) of the Covered Bonds then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date(s) and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms together, if applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date(s). Upon expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Covered Bonds accordingly. Any such redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Optional Redemption Amount will be the specified percentage of the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds stated in the applicable Final Terms. In the case of a partial redemption of Covered Bonds, either (whilst the Covered Bonds are held through Interbolsa) the nominal amount of all outstanding Covered Bonds will be redeemed proportionally or (whilst the Covered Bonds are held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg) the Covered Bonds to be redeemed will be selected individually in accordance with the rules of the relevant Clearing Systems not more than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption.

## 6.3 *Redemption at the option of the holders of Covered Bonds (Put Option)*

If Investor Put option is specified in the applicable Final Terms, upon the holder of any Covered Bond giving to the Issuer in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*) not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms<sup>2</sup> the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms specified in the applicable Final Terms, such Covered Bond on the Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount as specified in the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the Optional Redemption Date. To exercise the right to require redemption of this Covered Bond the holder of this Covered Bond must deliver, at the specified office of any Paying Agent (in the case of Covered Bonds held through Interbolsa and in the case of Bearer Covered Bonds) or the Registrar (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds) at any time during normal business hours of such Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar falling within the notice period, a duly completed and signed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent or, as the case may be, the Registrar (a Put Notice) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is required to be made by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition and, in the case of Registered Covered Bonds, the nominal amount thereof to be redeemed and, if less than the full nominal amount of the Registered Covered Bonds so surrendered is to be redeemed, an address to which a new Registered Covered Bond in respect of the balance of such Registered Covered Bonds is to be sent subject to and in accordance with the provisions of Condition 2 (*Transfers of Covered Bonds*). If this Covered Bond is in definitive form, the Put Notice must be accompanied by this Covered Bond or evidence satisfactory to the Paying Agent concerned that this Covered Bond will, following delivery of the Put Notice, be held to its order or under its control. If this Covered Bond is represented by a Global Covered Bond

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<sup>1</sup> When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of five clearing system business days' notice for a call) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent.

<sup>2</sup> When setting notice periods, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems (which require a minimum of 15 clearing system business days' notice for a put) and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agent).

or is in definitive form and held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Covered Bond the holder of this Covered Bond must, within the notice period, give notice to the Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable (which may include notice being given on his instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any common depositary or common safekeeper, as the case may be, for them to the Agent by electronic means) in a form acceptable to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg from time to time and, if this Covered Bond represented by a Covered Bond, at the same time present or procure the presentation of the relevant Global Covered Bond to the Agent for notation accordingly. Any Put Notice given by a holder of any Covered Bond pursuant to this paragraph shall be irrevocable. If the Covered Bonds are held through Interbolsa, the right to require redemption will be exercised directly against the Issuer, through the relevant Paying Agent.

#### 6.4 *Purchases*

The Issuer or any of its subsidiaries may at any time purchase or otherwise acquire Covered Bonds (provided that, in the case of Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds, all unmatured Coupons or Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. Such Covered Bonds may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, surrendered to any Paying Agent and/or Registrar for cancellation.

#### 6.5 *Cancellation*

All Covered Bonds which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together - if applicable - with all unmatured Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Covered Bonds so cancelled and any Covered Bonds purchased and surrendered for cancellation pursuant to Condition 6.4 above (together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be cancelled by Interbolsa or the Agent (as applicable) and cannot be held, reissued or resold.

#### 6.6 *Late payment on Zero Coupon Covered Bonds*

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Covered Bond to which Condition 6.7 does not apply, upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Covered Bond pursuant to paragraph 6.1, 6.2 or 6.3 above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 9 (*Events of Default – Insolvency Event and Enforcement*) is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Covered Bond shall be the amount calculated according to the following formula:

$$“RP” \times (1 + AY)^y$$

where:

“RP” means the Reference Price; and

“AY” means the Accrual Yield expressed as a decimal; and

“y” is a fraction, the denominator of which is 360 and the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds to (but excluding) the date which is the earlier of:

- (i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Covered Bond have been paid; and
- (ii) the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Covered Bonds has been received by the Agent and notice to that effect has been given to the holders of Covered Bonds either in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*) or individually.

#### 6.7 *Extension of Maturity up to Extended Maturity Date*

- (A) An Extended Maturity Date shall be specified in the applicable Final Terms as applying to each Series of Covered Bonds unless the rating provided by the rating agencies appointed by the Issuer at the relevant time in respect of the Programme is adversely affected by such Extended Maturity Date provisions.
- (B) If an Extended Maturity Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms as applying to a Series of Covered Bonds and the Issuer fails to redeem all of those Covered Bonds in full on the Maturity Date or within two Business Days thereafter, the maturity of the Covered Bonds and the date on which such Covered Bonds will be due and repayable for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions will be automatically extended up to but no later than the Extended Maturity Date, subject as otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms. In that event, the Issuer may redeem all or any part of the principal amount outstanding of the Covered Bonds on an Interest Payment Date falling in any month after the Maturity Date up to and including the Extended Maturity Date or as otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms. The Issuer shall give to the holders of Covered Bonds (in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*)), the Agent and the other Paying Agents, notice of its intention to redeem all or any of the principal amount outstanding of the Covered Bonds in full at least five Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date or, as applicable, the Extended Maturity Date. Any failure by the Issuer to notify such persons shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of any redemption by the Issuer on the relevant Interest Payment Date or as applicable, the Extended Maturity Date or give rise to rights in any such person.
- (C) In the case of Covered Bonds which are Zero Coupon Covered Bonds up to (and including) the Maturity Date to which an Extended Maturity Date is specified under the applicable Final Terms, for the purposes of this Condition 6.7 the principal amount outstanding shall be the total amount otherwise payable by the Issuer on the Maturity Date less any payments made by the Issuer in respect of such amount in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
- (D) Any extension of the maturity of Covered Bonds under this Condition 6.7 shall be irrevocable. Where this Condition 6.7 applies, any failure to redeem the Covered Bonds on the Maturity Date or any extension of the maturity of Covered Bonds under this Condition 6.7 shall not constitute an event of default for any purpose or give any holder of Covered Bonds any right to receive any payment of interest, principal or otherwise on the relevant Covered Bonds other than as expressly set out in these Terms and Conditions.
- (E) In the event of the extension of the maturity of Covered Bonds under this Condition 6.7, interest rates, interest periods and interest payment dates on the Covered Bonds from (and including) the Maturity Date to (but excluding) the Extended Maturity Date shall be determined and made in accordance with the applicable Final Terms and Condition 4.4.

- (F) If the Issuer redeems part and not all of the principal amount outstanding of Covered Bonds on an Interest Payment Date falling in any month after the Maturity Date, the redemption proceeds shall be applied rateably across the Covered Bonds and the principal amount outstanding on the Covered Bonds shall be reduced by the level of that redemption.
- (G) If the maturity of any Covered Bonds is extended up to the Extended Maturity Date in accordance with this Condition 6.7, subject to otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms, for so long as any of those Covered Bonds remains in issue, the Issuer shall not issue any further mortgage covered bonds, unless the proceeds of issue of such further mortgage covered securities are applied by the Issuer on issue in redeeming in whole or in part the relevant Covered Bonds in accordance with the terms hereof.
- (H) This Condition 6.7 shall only apply to Covered Bonds to which an Extended Maturity Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms and if the Issuer fails to redeem those Covered Bonds in full on the Maturity Date (or within two Business Days thereafter).

## **7. TAXATION**

### *7.1 Payments free of taxes*

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Covered Bonds (and Coupons, if applicable) shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any Taxes unless the Issuer or any Paying Agent (as the case may be) is required by law to make any such payment subject to any such withholding or deduction. In that event, the Issuer or any Paying Agent (as the case may be) shall be entitled to withhold or deduct the required amount for or on account of Tax from such payment and shall account to the relevant Tax Authorities for the amount so withheld or deducted.

### *7.2 No payment of additional amounts*

Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent will be obliged to pay any additional amounts to the holders of Covered Bonds in respect of any Tax Deduction made in accordance with Condition 7.1 above.

### *7.3 Taxing Jurisdiction*

If the Issuer becomes subject at any time to any taxing jurisdiction other than the Portuguese Republic, references in these Terms and Conditions to the Portuguese Republic shall be construed as references to the Portuguese Republic and/or such other jurisdiction.

### *7.4 Tax Deduction not event of default*

Notwithstanding that the Issuer or any Paying Agent is required to make a Tax Deduction in accordance with Condition 7.1 above, this shall not constitute an event of default by the Issuer.

## **8. PRESCRIPTION**

The Covered Bonds will become void unless presented for payment within 20 years (in the case of principal) and five years (in the case of interest) in each case from the Relevant Date therefor, subject in each case to the provisions of Condition 5 (*Payments*). As used in these Terms and Conditions, “**Relevant Date**” means the date on which such payment first



becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the holders of Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*).

## **9. EVENTS OF DEFAULT – INSOLVENCY EVENT AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **9.1 *Insolvency Event***

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, if an Insolvency Event in respect of the Issuer occurs, the holders of Covered Bonds may approve a Resolution, by a majority of 2/3 of the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding, to determine the serving of an Acceleration Notice, in which case all outstanding Covered Bonds shall immediately become due and payable each at their Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest.

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions: “**Insolvency Event**” means the winding-up and dissolution of the Issuer under any applicable laws and regulations (including under Decree-Law No. 199/2006, of 25 October 2006, Decree-Law No. 298/92 of 31 December 1992 and/ or (if applicable) under the Code for the Insolvency and Recovery of Companies introduced by Decree-Law No. 53/2004 of 18 March 2004).

### **9.2 *Enforcement***

- (A) Following the approval of a Resolution as described in Condition 9.1, the holders of the Covered Bonds (or the Common Representative on their behalf, provided it has been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction) may at any time after service of an Acceleration Notice, at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer, and/or any other person as it may deem fit to enforce the provisions of the Covered Bonds.
- (B) In exercising any of its powers and discretions the Common Representative shall only have regard to the interests of the holders of Covered Bonds of all Series.
- (C) No holder of Covered Bonds shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or to take any action with respect to the Common Representative Appointment Agreement, the Covered Bonds or any other Programme Document unless the Common Representative, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable time and such failure shall be continuing.

## **10. AGENT, PAYING AGENTS AND REGISTRAR**

- (A) The names of the Agent, the Paying Agent and the initial Registrar (only applicable whilst the Covered Bonds are held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg) and their initial specified offices are set out below. If any additional Paying Agents are appointed in connection with any Series, the names of such Paying Agents will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. In the event of the appointed office of any such bank being unable or unwilling to continue to act as the Agent, or failing duly to determine the Rate of Interest, if applicable, or to calculate the Interest Amounts for any Interest Period, the Issuer shall appoint such other bank to act as such in its place.
- (B) The Agent may not resign its duties or be removed from office without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid. The Issuer is entitled to vary or terminate the

appointment of any Paying Agent or the Registrar and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents or the Registrar and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent or the Registrar acts, provided that:

- (i) there will at all times be an Agent and, in the case of Registered Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, a Registrar;
- (ii) the Issuer will, so long as any of the Covered Bonds is outstanding, maintain a Paying Agent (which may be the Agent) having a specified office in a city approved by the Common Representative in continental Europe;
- (iii) so long as any of the Covered Bonds are listed on any Stock Exchange or admitted to trading by any other relevant authority, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant Stock Exchange or as the case may be, other relevant authority; and
- (iv) the Issuer will ensure that it maintains a Paying Agent in a member state of the EU that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to such Directive.

## **11. NOTICES**

All notices regarding the Covered Bonds shall be valid if published in the *Financial Times* or another English language daily newspaper of general circulation in Ireland approved by the Trustee and (so long as the relevant Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on, and listed on the official list of, the Irish Stock Exchange), any notice shall also be published in accordance with any relevant listing rules. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any other stock exchange (or any other relevant authority) on which the Covered Bonds are for the time being listed. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication in all the relevant newspapers.

All notices regarding the Covered Bonds shall comply with the applicable Portuguese law requirements.

While the Covered Bonds are deposited with a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, notices to the holders of the Covered Bonds may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and, in addition, for so long as any Covered Bonds are listed on a stock exchange and the rules of that stock exchange (or any other relevant authority) so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by that stock exchange (or any other relevant authority). Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Covered Bonds on the seventh day after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

## **12. MEETINGS OF HOLDERS OF COVERED BONDS**

- (A) The Portuguese Companies Code contains provisions for convening meetings of the holders of Covered Bonds to consider any matter attributed to them by law and in their common interest (which provisions are described and supplemented in the Common Representative Appointment Agreement), including the modification by

Resolution of these Terms and Conditions or the provisions of the Common Representative Appointment Agreement.

- (B) The quorum at any meeting convened to vote on: (i) a Resolution not regarding a Reserved Matter will be any person or persons holding or representing whatever the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds then outstanding; or (ii) a Resolution regarding a Reserved Matter of the Covered Bonds, will be any person or persons holding or representing at least 50% of the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds then outstanding so held or represented or, at any adjourned meeting, any person being or representing whatever the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds then outstanding. Each Covered Bond grants its holder one vote.
- (C) The majorities required to approve a Resolution at any meeting convened in accordance with the applicable rules shall be: (i) if in respect to a Resolution not regarding a Reserved Matter, the majority of the votes cast at the relevant meeting; or (ii) if in respect to a Resolution regarding a Reserved Matter, at least 50% of the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds then outstanding or, at any adjourned meeting 2/3 of the votes cast at the relevant meeting.

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, a “**Reserved Matter**” means any proposal: (i) to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series, (ii) to reduce the amount of principal or interest due on any date in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series or to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series on redemption or maturity; (iii) to effect the exchange, conversion or substitution of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series into, shares, bonds or other obligations or securities of the Issuer or any other person or body corporate formed or to be formed; (iv) to change the currency in which amounts due in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series are payable; (v) to alter the priority of payment of interest or principal in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series; (vi) to amend this definition; and (vii) any other matter required by law to be approved by the majorities set out in Condition 12(C)(ii);

- (D) A Resolution approved at any meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of a Series shall, subject as provided below, be binding on all the holders of Covered Bonds of such Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting. Pursuant to the Common Representative Appointment Agreement, the Common Representative may convene a single meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of more than one Series if in the opinion of the Common Representative there is no conflict between the holders of such Covered Bonds, in which event the provisions of this paragraph shall apply thereto *mutatis mutandis*.
- (E) Notwithstanding the provisions of the immediately preceding paragraph, any Resolution to direct the Common Representative to accelerate the Covered Bonds pursuant to Condition 9 (*Events of Default – Insolvency Event and Enforcement*) or to direct the Common Representative to take any enforcement action (each a “**Programme Resolution**”) shall only be capable of being passed at a single meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding.
- (F) Any such meeting to consider a Programme Resolution may be convened by the Common Representative or, if it refuses to convene such a meeting, by the Chairman of the General Meeting of Shareholders of the Issuer; if both the Common

Representative and the Chairman of the General Meeting of Shareholders of the Issuer refuses to convene the meeting, then 5% of the holders of Covered Bonds of any Series may petition the court to order a meeting to be convened.

- (G) A Programme Resolution passed at any meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of all Series shall be binding on all holders of Covered Bonds of all Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting.
- (H) In connection with any meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of more than one Series where such Covered Bonds are not denominated in euro, the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds of any Series not denominated in euro shall be converted into euro at the relevant exchange rate at the date of the meeting.

### **13. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE COMMON REPRESENTATIVE CONTRACTING WITH THE ISSUER**

- (A) If, in connection with the exercise of its powers and discretions, the Common Representative is of the opinion that the interests of the holders of Covered Bonds of any one or more Series would be materially prejudiced thereby, the Common Representative shall not exercise such powers and discretions without the approval of such holders of Covered Bonds by a Resolution or by a written resolution of such holders of Covered Bonds of at least the majority of the Principal Amount Outstanding of Covered Bonds of the relevant Series then outstanding.
- (B) The Common Representative shall not be required to expend its own funds or otherwise incur or risk incurring any liability in the performance of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights, powers, authorities or discretions if it has grounds for believing the repayment of such funds is not reasonably assured to it under the Covered Bonds Law or if it has not been provided with adequate indemnity against or security for such risk or liability. Notwithstanding any Programme Resolution or any other Resolution approved at any meeting or any written resolution of any holders of Covered Bonds, the Common Representative may (i) refrain from taking any action until it has been provided with sufficient funds or adequate indemnity against or security for any liability it may incur as a result of any such actions and (ii) refrain from doing anything which might in its opinion be contrary to any law of any jurisdiction or which might otherwise render it liable to any person and (iii) do anything which is in its opinion necessary to comply with any such law, and in no circumstances shall be liable to the holders of Covered Bonds for any consequences of such actions or inaction. The Common Representative Appointment Agreement contains further provisions for the indemnification of the Common Representative and for its relief from responsibility.

### **14. REPLACEMENT OF COVERED BONDS, COUPONS AND TALONS**

Should any Covered Bond, Coupon or Talon (if applicable) be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, in accordance with article 51 of the Portuguese Securities Code, at the specified office of the financial intermediary where such Covered Bond, Coupon or Talon (if applicable) is registered or deposited (as the case may be) upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Covered Bonds, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## 15. OVERCOLLATERALISATION, VALUATION OF COVER POOL AND ISSUER COVENANTS

### 15.1 Maintenance of overcollateralisation

For so long as the Covered Bonds are outstanding, the Value (determined in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations) of the Cover Pool maintained by the Issuer shall at all times be a minimum of 105.26% of the aggregate Value of all outstanding Covered Bonds issued under the Programme less any Covered Bonds held by the Issuer pursuant to article 21.2 of the Covered Bonds Law and not cancelled or such other percentage as may be selected by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Cover Pool Monitor (the “**Overcollateralisation Percentage**”), provided that:

- (i) the Overcollateralisation Percentage shall not, for so long as there are Covered Bonds outstanding, be reduced by the Issuer below 105.26%; and
- (ii) (A) so long as the Covered Bonds are rated Aa1 or above by Moody’s, the Issuer shall not at any time reduce the Overcollateralisation Percentage which applies for the purposes of this Condition 15, unless, always provided that (i) above is satisfied, Moody’s has confirmed in writing to the Issuer that such reduction would not result in any credit rating then assigned to the Covered Bonds by Moody’s, being reduced, removed, suspended or placed on credit watch and (B) so long as the Covered Bonds are not rated Aa1 or above by Moody’s, the Issuer shall not at any time reduce the Overcollateralisation Percentage which applies for the purposes of this Condition 15.

### 15.2 Issuer Covenants

For so long as any of the Covered Bonds are outstanding, the Issuer shall ensure that:

- (A) *Loan to Value*: the Value of a Mortgage Credit granted by the Issuer may not exceed either 80% of the Current Property Value, in case of a Property intended primarily for residential purposes, or 60% of the Current Property Value, in case of a Property intended primarily for commercial purposes;
- (B) *Asset Cover*: the aggregate value of the Other Assets may not exceed 20% of the aggregate value of the Cover Pool;
- (C) *Average Maturity*: the remaining average Maturity of all outstanding Covered Bonds is at all times shorter than the remaining average Maturity of the Cover Pool entered in the Register;
- (D) *Interest Cover*: the total amount of interest receivable on the Cover Pool will at all times be at least equal to or exceed the total amount of interest payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds;
- (E) *Valuations*: all the required valuations of Covered Bonds, Mortgage Credits, Hedging Contracts, Other Assets and Properties will be made in compliance with the requirements of the Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations (in particular Regulation 5/2006 and Regulation 6/2006);
- (F) *Cover Pool Monitor*: the Cover Pool Monitor will be provided with all necessary elements and information to monitor compliance by the Issuer of this Condition 15 in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law;

- (G) *Mortgage Credits*: the Mortgage Credits included in the Cover Pool are not Non-Performing Mortgage Credits; and
- (H) *Liabilities*: The net present value of the liabilities arising from issues of Covered Bonds cannot exceed the net present value of the Cover Pool, including any Hedging Contracts. This ratio must also be met for 200 basis points parallel shifts of the yield curve.

## 16. FURTHER ISSUES

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the holders of Covered Bonds to create and issue further securities with the same terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds of any Series or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon, issue date and/or purchase price and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Covered Bonds of such Series.

## 17. GOVERNING LAW

The Common Representative Appointment Agreement, the Set of Agency Procedures, the Covered Bonds and the other Programme Documents are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, Portuguese law.

## 18. DEFINITIONS

In these Terms and Conditions, the following defined terms have the meanings set out below:

“**Acceleration Notice**” means a notice served on the Issuer pursuant to Condition 9 (*Events of Default – Insolvency Event and Enforcement*).

“**Agent**” means Banco Comercial Português, S.A., in its capacity as Agent with head office at Praça Dom João I, 28, 4000-295 Oporto, Portugal.

“**Bank of Portugal Regulations**” means the secondary legislation passed by the Bank of Portugal regulating certain aspects of the Covered Bonds Law, namely Regulation 5/2006, Regulation 6/ 2006, Instruction 13/2006, Regulation 7/2006 and Regulation 8/2006 and any relevant regulation that may be issued by the Bank of Portugal in the future.

“**Bearer Covered Bonds**” means any Covered Bonds in bearer form issued (whether or not in global form).

“**Book Entry Covered Bonds**” means any Covered Bonds in book entry form issued.

“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**” means Clearstream Banking *société anonyme*, Luxembourg.

“**CMVM**” means the *Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários*, the Portuguese Securities Commission.

“**Coupons**” means the interest coupons related to the Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds and for the time being outstanding or, as the context may require, a specific number of such coupons.

“**Common Representative**” means Deutsche Trustee Company Limited, in its capacity as representative of the holders of the Covered Bonds pursuant to Article 14 of the Covered Bonds Law in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and the terms of the Common

Representative Appointment Agreement, having its registered office at Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB.

**“Couponholders”** means the persons who for the time being are holders of Coupons.

**“Cover Pool”** means the pool of assets maintained by the Issuer and allocated to the issue of Covered Bonds under the Programme, held to the benefit of the holders of Covered Bonds and the Other Preferred Creditors, and including the Mortgage Credits, the Hedging Contracts and the Other Assets, as specified in the Register.

**“Cover Pool Monitor”** means KPMG & Associados - SROC, SA, member of the Portuguese Institute of Statutory Auditors (*“Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas”*), registered with the CMVM with registration number 9093, with registered office at Edifício Monumental, Av. Praia da Vitória 71 - A, 110, 1069-006 Lisbon.

**“Covered Bond”** means any mortgage covered bond issued by the Issuer pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law in the form specified in the applicable Final Terms and **“Covered Bonds”** shall be construed accordingly.

**“Covered Bonds Law”** means the Portuguese legal framework applicable to the issuance of covered bonds, enacted by Decree-Law No. 59/2006, of 20 March 2006, as amended.

**“Current Property Value”** means, in relation to a Property securing a Mortgage Credit, the updated Property Valuation of such Property.

**“Definitive Bearer Covered Bond”** means any definitive Covered Bond in bearer form issued only in exchange for a Global Covered Bond in bearer form held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

**“Definitive Registered Covered Bond”** means any definitive Covered Bond in registered form issued whether or not in exchange for a Global Covered Bond in registered form held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

**“Euro”**, **“€”** or **“euro”** means the lawful currency of member states of the European Union that adopt the single currency introduced in accordance with the Treaty.

**“Euroclear”** means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.

**“Final Terms”** means, in relation to each Tranche, the applicable final terms attached to, or endorsed on, such Covered Bonds.

**“Fixed Interest Period”** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

**“Global Covered Bond”** means any global covered bond (whether temporary or permanent, if applicable).

**“Hedging Contracts”** means the hedging contracts entered into by the Issuer in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law for the purpose of hedging interest rate, exchange or liquidity risks in relation to the Cover Pool.

**“Instruction 13/2006”** means the regulatory instruction (*“Instrução”*) No. 13/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal relating to certain information duties applicable in relation to the issue of mortgage covered bonds in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

“**Interbolsa**” means Interbolsa - Sociedade Gestora de Sistemas de Liquidação e de Sistemas Centralizados de Valores Mobiliários, S.A., as operator of the Central de Valores Mobiliários.

“**Interbolsa Participant**” means any authorised financial intermediary entitled to hold control accounts with Interbolsa on behalf of their customers and includes any depository banks appointed by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for the purpose of holding accounts on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

“**Interest Amount**” means, as applicable, the amount of interest payable on the Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of each Specified Denomination, calculated by the Calculation Agent pursuant to Condition 4 (*Interest*).

“**Loan to Value**” means, in respect of a Mortgage Credit, the ratio of the aggregate Value of such Mortgage Credit to the Current Property Value of the Property securing such Mortgage Credit.

“**Maturity**” means the final legal maturity of any outstanding Covered Bonds, Mortgage Credits, Hedging Contracts or Other Assets, as applicable.

“**Mortgage**” means, in respect of any Mortgage Credit, the charge by way of legal mortgage over the relevant Property together with all other encumbrances or guarantees the benefit of which is vested in the Issuer as security for the repayment of that Mortgage Credit.

“**Mortgage Credit**” means the pecuniary credit receivables secured by a Mortgage and/or any Additional Security which is comprised in the Cover Pool and which complies with the following eligibility criteria established in the Covered Bonds Law:

- (a) it is a pecuniary receivable not yet matured, which is neither subject to conditions nor encumbered, judicially seized or apprehended and which (a) is secured by first ranking mortgages over residential or commercial real estate located in an EU member state; or
- (b) secured by a junior mortgage but where all Mortgage Credits ranking senior thereto are held by the Issuer and also allocated to the relevant cover pool; or
- (c) secured by (i) a personal guarantee granted by a credit institution, or (ii) an appropriate insurance policy, in any case together with a mortgage counter guarantee evidencing (a) or (b) above.

“**Non-Performing Mortgage Credits**” means, with respect to a Mortgage Credit, that such Mortgage Credit:

- (a) is in the course of being foreclosed or otherwise enforced; or
- (b) has one or more payments of principal or interest payable on the related credit in arrears and those payments are referable to a period of 90 days or more.

“**Other Assets**” means all assets other than Mortgage Credits and Hedging Contracts which comply with the eligibility criteria established in the Covered Bonds Law and which are included in the Cover Pool as specified in the Register, including:

- (a) deposits with the Bank of Portugal, in cash or securities eligible for credit transactions in the Eurosystem;



- (b) current or term account deposits with credit institutions (which are not in a control or group relationship with the Issuer) having a rating equal to or higher than the minimum rating required at any time by the Rating Agencies, provided that such minimum rating shall in any event be at least equal to “A-” or equivalent; and
- (c) other assets complying simultaneously with the requisites of low risk and high liquidity as defined by the Bank of Portugal; For the avoidance of doubt, the Other Assets do not include any cash collateral that may be transferred under the Hedging Contracts.

**“Other Preferred Creditors”** means the Common Representative (or any successor thereof) and the Hedge Counterparties.

**“Overcollateralisation Percentage”** means 105.26% or such other percentage as may be selected by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Cover Pool Monitor, provided that: (i) the Overcollateralisation Percentage shall not, for so long as there are Covered Bonds outstanding, be reduced by the Issuer below 105.26%; and (ii) (A) so long as the Covered Bonds are rated Aa1 or above by Moody’s, the Issuer shall not at any time reduce the Overcollateralisation Percentage which applies for the purposes of Condition 15, unless, always provided that (i) above is satisfied, Moody’s has confirmed in writing to the Issuer that such reduction would not result in any credit rating then assigned to the Covered Bonds by any Rating Agency being reduced, removed, suspended or placed on credit watch and (B) so long as the Covered Bonds are not rated Aa1 or above by Moody’s, the Issuer shall not at any time reduce the Overcollateralisation Percentage which applies for the purposes of Condition 15.

**“Paying Agents”** means the paying agents named in the Set of Agency Procedures together with any successor or additional paying agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Covered Bonds under the Set of Agency Procedures.

**“Programme Resolution”** means any Resolution directing the Common Representative to accelerate the Covered Bonds pursuant to Condition 9 (*Events of Default – Insolvency Event and Enforcement*) or directing the Common Representative to take any enforcement action and which shall only be capable of being passed at a single meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding.

**“Property”** means, in relation to any Mortgage Credit, the property upon which the repayment of such Mortgage Credit is secured by the corresponding Mortgage and **“Properties”** means all of them.

**“Property Valuation”** means, in relation to any Property:

- (a) the amount determined as the commercial value or the market value (as applicable) of such Property in accordance with the most recent independent valuation of such Property, at the time or after the relevant Mortgage Credit was originated, in accordance with Regulation 5/ 2006; and
- (b) the amount determined by resorting to the use of adequate and recognized indices or statistical methods, whenever an independent valuation of the Property is not required pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law and Regulation 5/2006.

**“Register”** means the register of the Cover Pool and associated collateral maintained by the Issuer in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations.

**“Registered Covered Bond”** means any covered bond in registered form.

**“Registrar”** means a registrar appointed by the Issuer in respect of one or more Series of Covered Bonds.

**“Regulation 5/2006”** means the regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”) No. 5/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal and published on 11 October 2006, relating to the valuation of real estate assets serving as security for mortgage credits comprised in cover pools allocated to the issue of mortgage covered bonds in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Regulation 6/2006”** means the regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”) No. 6/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal and published on 11 October 2006, relating to the prudential limits applicable in relation to the issue of mortgage covered bonds in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Regulation 7/2006”** means the regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”) No. 7/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal and published on 11 October 2006, relating to the weighting coefficient applicable to the ownership of covered bonds issued in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Regulation 8/2006”** means the regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”) No. 8/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal and published on 11 October 2006, relating to the insolvency, winding-up or dissolution of a credit institution which has issued covered bonds issued in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Regulation S”** means Regulation S under the Securities Act.

**“Relevant Date”** means the date on which a payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the holders of Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*).

**“Reserved Matter”** means any proposal: (i) to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series, (ii) to reduce the amount of principal or interest due on any date in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series or to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series on redemption or maturity; (iii) to effect the exchange, conversion or substitution of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series into, shares, bonds or other obligations or securities of the Issuer or any other person or body corporate formed or to be formed; (iv) to change the currency in which amounts due in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series are payable; (v) to alter the priority of payment of interest or principal in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series; (vi) to amend this definition; and (vii) any other matter required by law to be approved by the majorities set out in Condition 12(C)(ii).

**“Resolution”** means a resolution adopted at a duly convened meeting of holders of Covered Bonds and approved in accordance with the applicable provisions.

**“Securities Act”** means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**“Set of Agency Procedures”** means the set of agency procedures (such set of agency procedures as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time) dated 23 July 2009 and made and agreed by Banco Comercial Português, S.A., in its capacity as Agent, Paying Agent and the Issuer and agreed to by any subsequent agent, paying agent, transfer agent, agent bank and/or registrar appointed by the Issuer.

“**Stock Exchange**” means Irish Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange where Covered Bonds may be listed as per the relevant Final Terms.

“**Talon**” and “**Talons**” means the talons for further Coupons attached to the Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds on issue.

“**TARGET2 Day**” means any day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

“**TARGET2 System**” means the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System.

“**Tax**” shall be construed so as to include any present or future tax, levy, impost, duty, charge, fee, deduction or withholding of any nature whatsoever (including any penalty or interest payable in connection with any failure to pay or any delay in paying any of the same) imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Authority and “**Taxes**”, “**taxation**”, “**taxable**” and comparable expressions shall be construed accordingly.

“**Tax Authority**” means any government, state, municipal, local, federal or other fiscal, revenue, customs or excise authority, body or official anywhere in the world exercising a fiscal, revenue, customs or excise function including the Irish Revenue Commissioners and H.M. Revenue and Customs.

“**Tax Deduction**” means any deduction or withholding on account of Tax.

“**Terms and Conditions**” means in relation to the Covered Bonds, the terms and conditions to be endorsed on or applicable to the Covered Bonds and any reference to a particular numbered Condition shall be construed in relation to the Covered Bonds accordingly.

“**Treaty**” means the treaty establishing the European Communities, as amended by the Treaty on European Union.

“**Value**” means:

- (a) in relation to a Mortgage Credit, (i) for the purpose of the Overcollateralisation Percentage, an amount equal to the book value of such Mortgage Credit entered on the Register, together with any matured and accrued interest; and (ii) for the purpose of Loan to Value calculation, an amount equal to the book value of such Mortgage Credit entered on the Register;
- (b) in relation to any Other Assets:
  - (i) the aggregate amount of any deposits together with any matured and accrued interest, as entered on the Register;
  - (ii) the value resulting from the rules regarding valuation of margins defined by the Eurosystem for securities eligible for Eurosystem credit transactions or, if lower, the nominal value of such securities, including matured and accrued interests.

## CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COVER POOL

### INTRODUCTION - CAPACITY TO ISSUE COVERED BONDS

In general, only duly licensed credit institutions allowed by law to grant mortgage loans, and having own funds not lower than EUR 7,500,000, may issue covered bonds. The Issuer complies with these requirements and is thus allowed to issue covered bonds under the Covered Bonds Law.

### ISSUER REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN COVER POOL

The Issuer may issue Covered Bonds only if it maintains a related Cover Pool in compliance with the Covered Bonds Law. The Cover Pool contains mortgage credit assets, substitution assets and other eligible assets subject to the limitations provided for in the Covered Bonds Law. The Covered Bonds Law allows for the composition of the Cover Pool to be dynamic and does not require it to be static. Accordingly, the mortgage credit assets (and other permitted assets) to be comprised in the Cover Pool may change from time to time after the date hereof in order to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Covered Bonds Law and with the Bank of Portugal Regulations (as defined in *Definitions*).

To enable it to issue Covered Bonds, the Issuer has established and will maintain a segregated register (the “**Register**”) in relation to the Cover Pool for the purposes of the Covered Bonds Law.

The Issuer plans to issue from time to time further Covered Bonds and will include in the relevant Cover Pool additional mortgage credit assets or substitution assets as security for those Covered Bonds in accordance with relevant provisions of the Covered Bonds Law, as further detailed below.

The Issuer is required, as soon as practicable after becoming aware that it has contravened the provisions of the Covered Bonds Law, to take all possible steps to prevent the contravention from continuing or being repeated.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ASSETS COMPRISED IN THE COVER POOL

Only mortgage credits or receivables which comply with the legal eligibility criteria described below may be included in the Cover Pool:

#### *Mortgage Credits Eligibility Criteria*

Mortgage Credits should be pecuniary receivables of the Issuer not yet matured, which are neither subject to conditions nor encumbered, judicially seized or apprehended and which a) are secured by first ranking mortgages over residential or commercial real estate located in an EU member state; or b) are secured by a junior mortgage but where all mortgage credits ranking senior thereto are held by the Issuer and also allocated to the relevant cover pool; or c) are secured by (i) a personal guarantee granted by a credit institution, or (ii) an appropriate insurance policy, in any case together with a mortgage counter guarantee evidencing the characteristics described above.

#### *“Other Assets” Eligibility Criteria:*

The following assets may also be included in the Cover Pool as Other Assets:

- (a) deposits with the Bank of Portugal, in cash or securities eligible for credit transactions in the Eurosystem (which is the monetary authority of the euro area which comprises the European

Central Bank and the national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro);

- (b) current or term account deposits with credit institutions (which are not in a control or group relationship with the Issuer) having a rating equal to or higher than the minimum rating given at any time by the Rating Agencies, provided that such minimum rating shall in any event be at least equal to “A-” or equivalent; and
- (c) other assets meeting both the low risk and high liquidity requirements of the Bank of Portugal Regulations.

The aggregate value of the Other Assets may not exceed 20% of the aggregate value of mortgage assets and other assets allocated as collateral to all Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer.

At the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer intends to include in the Cover Pool mortgage credits which are located in Portugal and secured primarily on residential property for the purposes of the Covered Bonds Law. The Cover Pool may also include mortgage credit that has been granted under the subsidised credit regime, pursuant to Decree Law No. 349/98 of 11 November 1998.

The Issuer does not intend at the date of this Base Prospectus to include either (i) Mortgage Credits which have their primary security over commercial property or (ii) Mortgage Credits in respect of which the associated Property is located for the purposes of the Covered Bonds Law outside Portugal without first notifying (in each case for so long as the Covered Bonds are rated by such rating agency) Moody's, Fitch and DBRS to ascertain whether any such action will not result in a downgrade of the rating then ascribed by such rating agency to the Covered Bonds.

## **HEDGING CONTRACTS**

The Covered Bonds Law allows the Cover Pool to include hedging contracts aimed exclusively at hedging risks, namely interest rate, exchange rate or liquidity risks. These hedging contracts will form part of the Cover Pool and may be taken into account in the assessment of the financial ratios and requirements of the Covered Bonds Law and described in this section.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Covered Bonds Law, any such hedging contract can only be entered into (i) in a regulated market of an EU Member State, or (ii) recognised market of an OECD country, or (iii) with a counterparty which is a credit institution with a rating of at least “A-” or equivalent. The Covered Bonds Law empowers the Bank of Portugal to develop, by regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”), the eligibility criteria for hedging contracts to form part of the Cover Pool.

Also pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, the Register shall, in relation to each Hedging Contract, identify (i) the Covered Bonds to which the relevant Hedging Contract relates; (ii) the corresponding Cover Pool; (iii) the nominal value of the Hedging Contract; (iv) the Hedge Counterparty; and (v) the commencement date and the maturity date of such Hedging Contract.

If a particular Tranche of Covered Bonds is issued in a denomination other than the euro, the Issuer must enter into Hedging Contracts for the purpose of hedging any currency exchange risk.

Interest rate exposure of the Issuer relating to Mortgage Credits, as and when comprised in the Cover Pool, will be managed through Hedging Contracts. Interest rate swaps will be entered into with a Hedge Counterparty relating to both the Cover Pool and the Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer. The Hedging Contracts will qualify as derivative financial instruments for the purposes of the Covered Bonds Law.

The terms of any Hedging Contracts to be entered into with a Hedge Counterparty, will include, among other termination events, provisions that provide that if the rating of any Hedge Counterparty short-term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) falls below “F1” by Fitch, and as a result of such downgrade the then current rating of the Covered Bonds is downgraded or placed under review for possible downgrade, or the rating of any Hedge Counterparty long-term IDR falls below “A” by Fitch, and as a result of such downgrade the then current rating of the Covered Bonds is downgraded or placed under review for possible downgrade, or if the rating of any Hedge Counterparty long-term unsecured, unsubordinated debt obligations falls below “A3” by Moody’s (or ceases to be rated) at any time, the Hedge Counterparty will be required to take certain remedial measures which may include: (i) providing collateral for its obligations under the Hedging Contract, subject to any applicable Rating Agencies’ criteria regarding Hedge Counterparty exposures; (ii) arranging for its obligations under the Hedging Contracts to be transferred to an entity with ratings given pursuant to the criteria of the relevant rating agency; (iii) procuring another entity with ratings given pursuant to the criteria of the relevant rating agency to become co-obligor in respect of its obligations under the Hedging Contracts; or (iv) taking such other action as it may agree with the relevant rating agency. A failure to take such steps will allow the Issuer to terminate the Hedging Contracts.

### **LOAN-TO-VALUE RESTRICTIONS**

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, the amount of any mortgage credit asset included in the Cover Pool may not exceed (i) the value of the corresponding Mortgage, and (ii) 80% of the value of the Property, if it is residential property, or 60% of the value of the Property, if it is commercial property. See *Valuation of Cover Pool* below.

### **WEIGHTED AVERAGE TERM TO MATURITY**

The Covered Bonds Law sets out certain criteria, including matching weighted average term to maturity, which are required to be met by the Issuer in respect of its Cover Pool. In any case, the average maturity of the outstanding Covered Bonds may not exceed, at any time, the average maturity of the Mortgage Credits and Other Assets allocated to the relevant issuance.

### **OVERCOLLATERALISATION**

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, the nominal principal amount of any Covered Bonds outstanding may not exceed 95% of the aggregate nominal amount of the Cover Pool less any Covered Bonds acquired by the Issuer pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law and not cancelled. In addition, the aggregate amount of interest payable to the holders of Covered Bonds may not exceed, at any time, the amount of interest to be collected under the Cover Pool (including both the Mortgage Credits and the Other Assets) allocated to the Covered Bonds.

In compliance with the above legal requirements, Condition 15 (*Overcollateralisation, Valuation of Cover Pool and Issuer Covenants*) requires the Issuer to over-collateralise the Cover Pool with respect to outstanding Covered Bonds at a minimum level of 105.26% or such other percentage as may be selected by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Cover Pool Monitor, provided that: (i) the Overcollateralisation Percentage shall not, for so long as there are Covered Bonds outstanding, be reduced by the Issuer below 105.26%; and (ii) (A) so long as the Covered Bonds are rated Aa1 or above by Moody’s, the Issuer shall not at any time reduce the Overcollateralisation Percentage which applies for the purposes of Condition 15, unless, always provided that (i) above is satisfied, Moody’s has confirmed in writing to the Issuer that such reduction would not result in any credit rating then assigned to the Covered Bonds by Moody’s being reduced, removed, suspended or placed on credit watch; and (B) so long as the Covered Bonds are not rated Aa1 or above by Moody’s, the Issuer shall not at any time reduce the Overcollateralisation Percentage which applies for the purposes of Condition 15. See *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*.

For the purposes of the calculation by the Issuer and the Cover Pool Monitor of the level of overcollateralisation referred to above:

- (a) Mortgage Credits shall be included at their outstanding principal amount, together with any accrued but unpaid interest;
- (b) the Covered Bonds shall be accounted according to the nominal value of outstanding principal, together with accrued but unpaid interest;
- (c) in relation to any Other Assets:
  - (i) deposits shall be accounted for according to their amount together with any accrued but unpaid interest; and
  - (ii) securities eligible for Eurosystem credit transactions shall be accounted for by one value resulting from the rules regarding margin valuation laid down by the Eurosystem or, if lower, according to their nominal value, including accrued but unpaid interests.

Also for the purpose of these calculations the Issuer and the Cover Pool Monitor shall use the exchange rates published by the European Central Bank as a reference.

In addition, the net present value of the liabilities arising from issues of Covered Bonds cannot exceed the net present value of the Cover Pool, including any Hedging Contracts. This ratio must also be met for 200 basis point parallel shifts in the yield curve.

## **COMPLIANCE WITH FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Cover Pool Monitor must monitor the Issuer's compliance with the financial requirements established in the Covered Bonds Law and in the Bank of Portugal Regulations described in this section. The Issuer must, as soon as practicable after becoming aware that it has failed to comply with any provisions of the Covered Bonds Law summarised herein (or when it is reasonable to expect that they will not be complied with), take all steps to comply with that provision, by undertaking one or more of the following procedures:

- (a) allocating new mortgage credit assets, with or without substitution of those already allocated to the Covered Bonds; and/or
- (b) allocating additional Other Assets; and/or
- (c) acquiring Covered Bonds in the secondary market.

## **VALUATION OF COVER POOL**

The Covered Bonds Law sets out certain requirements and criteria which are required to be met by the Issuer in respect of the valuation of Mortgage Credits comprised in the Cover Pool.

The Covered Bonds Law empowers the Bank of Portugal to specify, by regulatory notice ("*Aviso*"), requirements in relation to the valuation basis and methodology, time of valuation and any other matters that it considers relevant for determining the value of mortgage credit assets or Other Assets for the purposes of the Covered Bonds Law. The Covered Bonds Law also empowers the Bank of Portugal to specify, by regulatory notice, requirements in relation to the valuation basis and methodology, time of valuation and any other matter that it considers relevant for determining the

value of substitution assets that are to be comprised in the Cover Pool. These requirements are set out in Regulation 6/2006.

## **Valuation of Properties**

### *General Overview*

The value of each Property associated with a Mortgage Credit comprised in the Cover Pool corresponds to the commercial value of such Property, determined in accordance with prudent criteria and taking into consideration (i) the sustainable long term characteristics of such Property, (ii) the standard conditions of the local market, (iii) the current use of the relevant Property, and (iv) any alternative uses of the Property in question.

Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 5/2006, the commercial value awarded by the Issuer to each of the Properties related to Mortgage Credits comprised in the Cover Pool may not be higher than the market value of such Property. For these purposes, the “**market value**” of each Property shall correspond to the price by which the relevant Property can be purchased by a third party able to complete such purchase on the date of the valuation of the Property, assuming that (i) the Property is publicly put on sale, (ii) the market conditions allow for a regular transfer of such Property, and (iii) there is a normal period of time to, considering the nature of the Property in question, negotiate the purchase and sale of such Property.

### *Valuation by expert*

Prior to the inclusion in the Cover Pool of the related Mortgage Credit, each Property must be valued by a real estate valuation expert. Such valuation shall be reviewed by a real estate valuation expert whenever (i) the information available to the Issuer indicates that there may have been a substantial decrease in the value of the Property or (ii) the value of the Property may have materially decreased in relation to general market prices.

A valuation made by a real estate valuation expert prior to the enactment of Regulation 5/2006 may, however, be used by the Issuer provided that:

- (a) the valuations are carried out by a valuation expert who is independent from the credit analysis and credit decision process within the Group;
- (b) the valuations are subject to a written report from the valuation expert that includes in a clear and accurate way elements that allow the understanding of the analysis and conclusions of the valuation expert;
- (c) the Properties have been valued in light of the corresponding market value or the value of the mortgaged Property, as established by Regulation (“*Aviso*”) 5/2006; and
- (d) there has been no evidence that the relevant Property is over-valued at the time of allocation of the relevant Mortgage Credit to the issue of Covered Bonds.

The real estate valuation experts appointed from time to time by the Issuer to conduct the required valuation of Properties shall be independent and be adequately qualified and experienced for the performance of their functions. The Issuer may not appoint a real estate valuation expert with any potential conflicts of interest, notably where there is (i) any specific interest of the real estate valuation expert in the Property subject to the valuation, (ii) any relationship, commercial or personal, with the borrower of the Mortgage Credit related to the Property subject to valuation, or (iii) where the remuneration of the valuation expert is dependent on the valuation of the relevant Property.



The Issuer may appoint a valuation expert within the Group, provided such valuation expert is independent from the credit analysis and decision making process within the Group.

The selection of real estate valuation experts by the Issuer must ensure adequate diversification and rotation, and the Issuer shall maintain a permanent and updated list of selected valuation experts, setting out the criteria which have led to the respective selection, as well as the Properties valued by each valuation expert. This list shall be sent to the Bank of Portugal by the end of January in each year, indicating, if applicable, any changes made to such list from the list submitted the previous year.

Under Regulation 5/2006, the Bank of Portugal may, in relation to a given Property, require the Issuer to appoint another valuation expert, in particular when the value resulting from the previous valuation raises doubts as to its correctness.

#### *Methods of valuation*

The Issuer must ensure that each real estate valuation expert it appoints uses one of the following methods of valuation, which shall be chosen in light of the specific characteristics of the Property subject to valuation, as well as of the specific conditions of the local market:

- (a) Cost method;
- (b) Income method; or
- (c) Comparison method.

#### *Valuation report*

Each real estate valuation expert appointed by the Issuer shall prepare a report in relation to the valuation of each Property, setting out, in a clear and detailed manner, all the elements relevant for the full understanding of the analysis and conclusions of such valuation, in particular:

- (a) the identification of the relevant Property, with a detailed description of its characteristics;
- (b) a description and basis of the method(s) of valuation, any parameters used and/or assumptions adopted, identifying the manner in which the volatility effects of the short term market or the market temporary conditions were taken into account;
- (c) a description of possible qualifications to the analysis;
- (d) the valuation of the Property, in terms of both the value of the mortgaged Property and of the market value of the Property;
- (e) a statement of the valuation expert that he has effected the valuation according to the applicable requirements set out in the Covered Bonds Law and in the Bank of Portugal Regulations; and
- (f) the date of the valuation and the identification and the signature of the valuation expert.

#### *Subsequent valuations of Properties and subsequent update of the value of Properties*

In respect of Mortgage Credits that exceed (i) 5% of the own funds of the Issuer or (ii) EUR 500,000, in the case of residential Properties, or EUR 1,000,000, in the case of commercial Properties, the valuation of the relevant Property shall be reviewed by a real estate valuation expert at least every three years.

The Issuer shall also perform any internal check of the value of each of the Properties once every three years, for residential Properties, and at least once a year for commercial Properties. The Issuer may be required to conduct Property valuations whenever there is relevant information that indicates that a substantial decrease of the Property value has taken place or that the Property value may have suffered a material decline in relation to standard market prices.

For the purpose of conducting an update of the valuation of the Properties, the Issuer may resort to recognized indices or statistical methods. In this case, the Issuer shall send the Bank of Portugal a report with the detailed description of such indices and statistical methods, as well as the grounds for their use, together with an opinion on the adequacy of such indices and statistical methods produced by a reputable independent valuation expert.

All subsequent updates of the value of the Properties shall be documented by the Issuer, setting out the description of the relevant criteria and the frequency of the review.

The Issuer shall provide the Cover Pool Monitor with all information necessary for the Cover Pool Monitor to supervise compliance by the Issuer with the requirements set forth in the Covered Bonds Law and in Regulation 5/2006 relating to the valuation of the Properties securing the Mortgage Credits comprised in the Cover Pool.

### **Valuation of Other Assets**

Pursuant to Regulation 6/2006, the Other Assets shall be valued as follows:

- (a) the deposits shall be accounted for according to their amount together with any accrued but unpaid interest; and
- (b) the securities eligible for Eurosystem credit transactions shall be for by the value resulting from the rules regarding margin valuation laid down by the Eurosystem or, if lower, according to the nominal value of such securities, including accrued but unpaid interest.

### **Insurance**

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, if any property mortgaged as security for payment of interest and principal in relation to a mortgage credit asset comprised in the Cover Pool does not have an adequate insurance policy contracted by the relevant owner, the Issuer must obtain such insurance coverage adequate to the risks inherent to the relevant property. The Issuer must bear the costs of such insurance. In any case, the insurance policy attached to any property included in the Cover Pool must provide for a full coverage, allowing, in case of total loss, for such property to be rebuilt.

Any compensation due under any such insurance policies must be paid directly to the Issuer, up to the limit of the relevant Mortgage Credit.

### **COVER POOL SEGREGATED REGISTER AND SPECIAL CREDITOR PRIVILEGE**

#### *Autonomous pool of assets and segregated register*

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, the Cover Pool constitutes an autonomous pool of assets (“*património autónomo*”), not liable for any general indebtedness incurred by the Issuer until all amounts due to the holders of Covered Bonds and the Other Preferred Creditors are fully paid and discharged.

The Covered Bonds Law provides that the appropriate particulars of each asset comprised in the Cover Pool (including Mortgage Credits, Other Assets and Hedging Contracts) must be recorded in a segregated register within, and maintained by, the Issuer. Such register must record the following:

- (i) the outstanding principal amount;
- (ii) the applicable interest rate;
- (iii) the applicable maturity;
- (iv) the notary's office where the relevant mortgage was entered into, when applicable; and
- (v) the reference regarding the definitive inscription of the mortgages in the corresponding real estate registry.

Pursuant to article 4.3 of the Covered Bonds Law, the Cover Pool is identified in the transaction documents by a code. The key to such code is deposited with the Bank of Portugal which has promulgated, by regulatory notice ("Aviso"), the conditions under which the holders of Covered Bonds may have access to the segregated register of the Cover Pool.

#### *Special creditor privilege*

Under the Covered Bonds Law, the holders of Covered Bonds enjoy a special creditor privilege over the Cover Pool (including the Mortgage Credits, the Other Assets and the Hedging Contracts) with preference over any other general creditor, in relation to the repayment of principal and payment of interest due under the Covered Bonds. Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, this special creditor privilege applies automatically for the benefit of the holders of Covered Bonds, the Common Representative and the Hedge Counterparties and is not subject to registration.

The mortgages created as security for the mortgage credit assets comprised in the Cover Pool shall prevail over all other real estate preferential claims.

#### **DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE REGARDING THE COVER POOL**

On a quarterly basis, the Issuer produces an investor report (the "**Investor Report**") containing key information regarding characteristics of the Cover Pool, outstanding Covered Bonds and Other Assets, as at the last business day of each calendar quarter. The Investor Report is produced and distributed by the end of the calendar month following each calendar quarter, and distributed to the Rating Agencies and Cover Pool Monitor, via electronic mail. The issuer makes the Investor Report available to investors by sending it to Bloomberg L.P.'s financial portal (<http://www.bloomberg.com/>), via electronic mail, as well as by publishing it in on the Issuer's corporate website ([www.millenniumbcp.pt](http://www.millenniumbcp.pt)).

## **INSOLVENCY OF THE ISSUER**

The Covered Bonds Law governs, to a certain extent, the impact on the Covered Bonds of a possible insolvency or winding-up of the Issuer, so as to ensure due protection to the holders of Covered Bonds. In the event of dissolution and winding-up (including on grounds of insolvency) of the Issuer, the Covered Bonds Law establishes that the Cover Pool shall be segregated from the insolvency estate of the Issuer and will not form part thereof until full payment of any amounts due to the holders of Covered Bonds. The amounts corresponding to payment of interest and repayment of principal of the Mortgage Credits and Other Assets will not form part of the insolvency estate of the Issuer.

The Cover Pool will, in such an event, be separated from the Issuer's insolvency estate so as to be autonomously managed until full payment of the amounts due to the holders of Covered Bonds and the Other Preferred Creditors. In this situation, pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, the holders of Covered Bonds are entitled to adopt a resolution approving the immediate acceleration of the Covered Bonds by a majority of at least two thirds of the votes of the holders of Covered Bonds then outstanding, in which case the entity appointed to manage the Cover Pool shall provide for the liquidation thereof to the benefit of the holders of Covered Bonds.

If an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to the Issuer, the plan for the voluntary dissolution and winding-up of the Issuer, which shall be submitted to the Bank of Portugal pursuant to article 35-A of the Credit Institutions General Regime, shall identify a Substitute Credit Institution appointed to (i) manage the Cover Pool allocated to the outstanding Covered Bonds and (ii) ensure that the payments of any amounts due to the holders of such Covered Bonds are made. Such plan shall also describe the general framework and conditions under which those actions will be rendered by the Substitute Credit Institution.

In addition, if the authorisation of the Issuer to act as a credit institution in Portugal is revoked, the Bank of Portugal is required, simultaneously with the decision to revoke such authorisation, to appoint a Substitute Credit Institution to manage the Cover Pool allocated to the Covered Bonds outstanding and to ensure that payments due to the holders of such Covered Bonds are made.

The fees to be paid to the appointed Substitute Credit Institution shall be determined by the Bank of Portugal at the time of such appointment and shall be paid out of the Cover Pool.

In accordance with Regulation 8/2006, any Substitute Credit Institution appointed by the Bank of Portugal to service the Cover Pool following an Insolvency Event of the Issuer shall:

- (i) immediately upon being appointed, prepare an opening balance sheet in relation to the Cover Pool, supplemented by the corresponding explanatory notes;
- (ii) perform all acts and things necessary or desirable for the prudent management of the Cover Pool and respective guarantees in order to ensure the timely payment of all amounts due to holders of Covered Bonds including, without limitation:
  - a. selling the Mortgage Credits comprised in the Cover Pool;
  - b. ensuring the timely collection in respect of the Mortgage Credits comprised in the Cover Pool; and
  - c. performing administrative services in connection with such Mortgage Credits;
- (iii) maintain and keep updated a segregated register of the Cover Pool in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law; and

- (iv) prepare an annual financial report in relation to the Cover Pool and the outstanding Covered Bonds, which report shall be the subject of an audit report produced by an independent auditor. The independent auditor shall be appointed as Cover Pool Monitor by the Substitute Credit Institution in accordance with article 34 of the Covered Bonds Law.

Furthermore, any Substitute Credit Institution appointed by the Bank of Portugal to service the Cover Pool following an Insolvency Event of the Issuer shall perform all acts and things necessary or convenient for maintaining the relationship with the borrowers under such Mortgage Credits.

## **COMMON REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOLDERS OF COVERED BONDS**

Deutsche Trustee Company Limited, with registered office at Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB, has been appointed by the Issuer as representative of the holders of the Covered Bonds pursuant to Article 14 of the Covered Bonds Law and in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and the terms of the Common Representative Appointment Agreement.

The Issuer has appointed the Common Representative to represent the holders of Covered Bonds. According to the Covered Bonds Law and to the relevant provisions of the Portuguese Companies Code, the Common Representative may be entitled to perform all the necessary acts and actions in order to ensure protection of the holders of Covered Bonds, namely: (a) to represent the holders of Covered Bonds in respect of all matters arising from the issuance of the Covered Bonds and to enforce on their behalf their legal or contractual rights; (b) to enforce any decision taken by the general meetings of the holders of Covered Bonds, in particular those where the acceleration of the Covered Bonds may be decided; (c) to represent the holders of Covered Bonds in any judicial proceedings, including judicial proceedings against the Issuer and, in particular, in the context of any winding-up, dissolution or insolvency commenced by or against the Issuer; (d) to collect and examine all the relevant documentation in respect of the Issuer which is provided to its shareholders; and (e) to provide the holders of Covered Bonds with all relevant information regarding the issuance of the Covered Bonds it may become aware of by virtue of its role as Common Representative under the Common Representative Appointment Agreement.

The holders of the Covered Bonds may at any time, by means of resolutions passed in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and the Common Representative Appointment Agreement, remove the Common Representative and appoint a new common representative.

## **COVER POOL MONITOR**

### **APPOINTMENT OF A COVER POOL MONITOR**

The Covered Bonds Law requires that the Board of Directors of the Issuer appoints a qualified person or entity to be the monitor of the Cover Pool (the “**Cover Pool Monitor**”) who shall be responsible, for the benefit of the holders of Covered Bonds, for monitoring the compliance by the Issuer of the requirements contained in the Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations.

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, the Cover Pool Monitor must be an independent auditor registered with the CMVM. For these purposes, an independent auditor must be an auditor which is not related with or associated to any group of specific interests within the issuing entity and is not in a position that hinders its ability to make independent analysis and decisions. In particular, such independent auditor shall not (i) hold 2% or more of the share capital of the Issuer, either directly or on behalf of a third party; or (ii) have been reelected for more than two terms either consecutive or not.

The Issuer is responsible for paying any remuneration or other money payable to the Cover Pool Monitor in connection with the Cover Pool Monitor’s responsibilities in respect of the Issuer and the holders of Covered Bonds.

### **ROLE OF THE COVER POOL MONITOR**

Pursuant to the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement, dated 4 August 2008 as amended and restated on 29 June 2012, the Issuer appointed KPMG & Associados - SROC, SA, as Cover Pool Monitor. KPMG & Associados - SROC, SA. is registered with the CMVM under registration number 9093.

The Cover Pool Monitor Agreement reflects the requirements of the Covered Bonds Law in relation to the appointment of a monitor in respect of the requirements (namely, financial requirements and the requirements set forth in Condition 15 (*Overcollateralisation, Valuation of Cover Pool and Issuer Covenants*)) concerning the Cover Pool and the Covered Bonds. The Cover Pool Monitor Agreement provides for certain matters such as overcollateralisation (see *Characteristics of the Cover Pool*), valuation of assets comprised in the Cover Pool, the payment of fees and expenses by the Issuer to the Cover Pool, the resignation of the Cover Pool Monitor and the replacement by the Issuer of the Cover Pool Monitor.

### **DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COVER POOL MONITOR**

In accordance with the Covered Bonds Law, the Cover Pool Monitor is required to monitor, for the benefit of the holders of the Covered Bonds, compliance by the Issuer of the financial and prudential requirements established in the Covered Bonds Law and in the Bank of Portugal Regulations in respect of the Cover Pool. In particular, the Cover Pool Monitor shall be engaged to assess compliance by the Issuer with the requirements set forth in Condition 15.

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations, the Cover Pool Monitor is entitled to be provided with all information required to monitor compliance by the Issuer with the requirements relating to outstanding Covered Bonds and the Cover Pool.

In the performance of its duties, the Cover Pool Monitor must produce an annual report with an assessment of the Issuer’s compliance with the requirements established in the Covered Bonds Law and in the Bank of Portugal Regulations, in particular those requirements relating to the level of collateralisation, the loan-to-value ratios limitations and the valuation of assets comprised in the Cover Pool. The Cover Pool Monitor must also prepare opinions certifying the statements of the

management body of the Issuer, relating to information and documentation filed with the Bank of Portugal.

The Cover Pool Monitor must notify the Issuer, as soon as reasonably practicable, after becoming aware that the Issuer has contravened any of the provisions of the Covered Bonds Law and/or that any of the requirements of the Cover Pool are not being complied with. If the situation remains unremedied within 10 business days after such notification, the Cover Pool Monitor will notify the Arrangers and the relevant Dealers of the contravention or non-compliance. For the purposes of this notification, the Cover Pool Monitor will develop quarterly procedures to be defined with the Issuer.

The Covered Bonds Law empowers the Bank of Portugal to promulgate, by regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”), requirements applicable to the content and disclosure of any reports of the Cover Pool Monitor.

### **REMUNERATION AND TERMINATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COVER POOL MONITOR**

In accordance with the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement, the Cover Pool Monitor shall be remunerated by the Issuer for its services as Cover Pool Monitor at a rate as may from time to time be agreed between the Issuer and the Cover Pool Monitor.

The Issuer may at any time terminate the appointment of the Cover Pool Monitor and appoint a new entity to act in such capacity. Any such termination shall not become effective until a new cover pool monitor is appointed in accordance with the terms of the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement. Additionally, the Cover Pool Monitor may retire at any time upon giving not less than three calendar months’ notice in writing to the Issuer. Such retirement shall not become effective until the appointment of a new cover pool monitor.



## DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS OF THE GROUP

### A. Description of the Business of the Group

#### Overview

Millennium bcp Group (the “**Group**”) is one of the largest privately owned banking groups (and the second largest overall) in Portugal by distribution network, total assets, loans to customers (gross, excluding off balance sheet securitisations) and customer funds, as at 31 March 2014 (based on data from the Bank of Portugal). The Group offers a wide range of banking products and related financial services, both in Portugal and internationally, namely demand accounts, instruments of payment, savings and investment products, mortgage-loans, consumer credit, commercial banking, leasing, factoring, insurance, private banking and asset management, among others, and its customers are served on a segmented basis. Internationally, the Group has significant operations in Poland, Angola, Mozambique and Romania, the latter being subject to divestment under the Restructuring Plan. In addition, the Bank has a presence in Switzerland and the Cayman Islands and Macao.

In accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRS**”), the Group had at 31 March 2014, total assets of EUR 82,348, million and total customer funds (including customer deposits, debt securities, asset management and capitalisation insurance) in the sum of EUR 64,720 million. Loans to customers (gross) amounted to EUR 59,392 million. The consolidated solvency ratio, calculated in accordance with Bank of Portugal rules stood at 14.8% (Core Tier 1 at 13.9%).

Based on the latest available data from the Bank of Portugal, the Group accounted for 19.2% of loans to customers (gross) and 19.3% of deposits in the Portuguese banking sector on 31 March 2014.

In addition, on 30 June 2014, the Bank was one of the largest companies listed on Euronext Lisbon in terms of market capitalisation (EUR 3,762 million).

The Bank is registered with the Commercial Registry Office of Oporto under the sole commercial registration and tax identification number 501 525 882 and its registered offices are located at Praça Dom João I, 28, 4000–295 Oporto, with telephone number +351 211 134 001.

#### Bank History

BCP was incorporated on 17 June 1985 as a limited liability company (“*sociedade anónima*”) organised under the laws of Portugal following the deregulation of the Portuguese banking industry. BCP was founded by a group of over 200 shareholders and a team of experienced banking professionals who sought to capitalise on the opportunity to form an independent financial institution that would serve the then underdeveloped Portuguese financial market more effectively than state-owned banks.

While the Bank’s development was initially characterised by organic growth, a series of strategic acquisitions helped solidify its position in the Portuguese market and increase its offering of financial products and services. In March 1995, BCP acquired control of Banco Português do Atlântico, S.A. (“**Atlântico**”), which was then the largest private bank in Portugal. This was followed by a joint takeover bid for the whole share capital of Atlântico, launched together with Companhia de Seguros Império (“**Império**”), a Portuguese insurance company. In June 2000, Atlântico was merged into BCP. In 2000, BCP also acquired Império, along with Banco Mello and Banco Pinto & Sotto Mayor. In 2004, with a view to strengthening its focus on the core business of distribution of financial products and optimising capital consumption, BCP sold insurers Império Bonança, Seguro Directo, Impergesto and Servicomercial to the Caixa Geral de Depósitos group. BCP also entered into agreements with Fortis (currently Ageas) for the sale of a controlling stake and management control

of insurers Ocidental Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros, S.A., Ocidental—Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros de Vida, S.A. and Médis Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros de Saúde, S.A., as well as the pension fund manager Pensõesger—Sociedade Gestora de Fundos de Pensões, S.A. Consistent with the Bank’s strategy on re-focusing its core business and maintaining capital discipline, between 2005 and 2007, the Bank sold Interbanco S.A., Credilar and sold or reduced its holdings in Friends Provident, Banca Intesa, Powszechny Zakład Ubezpieczeń, ONI, Banco Sabadell and Energias de Portugal.

The Bank has historically concentrated on businesses with strong growth prospects in foreign markets with a close historical connection to Portugal or that have large communities of Portuguese origin (such as Angola, Mozambique, the United States, Canada, France, Luxembourg and Macao), as well as in markets where the Bank’s successful Portuguese business model can be effectively exported and tailored to suit such local markets (such as Poland, Greece and Romania). The Bank has operated in Poland since 1998, originally through a joint venture with Polish financial group Big Bank Gdąski (“BBG”) and now as a 65.5% shareholder of Bank Millennium S.A., which was acquired by BCP in 2006. The Bank launched its Greek operations in 2000 and its Romanian operations in 2007. After the consolidation of its position in the Portuguese banking market, the Bank focused on the development of its retail business in new regions, with the goal of attaining significant positions in emerging markets in Europe and in Africa.

The Bank has pursued a consistent strategy of market segmentation. Until 2003, these segments were served through autonomous distribution networks operating under a variety of brand names. In October 2003, BCP began the process of replacing these brands in Portugal with a single brand name Millennium bcp. The rebranding in other markets was completed in 2006. All operations of the Bank are now carried out under the “Millennium” brand. In Portugal, the Bank also operates under the “ActivoBank” brand.

In recent years, the Bank has refocused on operations that it considers core to its business. As part of this refocus, the Bank divested several of its international operations (in Canada, France and Luxembourg), while retaining commercial protocols to facilitate remittances from Portuguese emigrants in those markets.

In 2004, the Bank also sold its non-life insurance businesses and divested a portion of its life insurance business by entering into a joint venture with Ageas (formerly Fortis), named Millenniumbcp Ageas, of which 51% is held by Ageas and 49% by the Bank. In addition, as part of its continued strategic refocus, in 2010, the Bank completed the divestment of assets classified as non-core through the sale of Millennium bank in Turkey (in which the Bank had retained a 5% stake), the divestment of which has now been completed, and Millennium bcp bank in the United States. In 2010, the Bank transformed its Macao off-shore branch into an on-shore branch. In September 2011, the Bank signed a partnership agreement with Banco Privado Atlântico, S.A. for the incorporation of a bank in Brazil. The partnership sought to furnish access to the Brazilian market, namely in the trade finance and corporate finance areas, which reflects the Bank’s new strategic agenda of refocusing in affinity markets.

In 2010, in response to the worsening of the economic and sovereign crisis, the Bank carried out an adjustment to its strategic agenda based on three priority lines: (i) “Increasing Trust”, in particular through strengthening customer relations, achieving higher capital ratios through the reduction of risk weighted assets (RWA), maintaining control of the commercial gap and improving net income; (ii) “Preparing the path out of the economic and financial crisis”, particularly through the repricing of loans, growth of customer funds, improvement of collateral in credit operations, significant increase of eligible assets with central banks and the launch of an innovative bank based on the ActivoBank platform; and (iii) “Focus and Sustainability”, through organisational streamlining, cost control, effective charge of commissions for provided services and focus on the international portfolio.

On 28 February 2012, the General Meeting of Shareholders approved amendments to the Articles of Association of the Bank, thereby adopting management restructuring through introduction of a one-tier management and supervisory model, composed of the Board of Directors, including an Executive Committee and Audit Committee (the latter comprising non-executive members, in accordance with the applicable law), and of the Statutory Auditor. An International Strategic Board was also created for the purpose of ensuring the development of the international expansion strategy of the Bank, and entrusted with the analysis and assessment of this strategy, as well as supervision over its development and implementation.

The Bank completed the Recapitalisation Plan approved by the General Meeting of Shareholders on 25 June 2012, which took place in two phases: (i) public investment, consisting of hybrid instruments qualifying as Core Tier 1 capital, in the amount of EUR 3,000 million, concluded at the end of June and (ii) private investment, consisting of a rights issue, in the amount of EUR 500 million, at the price of EUR 0.04 per ordinary share, which was completed in early October 2012. The Bank thus fulfilled the regulatory requirements established by the European Banking Authority (“EBA”) and delivered its Core Tier 1 ratio of 9.7% in June 2012 and 9.8% in December 2012. Adjusted for the sovereign debt buffer of zero as of 31 December 2012, the Core Tier 1 ratio as of 31 December 2012 was 11.4%, according to EBA and 12.4% in December 2012 according to the criteria of the Bank of Portugal. As at 31 December 2013, the Core Tier 1 ratio, according to the EBA criteria, was 10.8% and, adjusted for the sovereign debt buffer of zero as of 31 December 2013, the ratio was 12.8%. As at 31 March 2014, the Core Tier 1 ratio, according to the EBA criteria, was 11.0% and adjusted for the sovereign debt buffer of zero as of 31 December 2013, the ratio was 12.9%. As a result of the Recapitalisation Plan implemented by the Bank, and the terms provided by law, on 3 December 2012, the Government appointed two non-executive members to the Board of Directors to hold office during the term of the public investment, aimed at strengthening the Bank’s own funds.

In December 2012, the Bank prepared and presented to the Portuguese Government a Restructuring Plan, required by national law and by the applicable European rules on matters of State aid. The Restructuring Plan was formally submitted by the Portuguese Government to the European Commission, in observance of the maximum period of six months after the approval of the Bank’s Recapitalisation Plan as provided by the Decision 8840-B/2012 of the Minister of State and Finance, dated 28 June 2012, and published in the Official Gazette of Portugal Series on 3 July 2012.

In July 2013, the Bank was informed that an agreement between Portuguese authorities and the European Commission had been reached regarding BCP’s Restructuring Plan, entailing an improvement of the profitability of the Bank in Portugal through continued cost reduction. On 2 September 2013, the DG Comp announced its formal decision in connection with its agreement with the Portuguese authorities concerning the Bank’s Restructuring Plan. Pursuant to the decision, the Bank’s Restructuring Plan was found in compliance with the European Union’s rules relating to State aid, demonstrating the Bank’s viability without continued State support.

The approved Restructuring Plan aimed at strengthening the Bank’s strategy by focusing on its core activities and is designed to emphasise: (i) reinforcement of funding to the economy in full compliance with the regulatory capital levels requirements; (ii) the strategic focus of activity by separating assets deemed core and non-core (securities backed lending, highly leveraged loans, subsidised mortgage loans and loans to certain segments associated with construction, football clubs and real estate development), aiming to reduce non-core assets gradually; (iii) deleveraging of the balance sheet, with divestment of non-core assets and achievement of a LTD (loans-to-deposits) ratio of 120% from 2015 onward; (iv) improving operational efficiency, achieving a ROE (return on equity) minimum of 10% and a cost-to-income maximum of 50%, both from 2016 onwards; (v) implementation of a new approach in the asset management business by adopting an open-architecture distribution model, allowing for a wider range of customers’ investment options; and (vi) continuation of the process of adjustment of the Bank’s structure in the domestic market, in particular by

optimising the number of branches and other areas of business support, highlighting the continuity of staff policies that adjust the staff to the demand for banking services. In particular, the agreement implies a reduction of about 25% of staff-related costs from December 2012 to December 2015 (an important part of this effort has already materialised in 2012 and 2013).

In addition, the Restructuring Plan underlines the significance of the strategic operations in Angola and Mozambique, which are important contributors to the strategy to support the business community and the net income of the Bank. Bank Millennium in Poland is considered a core operation, thus there is no commitment to sell unless the outstanding amount of GSIs by December 2016 exceeds EUR 700 million.

On the international front, the Restructuring Plan envisages the sale of BCP's operations in Romania in the medium term.

On 22 April 2013, BCP and Piraeus Bank SA entered into definitive agreements in connection with: (i) the sale of the entire share capital of Millennium Bank in Greece, and (ii) BCP's investment in the forthcoming capital increase of Piraeus Bank SA. The sale of the entire share capital of Millennium Bank in Greece to Piraeus Bank SA, pursuant to the general conditions as announced on 22 April 2013, was completed on 19 June 2013.

As anticipated, the exit from the Greek market took place on 30 October 2013 when the completion of BCP's disposal of its entire stake in Piraeus Bank SA was announced. Proceeds from the sale amounted to EUR 494 million, thereby appreciating in relation to the acquisition price of EUR 94 million. The transaction significantly reduced the balance sheet risk, with a very positive effect on the Bank's Core Tier 1 capital, improving it by close to 40 basis points compared with 30 September 2013.

In December 2013, the Bank announced it had signed a memorandum of understanding with the labour unions to implement a process of salary adjustments for a temporary period, which is expected to allow BCP to achieve the agreed targets with DG Comp and the Portuguese State to reduce staff costs. The implementation of this agreement will be in force from July 2014 onward.

On 26 May 2014, as part of a process aiming to refocus on core activities defined as a priority in its Strategic Plan, the Bank announced that it agreed with the international insurance group Ageas a partial recast of the strategic partnership agreements entered into in 2004, which included the sale of its 49% interest in the (currently jointly owned) insurance companies that operate exclusively in the non-life insurance business, i.e. "Ocidental – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros, S.A." and "Médis – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros de Saúde, S.A."

On 24 June 2014, BCP announced that the Board of Directors of Millennium bcp had resolved, with the favourable prior opinion of the Audit Committee, to increase the share capital of the Bank by approximately EUR 2,250 million, through an offering of subscription rights to subscribe for 34,487,542,355 new ordinary shares, without nominal value, to existing holders of the Bank's ordinary shares, and other investors who acquire subscription rights (the "**Rights Offering**").

The subscription price was set at EUR 0.065 per share at a ratio of seven new ordinary shares for four ordinary shares held. The subscription price represented a discount of approximately 34% to the theoretical ex-rights price based on the closing price of Millennium bcp shares on Euronext Lisbon on 24 June 2014.

Each holder of the Bank's ordinary shares received one subscription right for each ordinary share it owns.

On 22 July 2014, the Bank announced the results of the share capital increase: 34,082,211,308 ordinary shares were subscribed to pursuant to the exercise of subscription rights, representing about 98.8% of the total number of ordinary shares to be issued pursuant to the Rights Offering. The remaining 405,331,047 ordinary shares were available to satisfy oversubscription orders. Oversubscription orders totalled 9,243,741,767 ordinary shares, which exceeded about 21.8 times the amount available. The total demand registered in this capital increase accounted for approximately 125.6% of the amount of the Rights Offering.

The transaction represented an important step in order to allow the total reimbursement of EUR 2,250 million of CoCos to the Portuguese State (of which EUR 400 million occurred in May and EUR 1,850 million to be authorised by the Bank of Portugal in third quarter of 2014).

On 30 July 2014, the Bank announced the assignment of the agreement with OTP Bank regarding the sale of the entire share capital of Banca Millennium (Romania) (“**BMR**”). The transaction was subject to customary conditions, in particular to obtaining regulatory approvals.

The aggregate consideration for the sale of the share capital of BMR was agreed at EUR 39 million. On the date of closing of the sale transaction, OTP Bank will ensure full reimbursement to BCP of the intragroup funding currently provided by BCP to BMR, amounting to approximately EUR 150 million.

The impact of the transaction on Bank’s consolidated common equity tier 1 ratio is estimated to be negligible, reflecting a EUR 34 million loss, for which a provision was charged to the consolidated profit and loss account for the first half of 2014, offset by a EUR 351 million release of risk-weighted assets, as already factored in the pro forma capital ratios recently reported as of 30 June 2014 (12.5% in accordance with phased-in criteria, 9.0% on a fully implemented basis).

## **B. Business Overview**

### **Nature of Operations and Principal Activities**

The Group is engaged in a wide variety of banking and related financial services activities, in Portugal and internationally. The Bank operates in foreign markets, being present in the following markets: Poland, Switzerland, Romania, Mozambique and Angola. In Portugal, the Bank’s operations are primarily in retail banking, but it also offers a complete range of additional financial services (in accordance with article 3 of the articles of association of the Bank, which provides that “the purpose of the Bank is to engage in banking activities with such latitude as may be permitted by law”). The Bank also engages in a number of international activities and partnerships.

The Bank’s banking products and services include demand accounts, instruments of payment, savings and investments, mortgage-loans, consumer credit, commercial banking, leasing, factoring, insurance, private banking and asset management, among others. The Bank’s domestic retail banking activities are conducted mainly through its marketing and distribution network in Portugal, which follows a segmented approach to the Portuguese retail banking market and serves the diverse banking needs of specific groups of customers. Back office operations for the distribution network are integrated in order to explore economies of scale.

The Bank has subsidiaries that offer additional financial services, including investment banking, asset management and insurance. These subsidiaries generally distribute their products through the Bank’s distribution networks. The Bank’s retail banking and related financial services activities, together with its international operations and partnerships, are described in greater detail below.

## Strategy

In September 2012, BCP announced a new three phase Strategic Plan for the period up to 2017. The Strategic Plan was further updated in September 2013, following the approval of BCP's Restructuring Plan by the European Commission, and subsequently updated pursuant to the Rights Offering successfully concluded in July 2014. The three phases of the Strategic Plan are as follows:

Phase 1 (2012 to 2013): Setting the foundation for sustainable future development

- During the first phase of the Strategic Plan, the management's key priority was the reinforcement of the balance sheet through a reduction of the Bank's dependence on wholesale funding and increasing its regulatory capital ratios.

Phase 2 (2014 to 2015): Creating conditions for growth and profitability

- During the second phase of the Strategic Plan, the management's focus is on recovering profitability of the Bank's domestic operations, coupled with the continued development of the international subsidiaries in Poland, Mozambique and Angola.
- Improvement in domestic profitability is expected to be primarily driven by (i) an increase in net interest margin through a reduction in the cost of deposits and an improving lending mix towards higher margin products, (ii) a continued focus on operating cost optimisation through a reduction in headcount and elimination of administrative overlaps and (iii) the adoption of strict credit risk limits, thereby driving down recurring provisioning expenses.

Phase 3 (2016 to 2017): Sustained growth

- During the third phase, management will be focused on reaching a sustainable growth of net income, benefitting from the successful implementation of the first two phases of the Strategic Plan, an improved balance between the contributions of the domestic and international operations towards profitability, and the completion of the winding down/divestment of the Bank's non-core portfolio.

The Board of Directors also approved an update of the Strategic Plan comprising a revision of targets to be achieved in or at the end of 2017:

- CET 1 ratio (according to CRD IV/CRR phased-in and fully implemented): > 10%
- Net loans to on balance sheet customer funds: < 100%
- Cost-to-income ratio: ~ 40%
- Operating costs in Portugal: ~ EUR 660 million
- Cost of risk: < 100 basis points
- Return on Equity (ROE): ~ 15%

The main actions required to successfully implement the Strategic Plan are:

- **Strengthening the balance sheet:** The Bank is aiming to improve its capital ratios through a reduction of risk weighted assets (RWA) via the deleveraging and the disposal or winding down of non-core operations. Strong internal capital generation in the latter phases of the Strategic Plan is also expected to contribute to capital accumulation. Additionally, the

disposal or winding down of non-core operations and incorporation of off-balance sheet customer funds into on-balance sheet customer funds is expected to improve the liquidity position of the Bank by reducing the commercial gap and the Bank's reliance on wholesale sources of funding. This improvement in the commercial gap and increase in borrowings from public and private debt markets resulted in a reduction of net funds taken from the ECB. Over the course of the implementation of the Strategic Plan, it is the intention of the Bank's management to continue reducing the exposure to the ECB through a combination of initial deleveraging followed by continued deposit growth and controlled loan portfolio expansion.

- **Improving profitability of the domestic operations:** The Bank is in the process of optimising its product mix and will continue to adjust the pricing of the loans to better reflect the risk profile of each customer, which is expected to have a positive impact on both the net interest margin and the cost of risk of the Portuguese business. Further improvement to the net interest margin is expected from the continued reduction in spreads on term deposits.
- **Consolidating the Bank's leading position in the Portuguese private sector retail and SME/corporate banking markets:** The Bank has adopted a new business model focused on a new segmentation of its customer base, the ongoing review of the products and services it offers, and an adjustment of its back office units and branch network. This business model is being implemented in the expectation of expanding the Bank's geographic coverage and increasing client facing "sales capacity" while simultaneously reducing operating costs. In the retail customer segment, the strategy is to rebalance the portfolio mix from lower yielding mortgages towards higher yielding lending; in the SME/corporate segment, the focus will be on targeting export oriented companies. The Bank aims to ensure sustainable profitability in the medium- and long-term, with the objective of becoming "best in class" in operating efficiency, both in terms of generating revenues and operating expenses while maintaining high credit risk control, thereby preserving its strategic position in the Portuguese retail and SME banking markets.
- **Unique international position:** The Bank's international franchise is focused on the rapidly growing markets of Poland, Mozambique and Angola. In Poland, the Bank intends to continue its policy of customer acquisition, based on the existing large and modern branch network, its full offer of products and services and the strength of the Bank's brand. In addition, the Bank intends to continue focusing on cross-selling products and services to the existing customer base. In Mozambique, the Bank intends to continue leveraging its leading franchise in the country through the development of its branch network and the offering of new and innovative products and services to its customers. In Angola, the Bank aims to further develop its operations and increase its volumes in each business segment through growth of its customer base. All three of the Bank's core international markets are currently self-funded with customer deposits exceeding net customer loans, thereby not requiring parental funding from the Bank. This self-funding is expected to be maintained throughout the course of the growth and development of the international markets.
- **Risk management:** The Bank aims to implement a new monitoring system to manage performing loans with a higher probability of default, in addition to past due loans. The creation of a legacy portfolio coupled with the strengthening of the Bank's loan recovery capabilities is expected to reduce the overall delinquency level while maintaining focus on new credit underwriting with a risk profile in line with the Strategic Plan.

## Business Model

Part of the "back office" operations are provided by Millennium bcp Prestação de Serviços A.C.E. (formerly Servibanca), which plans, monitors and controls the costs and levels of services of the

Group activities and provides various operational and technologic services and represents its members before third parties, particularly in areas of IT, operations, management and procurement.

On 28 February 2012, a General Meeting of Shareholders of the Bank was held, which approved the alteration and restructuring of the articles of association of the company, which was consolidated in the adoption of a one-tier management and supervision model, composed of a Board of Directors (that includes an Executive Committee), an Audit Committee and a Statutory Auditor.

Following the General Meeting held on 28 February 2012, the internal organisational model of the Bank covers four business areas: Retail, Companies, Asset Management & Private Banking and Business Abroad (Europe, Africa and Other), and two support units - Processes and Banking Services and Corporate Areas.

Regarding the internal organisation and decision-making structure, it is important to note the existence of a series of Committees and Commissions directly appointed by the Executive Committee which, apart from the Directors who are specifically entrusted with the monitoring of matters, include the employees of the Bank or Group who are the heads of their respective areas.

As at 31 December 2013, there were eight Committees, aimed at facilitating the coordination of current managerial decisions, involving the senior management of the units included in each business area, with a view to reconciling perspectives and supporting the managerial decision-making process of the Executive Committee, as follows:

- **Committee for the Approval of New Products:** This Committee is composed of 16 permanent members. In addition to five Directors with specific areas of responsibility, Miguel Maya, Miguel Bragança, Iglésias Soares, Luís Pereira Coutinho and Rui Manuel Teixeira, this Committee is also composed of the persons in charge of the Tax Advisory Department, Legal Department, Audit Department, Direct Banking Department, Compliance Office (acting as secretary of the Committee), Communication Department, Accounting Department, IT and Technology Department, Companies Products Marketing Division, Retail Marketing Department, Market Research and the Process Owner responsible for the Development of New Products and Services Heads of the proponent marketing areas.

This Committee has the primary mission and is entrusted with the analysis of the policy of approval, formalisation, and risk management inherent to the process of implementation, launch and commercialisation of new products and activities of the Bank, as well as correcting and rectifying specific characteristics of products or services or have them removed from the commercial circuit ensuring their suitability with the defined risk management policy and assessing any determinations or communications relative to the products or services issued by supervisory authorities; ensuring that the situations showing non-compliance with the procedures for the approval of new products and/or services are corrected in an appropriate manner.

- **Legal Affairs Committee:** This Committee is composed of eight permanent members. In addition to two Directors with specific areas of responsibility, Miguel Maya and Iglésias Soares, this Committee is composed of the Heads of the Tax Advisory Department, Legal Department, Logistics & Procurement Department, Litigation Department, Cost Control and Performance Department and the Company Secretary (which acts as secretary).

This Committee has the primary mission of ensuring an adequate coordination of the legal function between the different areas of the Bank and of issuing an opinion on the external engagement of legal services.



This Committee is entrusted with the analysis of the suitability of the legal function relative to the objectives of the Bank and the Group, promoting the effective coordination of the same, developing the awareness of the employees in general regarding legal affairs and encouraging the control and optimisation of internal and external legal means.

- **Costs and Investments Committee:** This Committee is composed of seven permanent members and the heads of other areas also participate by invitation when justified by the topic under discussion. In addition to three Directors with specific areas of responsibility, Miguel Maya, Miguel Bragança and Iglésias Soares, this Committee is composed of the Heads of the Logistics & Procurement Department, which acts as secretary, Cost Control and Performance Department, Operations Department and Information Technology Department.

This Committee is entrusted with the regular monitoring of the operating evolution and optimisation of the processes involving negotiation and/or acquisition of the most relevant goods and services for the Bank and authorisation of charges and payments.

- **Companies Committee:** This Committee is composed of 13 permanent members, and the heads of other areas also participate by invitation when justified by the topic under discussion. In addition to the Directors with specific areas of responsibility, Miguel Maya, Miguel Bragança, Luís Pereira Coutinho and Conceição Lucas, this Committee is composed of the Heads of the Large Corporates and Corporate Banking, SME/Commercial Banking (North, Centre and South), Companies Products Marketing Department (which acts as secretary), Companies Customers Marketing Department, Real Estate Business Department, Specialised Recovery Department and Specialised Monitoring Department.

This Committee ensures the analysis, preparation and planning of the monitoring and development of the Bank's business in the small and medium-sized enterprise ("SME"), Corporate, Large Corporates and Investment Banking segments and analysis of the compliance with the objectives; definition of the priorities of the commercial action; analysis of the business context and proposal of commercial actions and of the main risk indicators associated to the business, as well as analysis of the models of coordination of the business regarding their migration in the value proposal and their interconnection with the Bank's networks.

- **Banking Processes and Services Committee:** This Committee is composed of nine permanent members. In addition to three Directors with related areas of responsibility, Iglésias Soares, Luís Pereira Coutinho and Rui Manuel Teixeira, this Committee is composed of the Heads of the Logistics & Procurement Department, Cost Control and Performance Department, Information Technology Department, Operations Department (which acts as secretary), Quality and Network Support Department and Human Resources Department.

This Committee is entrusted with the monitoring of activity in the major areas of support to the Bank's frontend services; studying the best solutions for controlling costs, increasing efficiency and rationalising the Bank's activity; monitoring the Bank's Process Management model and the creation of new procedures, definition and improvement of the functions and powers of process owners; approving proposals to innovate and optimise the management of the Bank's resources; definition of policies for procurement and control of services from outsourcers used by the Bank; definition of policies for the engagement, monitoring and control of outsourcers and other external services; definition of the metrics for analysing the variables that can be controlled by the areas part of the Committee so as to maintain an ongoing measurement of the resources efficiency and productivity levels.

- **Human Resources Committee:** This Committee is composed of five permanent members, and the Heads of other areas also participate by invitation when justified by the topic under

discussion. In addition to the three Directors with specific areas of responsibility, Nuno Amado, Miguel Bragança and Iglésias Soares, the Head of the Legal Affairs and the Head of Human Resources Department, which acts as secretary, are also members of this Committee.

The primary mission of this Committee is the definition, decision and monitoring of the Bank's human resources policies to support the operational and business efficiency.

This Committee is entrusted with the definition of the strategy and approval of the Bank's human resource policies, namely monitoring the top 10 key performance indicators of people management, hiring and internal mobility, intelligent rightsizing; compensation, benefits and programmes related to the recognition and involvement of employees, and talent management through the approval of mechanisms and timing of performance assessment, promotions, rotation and development plans, expatriation and acceleration of specific competences, as well as communication of human resources, aimed at reinforcing the culture, expectations, strategic alignment and mobilisation of employees, and also branding and value proposal and the external image of human resources.

- **Retail Committee:** This Committee is composed of 14 permanent members and three non-permanent members who participate in meetings when justified by the topic under discussion. In addition to the Directors with the specific areas of responsibility, Nuno Amado, Miguel Maya, Conceição Lucas, Miguel Bragança and Rui Manuel Teixeira, this Committee is composed of, as permanent members, the Heads of the Direct Banking Department, Communication Department, Management Information Department, Credit Division; Retail Marketing Department (which acts as secretary), Quality and Network Support Department, Retail Recovery Department, Foreign Residents Department, Retail Departments – North, Centre North, Centre South and South and, as non-permanent members, the Heads of the Real Estate Business, Human Resources and Insurance areas.

The main mission of this Committee is following-up on the performance of the Retail Network and assessment of the objectives fulfilment; assessment of the business context and definition of commercial action priorities; approval of products and services; follow-up of the main risk indicators, as monitored by the Risk Commission, ensuring that the retail products and services are fully aligned with the objectives and strategies approved for the development of the retail activity; and assessment of the main quality indicators (for example, BASEF-Marktest).

- **Non-Core Business Committee:** This Committee is composed of 13 permanent members who participate in meetings when justified by the topic under discussion. In addition to the Directors with the specific areas of responsibility, Miguel Maya, Miguel Bragança and Conceição Lucas, this Committee is composed of, as permanent members, the Risk Officer, the Heads of Credit Division, Companies Recovery Division, Companies Products Marketing Division; Companies Marketing Division, Real-Estate Business Division; Research, Planning and ALM Division; Management Information Division, Specialised Monitoring Division and the Head of the Non-Core Business Monitoring Area of the Risk Office, which acts as secretary.

This Committee is entrusted with analysis, monitoring and planning of the activity to be developed in the various non-core business segments and definition of the major business strategic lines to adopt; following-up the development of the most significant operations and making all the decisions regarding non-core business management, except for credit decisions, as defined in the agreement established with DGComp, and also the evolution of the non-core business to determine if it complies with the defined objectives and with the restructuring plan.

It is an executive committee, the purpose of which is to ensure that, in compliance with that agreement, the management of the non core business is separated from the management of the core business, as if it was an autonomous bank.

As at 31 December 2013, there were four Commissions and two Sub-Commissions under the Executive Board of Directors, essentially with overall and transversal duties, responsible for pursuing the study and assessment, for each area of intervention, of the policies and principles which should guide the action of the Bank and the Group, as follows:

- **Pension Fund Monitoring Commission:** The mission of this Commission is the monitoring of the Pension Fund's financial management. This Commission issues opinions on proposals to amend the respective constitutive contracts, and was established under the terms of article 53 of Decree-Law 12/2006, of 20 January 2006, as amended by Decree-Law 180/2007, of 9 May 2007.

This Commission is composed of two permanent members of the Executive Committee, the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, Miguel Bragança and Rui Manuel Teixeira, member of the Executive Committee, and may also include other members of the Executive Committee, depending on the matters scheduled for discussion, the Risk Officer, the General-Manager of Pensõesgera (Pension Fund's holding company), the Heads of the Research, Planning and Assets and Liabilities Management Department and of the Human Resources Department, which also performs secretarial duties for this Commission. The Bank invited the Workers Committee to send a representative to this Commission, having for this reason assigned one of the two places to which it was entitled. This Commission also includes three representatives of the banking industry Unions.

- **Capital Assets and Liabilities Management Commission (CALCO):** The main duties of this Commission are the monitoring and management of market risks associated with the asset and liability structure, the planning and allocation of capital and definition of suitable policies for liquidity and market risk management for the Group as a whole. Eighteen permanent members of the Executive Committee are part of this Commission, including the Chairman and the two Vice-Chairmen, as well as the Heads of the Corporate Department, Research, Planning and Assets and Liabilities Management Department, which acts as secretary, Management Information Department, Companies Products Marketing Division, Companies Marketing Division; Retail Marketing Department, Risk Officer, Treasury and Markets Department and the International Strategic Research Office, by invitation.
- **Credit Commission:** This Commission, which has the composition and competences stipulated in the Credit Concession, Monitoring and Recovery Regulations, deliberates on the granting of loans and advances to customers (integrated or not in economic groups), whenever this involves an increase of exposure above EUR 10 million, or, for situations where the Bank's exposure is above EUR 50 million and for proposals of renewal or review of credit lines and ceilings which are within the aforesaid amounts. This Commission also issues an advisory opinion on the credit proposals made by entities operating abroad and part of the Group.

The Credit Commission is composed of a minimum of three members of the Executive Committee, the head of the Proponent Area, the head of the Specialised Monitoring, the Heads of the Credit Department, Specialised Recovery Department, Retail Recovery Department, Legal Affairs Department, Litigation Department, Rating Department and the Risk Officer of the Group. This Commission also includes, according to the specific operations to be assessed and/or their nature, the Coordinating Directors of the Commercial Areas, Investment Banking Department, Specialised Monitoring Department and Real Estate Business Department, Level 3 Credit Directors and the Compliance Officer.

This Committee is supported by secretarial services administered by the Company Secretary.

- **Risk Commission:** This Commission is responsible for monitoring global risk levels (credit, market, liquidity and operating risk levels), ensuring that these are compatible with the objectives, the available financial resources and strategies approved for the development of the Group's activity. This Commission also verifies if the management of risks complies with the applicable legislation/regulations.

All the members of the Executive Committee, the Compliance Officer, the Risk Officer, which acts as secretary, the Heads of the Audit Department, Credit Department, Research, Planning and Assets and Liabilities Management Department, Management Information Department, Rating and Assessments Department and Treasury and Markets Department are part of this Commission.

Two Sub-Commissions operate under the Risk Commission, the Pension Fund Risk Sub-commission and the Credit Risk Monitoring Sub-commission.

- **The Pension Fund Risk Sub-Commission** is responsible for monitoring the performance and risk of the Group's pension funds and defining suitable hedging and investment policy strategies.

Nuno Amado, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Miguel Bragança, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Conceição Lucas, member of the Executive Committee, the Heads of the Research, Planning and Assets and Liabilities Management Department, Human Resources Department and the Risk Officer, who administers the secretarial services for this Sub-Commission, are part of this Sub-Commission as well as, by invitation, a representative of F&C Asset Management plc, the CEO of Millenniumbcp Ageas and the CEO of Pensõesgere.

- **The Credit Risk Monitoring Sub-Commission** is responsible for monitoring the evolution of credit exposure and of the contracting process, as well as the quality of the portfolio and key performance and risk indicators, counterparty risk, risk of concentration of the largest exposures concentration risk and the evolution of impairment and the main processes that are object of a separate assessment. This Sub-Commission also analyses the performance of the recovery processes and supervises the divestment of the real estate portfolio.

The members have the competence to assess and follow-up the exposure and quality of the credit portfolio and of the main risk indicators.

Miguel Maya, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Luís Pereira Coutinho, Conceição Lucas and Rui Manuel Teixeira, members of the Executive Committee, as well as the Risk Officer, who administers the secretarial services, the Heads of the Corporate Department, Credit Department, Management Information Department, Companies Marketing Division; Companies Products Marketing Division, Retail Marketing Department, Real Estate Business Department, Rating and Assessments Department, Retail Recovery Department and Specialised Recovery Department are also members of this Sub-Commission.

In accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) on 31 March 2014, the Group had total assets of EUR 82,348 million and total customers' funds in the sum of EUR 64,720 million. Loans to customers (gross) amounted to EUR 59,392 million. The consolidated solvency ratio, calculated in accordance with Bank of Portugal rules, stood at 14.8% (Core Tier 1 at 13.9%).

As at 31 December 2012, the business in Portugal accounts for 75% of total assets, 74% of gross loans to customers, 74% of total customers' funds and 50% of banking income. International operations account for 52% of the Group's 1,662 branches and 56% of approximately 20,205 employees in March 2013. It should be highlighted the maintenance of the expansion plans in Africa, with Millennium Angola having opened its 76th branch and Millennium bim, a strong leader in Mozambique, having achieved the milestone of one million active customers. In March 2013, these two operations, as a whole, recorded a contribution of EUR 26.8 million to the Group. Also noteworthy are the good results of the Polish operation, held by the Group in 65.5%, which showed a contribution of EUR 28.7 million in March 2013 (+9.0% y-o-y, including FX effects) and the growing size and importance of such operation in Poland, with 447 branches and a market share of approximately 5.1% in deposits and 4.8% in loans and advances to customers in May 2014 (Source: National Bank of Poland).

## **Other Financial Services in Portugal**

### **Mortgage Lending**

The Bank entered the mortgage lending business in 1992, when it launched, in association with Cariplo – Cassa di Risparmio delle Provincie Lombarde S.p.A. (now a part of the Italian financial group Banca Intesa), an autonomous mortgage bank, Banco de Investimento Imobiliário, S.A. (“BII”). BII was 69.9% owned by the Group, with the remaining 30.1% being owned by Banca Intesa. BII previously distributed its mortgage products through the Bank's marketing and distribution networks, as well as through its own retail outlets. On 21 September 2005, the Bank reached an agreement with Banca Intesa for the unwinding of the joint venture arrangements in relation to BII. In October 2005, the Bank acquired 30.1% of the capital of BII owned by Banca Intesa, becoming the sole shareholder of BII. Currently, BII is running a book of outstanding mortgage credit originating from mid-2007, which will progressively be reduced over time. The Bank runs the Portuguese mortgage business directly.

### **Online Banking**

ActivoBank is a leading internet bank in Portugal. Launched in 2010, ActivoBank offers a streamlined and convenient service with an emphasis on emerging distribution and communication channels (e.g. internet banking, mobile banking). ActivoBank targets younger, technologically savvy customers who prefer simple, modern banking products and services.

ActivoBank's main goal is to maintain a strong focus on its online presence through its website and social media. The pillar of ActivoBank's client relationship is based on online channels, despite also having 14 physical branches. ActivoBank was the first Portuguese bank to launch an exclusive application for smartphones. ActivoBank continues to invest heavily in developing new services and features, in alignment with new trends, with a primary emphasis on innovation.

### **Insurance**

The Bank has an interest in insurance activities through Millenniumbcp Ageas, a joint venture with Ageas for bancassurance business in Portugal. The Group holds 49% of Millenniumbcp Ageas' share capital, while the remaining 51% is held by Ageas.

### **Foreign Business**

BCP has concentrated on those businesses with strong growth prospects in foreign markets with a close historical connection to Portugal or that have large communities of residents with a Portuguese heritage (such as Angola and Mozambique), as well as in markets to which the Bank's successful

business model in Portugal can be effectively exported and tailored to suit local markets, in particular in Poland.

### *Poland*

In Poland, the Bank operates through Bank Millennium, S.A. (“**Bank Millennium**”), and focuses its offerings on individuals and small and medium-sized companies. Bank Millennium is a full service national bank which, jointly with its subsidiaries, offers a complete range of financial products and services, including deposit-taking, savings and investment products, short- medium- and long-term lending (including mortgage lending and consumer credit), debit and credit cards, fund transfers and other payment methods, mutual funds, insurance, leasing, treasury services and money market transactions.

In 1998, the Bank entered into a partnership agreement with the Polish financial group, BBG, pursuant to which the Bank launched a retail operation with BBG in the Polish market under the “Millennium” brand.

The Bank now owns 65.5% of Bank Millennium.

As at 31 March 2014, Bank Millennium had a network of 435 retail branches, including larger multisegment outlets, supported by an efficient sales platform and brand recognition.

In 2013, Bank Millennium began to implement its strategy, announced in October 2012 for the period from 2013 to 2015, which concentrates on banking relations with SMEs, the redesign of the product mix to higher margin products, the improvement of the balance sheet structure and increased profitability of the franchise. The improvement of sales efficiency and maintenance of efficiency through strict cost control are also priorities. The key objectives to be achieved by the Bank by 2015 include a ROE of 14-15%, an efficiency ratio of 50%, a Core Tier 1 ratio above 10% and a customer satisfaction index above 90%. As at 31 March 2014, the Bank achieved a ROE of 11.7% (10.6% as at 31 December 2013), an efficiency ratio of 50.5% (54.3% as at 31 December 2013), a Core Tier 1 ratio of 13.3% (13.4% as at 31 December 2013).

The Bank adopted various initiatives for the purpose of implementing the new strategy including action plans to increase consumer credit to companies, as well as initiatives to improve the liabilities side of the balance sheet, with higher weight of current and saving accounts. At the same time, the Bank is preparing itself for future challenges, investing in management information and in a multichannel platform, while keeping tight cost control.

As at 31 March 2014, Bank Millennium had EUR 13,875 million in total assets, EUR 12,435 million in customer funds, and EUR 10,594 million in loans to customers (gross), and was operating 435 branches and had 5,878 employees. Bank Millennium’s net income in the three months ended 31 March 2014 was EUR 37.2 million.

As at 31 December 2013, Bank Millennium had EUR 13,725 million in total assets, EUR 12,486 million in customer funds, and EUR 10,369 million in loans to customers (gross), and was operating 439 branches and had 5,881 employees. Bank Millennium’s net income in the year ended 31 December 2013 was EUR 127.1 million.

### *Romania*

Banca Millennium started its business activities in October 2007. Banca Millennium’s structure comprises two main business areas: Retail Banking addressing the banking needs of the Mass Market individual segment as well as Prestige customers and Commercial Banking, which serves small- and medium-sized companies.

As at 31 March 2014, Banca Millennium had EUR 588 million in total assets, EUR 347 million in customer funds and EUR 477 million in loans to customers (gross), and was operating 56 branches and six business centres and had 533 employees. Banca Millennium net loss in the three months ended 31 March 2014 was EUR 0.9 million.

As at 31 December 2013, Banca Millennium had EUR 634 million in total assets, EUR 365 million in customer funds and EUR 488 million in loans to customers (gross), and was operating 65 branches and had 562 employees. Banca Millennium ended 2013 with a net loss of EUR 5.9 million.

Pursuant to the commitment made to DG Comp concerning the Bank's Restructuring Plan, on 30 July, the Bank announced the assignment of the agreement with OTP Bank regarding the sale of the entire share capital of BMR. The transaction was subject to customary conditions, in particular to obtaining regulatory approvals.

The aggregate consideration for the sale of the share capital of BMR was agreed at EUR 39 million. On the date of closing of the sale transaction, OTP Bank will ensure full reimbursement to BCP of the intragroup funding currently provided by BCP to BMR, amounting to approximately EUR 150 million.

The impact of the transaction on Bank's consolidated CET 1 ratio was estimated to be negligible, reflecting a EUR 34 million loss, for which a provision was charged to the consolidated profit and loss account for the first half of 2014, offset by a EUR 351 million release of risk-weighted assets, as already factored in the pro forma capital ratios recently reported as of 30 June 2014 (12.5% in accordance with phased-in criteria, 9.0% on a fully implemented basis).

### *Mozambique*

The Bank has had banking operations in Mozambique since 1995. Banco Internacional de Moçambique ("**Millennium bim**") is Mozambique's largest bank. In 2013, Millennium bim upheld its reference position in the Mozambican market, as the largest financial group in Mozambique according to the Bank of Mozambique, as well as being the bank with the widest geographic coverage. As at 31 March 2014 the bank had 159 branches distributed over the entire country. Among the most important African banking institutions, Millennium bim's ranking was once again upgraded by African Business magazine and continues to be the only Mozambican bank included in the ranking of the 100 largest banks of Africa by the magazine. The Bank and its subsidiaries own a 66.7% stake in Millennium bim.

Millennium bim strengthened its reference position as a universal bank by following two pillars of action in terms of business initiatives, in particular the implementation of a segmentation strategy of the customer portfolio, which reached 1.2 million customers in 2013, and the launch of innovative products and services so as to meet the needs and expectations of its customers.

In pursuing its segmentation strategy, the Bank is consolidating its national coverage of the Prestige network through the opening of new dedicated branches, thus upholding its reference position in this segment, which has become increasingly more dynamic and competitive in the market.

As at 31 March 2014, Millennium bim had EUR 2,032 million in total assets, EUR 1,535 million in customer funds, and EUR 1,254 million in loans to customers (gross), and was operating 159 branches and had 2,455 employees. Millennium bim's net income in the three months ended 31 March 2014 was EUR 20.2 million compared with EUR 19.1 million for the three months ended 31 March 2013.

As at 31 December 2013, Millennium bim had EUR 2,125 million in total assets, EUR 1,586 million in customer funds, and EUR 1,231 million in loans to customers (gross), and was operating 157

branches and had 2,476 employees. Net income of Millennium bim reached EUR 85.5 million in 2013.

### *Angola*

Banco Millennium Angola, SA (“**BMA**”) was incorporated on 3 April 2006, as a result of the transformation of the BCP branch in Angola into a bank incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Angola. Since 2008, BMA has been focusing on contributing to the modernisation and development of the Angolan financial system by marketing innovative, personalised financial products and services designed to meet the financial needs and expectations of the various market segments.

As of 31 March 2014, BMA’s shareholding structure comprises BCP Group with 50.1% of the BMA’s share capital, Sonangol with 29.9% and BPA with 20% (15% owned by BPA and 5% owned by Global Pactum).

The principal strategic priorities in 2013 consisted of business expansion through the attraction of new customers, increased product penetration and reinforcement of BMA position in the Angolan financial market. Furthermore, the expansion of the commercial network and the offer of personalised and innovative products also continue to be priorities, as in previous years, with BMA offering its customers excellent services adapted to all market segments. Finally, the policy on the recruitment and training of Angolan employees, which has been developed since the beginning of the Bank’s operations in Angola, will continue to be strengthened, together with risk management and monitoring procedures.

As of 31 May 2014, BMA had a market share in deposits of 3.2%, compared with 3.4% as at 31 December 2013 and 2.8% as at 31 December 2012. BMA’s market share in loans to customers was 3.4% as at 31 May 2014 compared with 3.1% as at 31 December 2013 and 3.0% as at 31 December 2012, according to the Bank of Angola.

During the first six months of 2014 two additional branches were opened, resulting in a total of 84 branches of the Retail network.

The number of customers amounted to 311,000 as of 31 March 2014, having grown by 25% compared with the previous year. Aiming to increase the number of deposit customers, BMA launched various term deposits and Junior Saving Plans, among other saving products.

As at 31 March 2014, BMA had EUR 1,691 million in total assets, EUR 1,272 in customer funds and EUR 693 million in loans to customers (gross), as compared to EUR 494 million as at 31 March 2013, and was operating 82 branches and had 1,062 employees as compared with 1,029 employees as at 31 March 2013. BMA’s net income in the three months ended 31 March 2014 was EUR 11.2 million, as compared with EUR 6.2 million in 31 March 2014.

As at 31 December 2013, BMA had EUR 1,651 million in total assets, EUR 1,219 million in customer funds and EUR 644 million in loans to customers (gross), and was operating 82 branches and had 1,075 employees. BMA ended 2013 with a net income of EUR 40.8 million.

### *Macao*

In 2010, Millennium bcp began operating its first fully licensed (on-shore) branch in Macao. This branch is focused on establishing an international platform for business between China, Europe, Brazil and Portuguese-speaking African countries. The transformation of the branch from an off-shore branch to an on-shore branch has also enabled the Bank to work with the resident population.



From 2013 onwards, the main strategic guidelines for increasing the Bank's presence in the local economy aimed at strengthening balance sheet funds from exclusively local sources and extending the offer of services to the Bank's Companies network through the Macao platform, with special focus on export-driven companies.

As at 31 March 2014, loans to customers and customer funds amounted to EUR 812 million and EUR 1,350 million, respectively. Net income increased 15.9%, year-on year, to EUR 5.0 million.

In 2013, customer deposits showed a slight reduction to EUR 1,093 million and loans to customers (net) contracted by 11% (in local currency) to EUR 873 million, compared to 2012. Net income increased by 15% (in local currency) compared with 2012, partly due to the favourable evolution of net interest income, which benefited from the reduction of cost of customer deposits and higher interest from loans to customers, and from a reversal in loan impairment.

### *Switzerland*

Millennium bcp Banque Privée, incorporated in Switzerland in 2003, is a private banking platform offering services to the Group's customers with high net worth, namely on matters of discretionary management, financial advice and services for the execution of orders. The economic adverse circumstances since 2010 in the main strategic markets of the Bank have had a negative impact in the assets under management of Millennium bcp Banque Privée.

At the end of 2013 Millennium bcp Banque Privée recorded an amount of EUR 408 million in total assets, EUR 221 million in credit (gross) to customers and EUR 2,275 million in total customer funds, operating with a branch and 67 employees. For the year ended 31 December 2013, Millennium bcp Banque Privée in Switzerland recorded a net income of EUR 6.1 million.

For the three months ended 31 March 2014, Millennium bcp Banque Privée in Switzerland recorded an increase in net income by 4.3% to EUR 1.8 million, from EUR 1.7 million for the three months ended 31 March 2013, due to higher commissions. This increase was partially offset by increased operating costs.

The total assets amounted to EUR 479 million and total customer funds amounted to EUR 2,290 million, an increase of 5.3%, compared with 31 March 2013. Loans to customers (gross) stood at EUR 202 million, showing a reduction of 29.9% when compared with the amount of 31 March 2014.

### *Cayman Islands*

Millennium bcp Bank & Trust, with head offices in the Cayman Islands, holds a category "B" banking licence and provides international banking services to customers that are not residents of Portugal. The Cayman Islands are considered a cooperating jurisdiction by the Bank of Portugal. In addition to the agreements with other jurisdictions, the Cayman Islands have signed an agreement to exchange information with the Portuguese Republic.

In 2013, Millennium bcp Bank & Trust's net income stood at EUR 11.4 million. Millennium bcp Bank & Trust recorded at the end of 2013, an amount of total assets of EUR 1,458 million, EUR 61 million of credit (gross) to customers and total customer funds of EUR 695 million, operating with 15 employees. In 2013, the Bank had a net income of EUR 11.4 million.

For the three months ended 31 March 2014, Millennium bcp Bank & Trust in the Cayman Islands recorded a decrease in net income by 19.5% to EUR 2.6 million, from EUR 3.2 million for the three months ended 31 March 2013. This result was due to lower net interest income, which was only partly offset by an increase in commissions and positive foreign exchange results, and a decrease in operating costs and both impairment and provisions charges.

The total customer funds amounted to EUR 622 million in 31 March 2014, a decrease of 13.3% from the amount registered in 31 March 2013. Loans to customers (gross) stood at EUR 53 million, a 63.8% decrease from the same period in 2013.

#### *Other*

The Bank also has 10 representative offices in Brazil, China, Germany, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Switzerland and Venezuela, five commercial protocols in Canada, the United States, Spain, France and Luxembourg and one commercial promoter in Australia.

### **International Partnerships**

Since 1991, the Group has also developed an internationalisation strategy based on establishing cooperation agreements with foreign partners. The Group's current foreign partners are Banco Sabadell, Achmea B.V. (formerly Eureko B.V.), Ageas, Sonangol and Banco Privado Atlântico. Some of these partnerships involve, among other things, joint ventures, cross-shareholdings and reciprocal board representation.

#### *Banco Sabadell*

In March 2000, the Group announced the terms of a strategic partnership agreement with Banco Sabadell of Spain, seeking the development of joint initiatives in finance-related fields of mutual interest. In the first half of 2005, an agreement was reached to reinforce the offer of products and services common to the Bank and Banco Sabadell, notably in corporate loans and in innovating services for individuals. As a result of the agreement, the Bank's clients can use the retail and corporate networks of Banco Sabadell in Spain and vice versa for Banco Sabadell's clients in Portugal. The Bank sold its 2.75% shareholding in Banco Sabadell to the Pension Fund. On December 2013, Banco Sabadell held 4.27% of the share capital of the Bank.

#### *Achmea B.V. (formerly Eureko B.V.)*

In 1991, the Group established strategic partnerships with two significant European insurance groups, Friends Provident and AVCB Averro Centraal Beheer. In 1992, Eureko Group was established as a pan-European insurance group, as a result of the association between the insurance groups Friends Provident, from the United Kingdom; AVCB Averro Centraal Beheer, from the Netherlands; Wasa, from Sweden; and the Danish financial group Topdanmark. In 1993, the Group, through its insurance holding Seguros e Pensões Gere, SGPS, S.A. became the fifth partner in this pan-European strategic insurance alliance. Eureko Group's holding in the Bank is currently 2.52% of the share capital and inherent voting rights, held by Eureko B.V., following the sale during 2009 of a 4.55% holding in the Bank's share capital. Also, the total return swap entered into by Eureko B.V. with JPMorgan Chase Bank NA on 5 September 2007 was fully unwound and therefore the voting rights attached to the previous additional 2.88% stake in the Bank should no longer be attributed to Eureko B.V. Through its asset management subsidiary F&C, Eureko B.V. has established an exclusive distribution agreement affecting its asset management products through the Millennium bcp banking network in Portugal.

On 31 December 2010, the Bank announced that Bitalpart BV, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, had agreed on that date to sell a minority shareholding corresponding to 2.7% of the share capital of Eureko B.V. to the pension fund of the BCP Group.

#### *Ageas*

In 2005, the Group and Fortis (currently, Ageas) established a joint venture for bancassurance business, through the insurance company Millennium bcp Fortis (currently, Millenniumbcp Ageas).

The Group holds 49% of Millenniumbcp Ageas' share capital, while the remaining 51% is held by Ageas Insurance. In September 2005, Ageas increased its shareholding in the Bank to 4.99%. As a consequence of the two Bank share capital increases that took place in 2006, Ageas' shareholding in the Bank decreased to 4.94%. In September 2007, Ageas disposed of its qualifying holding in the share capital of the Bank.

On 26 May 2014, the Bank announced that, as part of a priority in the Strategic Plan to refocus on core activities, it had agreed with the international insurance group Ageas to partially recast the strategic partnership agreements entered into in 2004. These include the sale of its 49% interest in the (currently jointly owned) insurance companies that operate exclusively in the non-life insurance business, i.e. "Ocidental—Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros, S.A." and "Médis—Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros de Saúde, S.A.", for a base price of EUR 122.5 million, subject to a medium term performance adjustment. Completion of the transaction is subject to, among others, regulatory approval from the supervisory authorities. In 2013, the Non-Life activity posted gross inflows of EUR 251 million and a net profit of EUR 12 million. It was further announced that Ageas and BCP had also agreed that the joint venture will upstream excess capital totalling EUR 290 million in 2014 to its shareholders.

#### *Sonangol and Banco Privado Atlântico*

Sonangol and BPA acquired 47.3% of Banco Millennium Angola's share capital through a capital increase, subscribed by the acquirers, in cash. BMA acquired 10% of the share capital of BPA. According to the terms of the agreement, BMA continues to be a subsidiary company of BCP but would benefit from having important minority shareholders, with the corresponding shareholder influence and co-operation potential. Sonangol has acquired a 4.98% shareholding in the Bank in 2007 and held 19.44% of the Bank on 31 December 2013.

### **Significant Developments in 2013**

On 22 April the Bank entered into definitive agreements with Piraeus Bank SA regarding: (i) the sale to Piraeus Bank SA of the entire share capital of Millennium Bank in Greece ("**MBG**") and, (ii) the investment by the Bank in the forthcoming capital increase of Piraeus Bank SA.

The signing of these agreements marked the successful conclusion of the negotiations between the Bank and Piraeus Bank SA following the announcement on 6 February 2013 that the parties had entered into exclusive discussions.

This agreement falls within the framework that has been defined by the Bank of Greece and the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund ("**HFSF**") aiming at the restructuring of the Greek banking system and strengthening its financial stability. The terms and conditions of the transactions have been approved by the HFSF.

The transactions were completed on 19 June 2013.

The key elements of the sale transaction were the following:

- The aggregate consideration for the sale of the share capital of MBG was agreed at EUR 1 million;
- Pre closing recapitalisation of MBG by the Bank for EUR 400 million, in line with the requirement of Bank of Greece, through the conversion of approximately EUR 261 million of the existing intercompany funding, in addition to the EUR 139 million already contributed by the Bank into MBG in December 2012. Under this scope, the Bank has already booked in 2012 Financial Statements, an impairment in the amount of EUR 427 million; and

- Piraeus Bank SA to ensure reimbursement by MBG of all the remaining intragroup funding currently provided by the Bank to MBG in two tranches. The first tranche, in the amount of approximately EUR 650 million, was paid on the date of closing of the sale transaction, and the second one, of approximately EUR 250 million will be paid within six months from that date;
- No asset transfer from MBG to the Bank as part of the transaction.

The key elements of the investment transaction were the following:

- The Bank invested EUR 400 million in the rights issue of Piraeus Bank SA within the framework of recapitalisation of Greek banks with the participation of the HFSF, i.e. at the same price as HFSF, leading to a minority stake in Piraeus Bank SA's share capital.
- The Bank and Piraeus Bank SA entered into an agreement providing that Piraeus Bank SA undertakes to assist the Bank in the orderly disposal over time of its shareholding in Piraeus Bank SA, subject to the Bank undertaking certain limitations, including a six month lock up period and certain temporary voting and orderly disposal rules for the period where HFSF is also restricted on voting; and
- The Bank's minority investment in the share capital of Piraeus Bank SA will not be consolidated.

The transaction enabled the Bank to deconsolidate circa EUR 4,000,000,000 of RWA of Millennium Bank as of 31 December 2012. There will be no intercompany funding six months after closing. In consequence, after this date the impact on RWA will solely be the investment in shares in Piraeus Bank SA.

On 24 July 2013, the Bank informed that:

1. An agreement was reached between the European Commission and the Portuguese authorities regarding BCP's restructuring plan;
2. The plan would include an improvement of profitability in Portugal through further significant efforts to reduce costs; and
3. Formal approval of the agreement was expected over the following weeks, when the main points of the plan would be published.

The Bank also informed that the plan ensures a robust business model, allowing the bank to offer appropriate support to the Portuguese economy.

On 30 August 2013, the Bank informed that in July, due to professional reasons, Mr. Pedro Maria Calainho Teixeira Duarte presented his resignation to the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

The Bank also informed that such resignation is effected since the end of the month of August.

On 2 September 2013, the Bank informed that the Directorate-General for Competition at European Commission has announced the formal decision of the agreement with the Portuguese authorities concerning the restructuring plan for the Bank.

The agreement concludes that BCP's restructuring plan complies with the rules of the European Union regarding State aid, showing the Bank is viable without continued State support.

The Bank also informed that the focus on core activities will enable the Bank to continue to support the economy and families, pursuing a strategy already in place. The plan reinforces that strategy and also foresees:

- the reinforcement of financing to the economy and full compliance with regulatory requirements for capital levels;
- the strategic focus on the activity through the separation of assets considered core and non-core (securities backed lending, highly-leveraged secured lending, historical subsidized mortgages and lending to certain segments linked to construction, football clubs and real estate development), aiming for a phased reduction of non-core assets;
- balance sheet deleveraging, with the reduction of non-core assets and the definition of a LTD ratio of 120%, from 2015 onward;
- the improvement of operational efficiency to achieve a minimum ROE of 10% and a maximum CTI (cost to income) of 50%, both from 2016 onward;
- the implementation of a new approach to the asset management business by adopting an open architecture distribution model, allowing a broader range of investment options for customers; and
- the continuation of the adjustment process of its presence in the domestic market, notably by optimising the number of branches and organisational areas of business support, and continuing to pursue the human resources policies that help to adjust the current staff levels to the effective demand for banking services. In particular, the agreement implies a reduction of around 25% on staff-related costs from December 2012 to December 2015 (it should be stressed that a significant portion of this effort has already been carried out in 2012 and in the first half of 2013).

The Bank also informed that, concerning international activities, the plan highlights the importance of the strategic operations in Angola and Mozambique, which are major contributors to the strategy to support companies and the Group's income generation. Bank Millennium in Poland is also considered as a core operation, and there is no commitment to sell it unless the amount of the CoCos still to be paid in December 2016 exceeds EUR 700 million. Still within the scope of the international activities, the plan foresees the sale of the Bank's operation in Romania in the mid-term, as well as the sale of the shareholding in Piraeus Bank SA, acquired as part of the sale of the operation of Millennium Bank in Greece.

On 18 October 2013, the Bank informed that due to professional reasons, Mr. António Manuel Costeira Faustino presented his resignation from the position of member of the Board of Directors.

The Bank also informed that such resignation is effected since the end of the month of October.

On 29 October 2013, the Bank informed that BCP Investment B.V., a wholly owned subsidiary of Banco Comercial Português, S.A. ("**BCP**" and together the "**Seller**"), launched an accelerated placement to institutional investors only (the "**Placement**") up to 235,294,118 ordinary shares (the "**Shares**") of Piraeus Bank SA and 235,294,118 warrants to subscribe for ordinary shares of Piraeus Bank SA (the "**Warrants**") subject to demand, price and market conditions. This represented the total shareholding that BCP holds in Piraeus Bank SA. The Warrants were issued by the HFSF. As announced by BCP in their "Restructuring Plan" (on 2 September 2013), this shareholding remained non-strategic for the Seller and their intention had been to sell the entire stake.

On 30 October 2013, BCP announced the pricing of the Placement of Shares and Warrants at a combined unit price of EUR 2.10 implying a price of EUR 1.50 per ordinary share and EUR 0.60 per warrant. EUR 1.50 per ordinary share represented a discount of 8.5% to the previous closing market price, in line with the average price of the previous 30 stock market sessions.

BCP also informed that gross proceeds raised by the Seller from the offer were expected to be EUR 494 million and that the Bank does not retain shares or warrants in Piraeus Bank SA, after the Placement.

### **Recent Developments in 2014**

On 26 May 2014, BCP informed that, as part of a process aiming to refocus on core activities, defined as a priority in the Strategic Plan, it has agreed with the international insurance group Ageas a partial recast of the strategic partnership agreements entered into in 2004, which included the sale of its 49% interest in the (at the time jointly owned) insurance companies that operate exclusively in the non-life insurance business, i.e. “Ocidental – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros, S.A.” and “Médias – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros de Saúde, S.A.”, subject to regulatory approval from the supervisory authorities, for a base price of EUR 122.5 million, subject to a medium term performance adjustment. In 2013, the non-life activity posted gross inflows of EUR 251 million and a net profit of EUR 12 million.

BCP also informed that the partners (Ageas and the Bank) have also agreed that the joint venture will upstream excess capital totalling EUR 290 million in 2014 to its shareholders.

Following the sale, Millennium bcp will continue, now in tandem with other banking and non-banking distribution channels, to distribute non-life insurance products from “Ocidental – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros, S.A.” and “Médias – Companhia Portuguesa de Seguros de Saúde, S.A.”.

The impact of these transactions, with reference to the consolidated accounts as at 31 March 2014, was estimated at approximately + EUR 72 million on net income, from the resulting capital gain, at +17 basis points on BCP Group’s Core Tier 1 ratio (according to the Bank of Portugal rules), and at +34 basis points on BCP Group’s CET 1 (according to CRD IV/CRR phase-in).

On 27 May 2014, BCP informed that it has repaid, on that date, EUR 400 million of CoCos issued by the Portuguese State, after having received the authorisation from the Bank of Portugal, based on the regulator’s analysis of the evolution of BCP’s capital ratios.

BCP also informed that, as a result of this repayment, and considering the positive impact of the sale of BCP’s Non-Life insurance business communicated the day before to the market, the Core Tier 1 ratio pro forma for 31 March 2014 would be 13.2% according to Bank of Portugal rules, while the CET 1 ratio pro forma at the same date would be 11.7% according to CRD IV/CRR phase-in criteria, above the 10% and 7% requirements, respectively.

Lastly, BCP affirmed that, with this repayment, it has complied with its repayment plan for CoCos in 2014, confirming the execution capability of the Strategic Plan.

On 30 May 2014, BCP informed that it had concluded on that day, with 45.48% of the share capital represented, the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, with the following resolutions:

**Item One** – Approval of the individual and consolidated annual reports, balance sheet and financial statements for 2013;

**Item Two** – Approval of the transfer of the net losses registered in the individual balance sheet to “Retained Earnings”;

**Item Three** – Approval of a vote of trust and praise addressed to the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Audit Committee and each one of their members, as well as to the Chartered Accountant;

**Item Four** – Approval of the proposal for reducing the number of members of the Remuneration and Welfare Board in the 2014/2016 term-of-office to four and the election of José Manuel Archer Galvão Teles as Chairman of that board;

**Item Five** – Approval of the proposal for reducing the number of members of the Board of Directors from 22 to 20;

**Item Six** – Approval of the current members of the Board of the General Meeting of Shareholders for the exercise of functions during the term of office 2014/2016;

**Item Seven** – Approval of the election as Effective and Alternate Chartered Accountant of the Bank to exercise functions during the term of the office 2014/2016;

**Item Eight** – Approval of the election as External Auditor of the Bank to exercise functions during term of the office 2014/2016;

**Item Nine** – Approval of the remuneration policy for the members of the Board of Directors, including the Executive Committee;

**Item Ten** – Approval of the reformulation the items of own capital by reducing the share capital; and

**Item Eleven** – Approval of the acquisition and sale of own shares and bonds.

Following the approval of Item Ten (reduction of the share capital), the authorised, issued and fully paid up share capital of the Bank is EUR 1,465,000,000 divided into 19,707,167,060 shares with no nominal value.

On 24 June 2014, BCP announced that the Board of Directors of Millennium bcp had resolved, with the favourable prior opinion of the Audit Committee, to increase the share capital of the Bank by approximately EUR 2,250 million, through an offering of subscription rights to subscribe for 34,487,542,355 new ordinary shares, without nominal value, to existing holders of the Bank's ordinary shares, and other investors who acquire subscription rights (the “**Rights Offering**”).

The subscription price was set at EUR 0.065 per share at a ratio of seven new ordinary shares for four ordinary shares held. The subscription price represented a discount of approximately 34% to the theoretical ex-rights price based on the closing price of Millennium bcp shares on Euronext Lisbon on 24 June 2014.

Each holder of the Bank's ordinary shares received one subscription right for each ordinary share it owns.

Millennium bcp also informed that it intended to commence the Rights Offering as soon as practicable after receiving approval from the Portuguese Securities and Exchange Commission (CMVM) and the publication of a notice for the exercise of subscription rights and a prospectus, in accordance with applicable law.

Millennium bcp affirmed that it intended to use the proceeds from the Rights Offering to repay State-subscribed hybrid capital instruments in the amount of EUR 1,850 million, leaving EUR 750 million outstanding, which Millennium bcp intends to reimburse no later than the beginning of 2016, subject to regulatory approval.

The completion of the capital increase approved will also allow the Bank to strengthen its capital ratios, namely the CET 1 (CET 1) ratio according to the fully implemented CRD IV/CRR criteria.

As was public knowledge, a law proposal on the deferred tax assets (DTA) was approved by the Portuguese Council of Ministers on 5 June 2014, which will still be subject to approval by the Portuguese Parliament, which scheme is different from the Spanish and Italian terms. Assuming a conservative interpretation (although not definitive) of this law proposal and following the rights issue of approximately EUR 2.250 million contemplated, the reimbursement of State-subscribed hybrid capital instruments of EUR 1,850 million contemplated and the impact of recent transactions already disclosed to the market (the sale of the Bank's Non-Life Insurance Business, the reimbursement of EUR 400 million of State-subscribed hybrid capital instruments and the recent synthetic securitisation transaction), the Bank's fully implemented CET 1 ratio is expected to stand at 9.0% as of 31 March 2014.

Following this approval, Mr. Nuno Amado (CEO of the Bank) stated: "The planned rights issue is part of the Bank's ambitious 2017 strategic plan, which was approved by the European Commission in 2013. Raising approximately EUR 2,250 million in the offering will allow us to materially accelerate the repayment schedule of the State-subscribed hybrid capital instruments, which is expected to generate material savings on interest expense and have a further positive impact on the Bank's internal capital generation capacity, and enhancing the capital mix and the capital ratios. We believe the Rights Offering also provides the Bank's investors with additional comfort regarding the full repayment of all of our State-subscribed hybrid capital instruments, and will allow the Bank to refocus on the franchise development, supporting the economy and returning any future excess capital to our shareholders."

In connection with the Rights Offering, the Bank has entered into an underwriting agreement with a syndicate of banks, governed by English law, pursuant to which the banks have agreed, severally and not jointly, to procure subscribers for, or failing which to subscribe for, any remaining offered shares, such subscription, subject to certain conditions, in their own name and/or in the name and on behalf of other institutional investors.

BCP informed that Deutsche Bank and J.P. Morgan were acting as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners. Goldman Sachs International and UBS Investment Bank were acting as Joint Bookrunners.

BCP also affirmed that Credit Suisse and MEDIOBANCA were acting as Co-Bookrunners. BBVA, Banco Santander, Nomura and Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking were acting as Co-Lead Managers.

The Board of Directors also approved the update of the Group's strategic plan, highlighting the following targets in or at the end of 2017:

- CET 1 ratio (according to CRD IV/CRR fully implemented criteria): > 10%;
- Return on Equity (ROE): approximately 15%;
- Net loans to on-balance-sheet customer funds: < 100%;
- Cost-to-income ratio: approximately 40%;
- Operating costs in Portugal: approximately EUR 660 million; and
- Cost of risk: < 100 basis points.



BCP announced that these strategic targets were subject to risks related notably to regulatory conditions, market conditions and competition.

These decisions on the rights issue and the update of the strategic plan were unanimously approved by the Bank's Board of Directors.

On 22 July, the Bank announced the results of the share capital increase: 34,082,211,308 ordinary shares were subscribed to pursuant to the exercise of subscription rights, representing about 98.8% of the total number of ordinary shares to be issued pursuant to the Rights Offering. The remaining 405,331,047 ordinary shares were available to satisfy oversubscription orders. Oversubscription orders totalled 9,243,741,767 ordinary shares, which exceeded about 21.8 times the amount available. The total demand registered in this capital increase accounted for approximately 125.6% of the amount of the Rights Offering.

The transaction represented an important step in order to allow the total reimbursement of EUR 2,250 million of CoCos to the Portuguese State (of which EUR 400 million occurred in May and EUR 1,850 million to be authorised by the Bank of Portugal in third quarter of 2014).

On 24 July 2014, the Bank announced, in accordance with applicable legal provisions, that the share capital increase has been registered with the competent Commercial Registry Office on the date hereof. This share capital increase resulted in the issuance of 34,487,542,355 ordinary, registered and book-entry shares, without nominal value, with the issuance price and subscription price of EUR 0.065 each. These ordinary shares were offered to the shareholders of Millennium bcp for subscription through the exercise of their pre-emptive subscription rights as foreseen by law.

As such, the share capital of Millennium bcp is now of EUR 3,706,690,253.08, represented by 54,194,709,415 ordinary, book-entry shares without nominal value.

On 29 July 2014, the Bank informed that Standard & Poor's, in a rating action commentary released on 29 July 2014, announced that it has upgraded BCP's long-term counterparty credit rating from "B" to "B+", having affirmed the short-term rating at "B", and upgraded the stand-alone credit profile (SACP) from "b-" to "b", the senior unsecured debt from "B" to "B+" and the no deferrable dated subordinated debt from "CCC-" to "CCC".

According to Standard & Poor's, the current ratings upgrades reflected primarily the success of BCP's rights issue transaction, which reinforced the Bank's solvency position, providing a significant buffer that preserves a comfortable capital position, according to the parameters considered. In accordance with Standard & Poor's, the reimbursement of CoCos will contribute to the reduction of funding costs, allowing an improvement in the Bank's profitability of the Bank.

Standard & Poor's also said it did not encounter material set-backs that could affect its assessment of the stability of BCP's business and franchise.

On 30 July 2014, the Bank announced the assignment of the agreement with OTP Bank regarding the sale of the entire share capital of BMR. The transaction was subject to customary conditions, in particular to obtaining regulatory approvals.

The aggregate consideration for the sale of the share capital of BMR was agreed at EUR 39 million. On the date of closing of the sale transaction, OTP Bank will ensure full reimbursement to BCP of the intragroup funding currently provided by BCP to BMR, amounting to approximately EUR 150 million.

The impact of the transaction on Bank's consolidated CET 1 ratio is estimated to be negligible, reflecting a EUR 34 million loss, for which a provision was charged to the consolidated profit and

loss account for the first half of 2014, offset by a EUR 351 million release of risk-weighted assets, as already factored in the pro forma capital ratios recently reported as of 30 June 2014 (12.5% in accordance with phased-in criteria, 9.0% on a fully implemented basis).

### **C. Principal Markets and Competition**

The Portuguese banking market has become well-developed, including both strong domestic and foreign competitors. These competitors follow a multi-product, multi-channel and multi-client segmented approach, offering a broad range of services from retail products to investment banking coupled with sophisticated payment capability. Foreign banks are present in the Portuguese market, particularly in areas such as corporate banking, asset management, private banking and brokerage services, though some groups offer universal banking services and offer traditional retail banking as well.

Domestic banking penetration levels rank favourably on a comparable basis and branch network and automated channels are widely disseminated across the country. There has been significant development of remote access to banking services (ATM, home banking, and mobile banking) together with market intelligence techniques enabling banks to accurately track customers' requirements and augment customer proximity. Cross-selling has benefited from the use of such techniques and has increased the proportion of banks' non-interest income over the years.

The growing maturity of the domestic market and globalisation trends led domestic banks to further develop their operations abroad, namely in countries with which Portugal had strong economic and historical relations. Hence, currently, the biggest domestic banking groups manage operations in European and African countries, which bear an increasing strategic relevance for their businesses.

The Portuguese Competition Authority ensures compliance with Portuguese competition rules, asserting regulatory powers over competition in all sectors of the economy, including regulated sectors in coordination with the relevant sector regulators. The Bank of Portugal is responsible for the prudential and market conduct supervision, ensuring the stability of the financial system as well as compliance with rules of conduct and transparency for banks' customers. National competition authorities and the European Commission have parallel competencies for enforcing European antitrust laws in close cooperation, and the European Commission imposes restrictions on aggressive commercial practices on recipients of State aid, such as the Bank. See *Risk Factors – Risks Relating to the Recapitalisation Plan and the Restructuring Plan of the Bank – The Restructuring Plan of the Bank approved by the European Commission has an associated execution risk and both the Restructuring Plan's success and the Bank's strategic autonomy depend on the ability to repay the hybrid instruments subscribed by the Portuguese State in the amount of EUR 3 billion.*

Technological progress, liberalisation, globalisation and the European integration process have resulted in increased financial intermediation through the years. Following the liberalisation process that began in the 1980s with the reprivatization of banks, the second half of the 1990s was characterised by reforms preparing for participation in the euro that took place in early 2000s, fostering strong movements of internationalisation and financial integration. Financial assets as a percentage of GDP roughly doubled in the period 1995-2012 to around 500% of GDP, with non-bank financial institutions recording slight gains in market share (Source: Bank of Portugal).

The deregulation and liberalisation process experienced by the Portuguese banking sector, including Eurozone participation, catalysed an increase in business and competition, particularly in the credit market. Customer loans and advances increased significantly in advance of the implementation of the euro and during the early years of economic convergence and integration within the single currency project (Source: Bank of Portugal). At the same time, the Portuguese banking system experienced a consolidation, which was driven by the need to achieve economies of scale and operating synergies. More recently, against the background of the financial instability beginning in the summer of 2007

and the subsequent euro periphery crisis, deleveraging and strategic repositioning took place. Some foreigner players reappraised their presence and business models and networks developed in Portugal. More recently, major Portuguese banks have rationalised their operating structures.

As at the end of 2013, 386 credit institutions, financial companies and payment institutions were registered in Portugal, of which 153 were banks (including 89 from the mutual agricultural credit banks and 20 branches of banks in other Member States) (Source: Bank of Portugal). Financial institutions with head offices in the European Economic Area providing cross-border services amounted to nearly 700 (Source: Bank of Portugal). Common indicators do not indicate levels of concentration significantly divergent from those of the Eurozone. For instance, as of 2012, the total asset share of the five largest credit institutions constituted 70% for Portugal, which is above Germany's 33% but below the Netherlands' 82% or Finland's 79% (the median for the EU27 is 58%) (Source: European Central Bank).

In Portugal, the Bank competes primarily with the four other major Portuguese banking groups: Caixa Geral de Depósitos, Banco Espírito Santo, Banco Santander Totta, and BPI. BCP's extensive distribution network, which is the second largest, has enabled it to maintain a reference position among its competitors.

According to system data from the Bank of Portugal, at the end of 31 March 2014, BCP had a market share of 19.2% of loans to customers (gross) and 19.3% of deposits in its domestic market.

The following table shows the development of the percentage of the Bank's market share in Portugal in terms of loans to customers as at 31 December 2013, 2012 and 2011:

	As at 31 December		
	2013	2012	2011
Loans to customers .....	19%	19%	20%

Sources: BCP, the Bank of Portugal

The following table shows the number and geographic location of the Bank's branches as at 31 March 2014 and as at 31 December 2013, 2012 and 2011:

	As at 31 March		As at 31 December	
	2014	2013	2012	2011
Portugal .....	748	774	839	885
Bank Millennium in Poland .....	435	439	447	451
Millennium bim in Mozambique .....	159	157	151	138
Banco Millennium Angola .....	82	82	76	61
Millennium Bank in Greece .....	0	0	120	120
Banca Millennium in Romania .....	56	65	65	66
Millennium Banque Privée in Switzerland .....	1	1	1	1
Total in the International activity .....	733	744	860	837
	1,481	1,518	1,699	1,722

The following table illustrates the competitive environment in Portugal for the three years ended 31 December 2012, 2011 and 2010:

	As at 31 December		
	2012	2011	2010
Number of banks <sup>(1)</sup> .....	34	36	37
Number of branches .....	5,932	6,080	6,232
Population (thousands).....	10,487	10,562	10,637
Inhabitants per branch .....	1,768	1,737	1,707
Branches per bank.....	174	169	168

Sources: Portuguese Banking Association and Portugal's National Statistics Institute

<sup>(1)</sup> Banks associated with the Portuguese Banking Association.

The Bank is also subject to strong competition in the international markets in which it operates. BCP had the fifth highest weighting (49%) among the peripheral banks (which include banks in Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain) in terms of international operations as part of consolidated banking income as at December 2013 (Source: Annual Reports of the banks).

The banking sector in Poland is characterised by a relatively low concentration sustaining strong competitive pressure. The share of the five largest banks in the assets of the banking sector remains one of the lowest in the EU (Source: European Central Bank). However, significant opportunities have led to increased competition in recent years, driven by privatisation and consolidation initiatives. In addition, in Poland, EU integration has created strong incentives for the cross-border provision of financial services and for cross-border mergers, which have resulted in significantly increased competition from foreign banks. As at May 2014, Bank Millennium's market share in Poland, according to the Bank's estimates derived from data published by the National Bank of Poland, was 4.8% of loans to customers (gross) and 5.1% of deposits.

In Mozambique, Millennium bim is the market leader with a market share of 31.6% of loans to customers and 29.4% of deposits in April 2014, according to the Bank of Mozambique. Currently, 18 banks operate in Mozambique and management expects increasing competition from foreign banks, particularly those based in South Africa and Portugal (Source: Bank of Mozambique).

In Angola, there are 24 licensed commercial banks and five awaiting approval, of which the five largest account for approximately 75% of total assets, though on a decreasing trend (Source: Bank of Angola and Deloitte). BMA's main competitors have ambitious business expansion plans currently underway. Additionally, there has been an increase in the number of players in the Angolan retail, corporate and investment banking segments since 2008. For example, Banco Totta and Caixa Geral de Depósitos entered into a strategic partnership in Angola, and three new licences were issued in 2008 for the following banks: Finibanco, Banco Quantum Capital and Standard Bank. There are also five banks waiting to start operations in 2014: Ecobank, Standard Chartered and three new local banks. At the same time, the consolidation between small and mid-sized banks started in 2014 with the announcement of the merger between Banco Privado Atlântico and VTB Africa.

According to the Bank of Angola, BMA's market share in Angola as at 31 May 2014, was 3.4% of loans to customers and 3.2% of deposits. The bank is going through a period of rapid growth with loans increasing by 32.6% and deposits by 44.9% in 2013.

### Third party information

Information sourced from the Bank of Portugal, Portuguese Banking Association ("*Associação Portuguesa de Bancos*"), the Portugal's National Statistics Institute ("*Instituto Nacional de Estatística*"), the National Bank of Poland, the Bank of Mozambique, the Bank of Angola and from

other sources mentioned in this Base Prospectus has been accurately reproduced and, so far as the Bank is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by such entities, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

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#### **D. Trends Information**

Continued efforts to adjust imbalances over decades, including the structural correction of public finances and external accounts and reallocation of resources towards the tradable goods and services sectors, are an essential condition for the Portuguese economy to regain full access to market funding but may significantly constrain the Portuguese economy in 2014.

The Portuguese economy faces low inflationary pressures, reflecting weak domestic demand, high unemployment, wage moderation, and a fall in prices of raw materials and import prices. Recent indicators suggest that a gradual process of economic recovery is underway; projections for 2014 from various entities (the Portuguese government, the Bank of Portugal, IMF and the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development) show a moderate recovery in 2014. However, there remains uncertainty about the possible impact of new austerity measures on disposable income and domestic demand contained in the state budget for 2014.

The economic recession, reduction in disposable income, the increase in unemployment, and rising corporate defaults have resulted in the deterioration of the quality of the loan portfolio of Portuguese banks. The ratio of credit risk will continue to rise, more in loans to companies and less in mortgage loans. Despite the increase in credit risk ratio, there is a trend towards a reduction of cost of risk, as there are fewer new entries net of recoveries, implying fewer impairment charges.

The volumes in loans and deposits of Portuguese banks and in particular of BCP have been falling based on publicly available data, amid deleveraging of non-financial sectors of the economy, leading to lower demand for credit. In parallel, deposits have been increasing (Source: Bank of Portugal), reflecting the confidence of customers in Portuguese banks, an increase in precautionary savings, due to future uncertainties, and the conversion of off-balance sheet customer funds into deposits, reflecting a reduction in clients risk. As a result, the commercial gap has been narrowing gradually, leading to a situation where the credit is almost entirely funded by on-balance sheet customer funds, thereby reducing dependence on the ECB and wholesale funds markets and improving the liquidity position of BCP.

Although BCP expects a progressive opening of International Money Market and financial markets, the Portuguese banks' access to Eurosystem funding is expected to be above the euro area average in 2014. Once the constraints that prevent the normal functioning of the markets are overcome, a progressive reduction in the use of ECB funding is expected, offset by debt issuances in the wholesale funds market. BCP projects that it will issue EUR 2.5 billion on average per year during the 2014-17 period, which will be used to reduce dependence on ECB funding.

The liquidity position of Portuguese banks has benefited from the actions of the ECB, notably the cut in reference rates and the granting of funds at a fixed rate and full allotment adopted for Eurosystem refinancing operations, adding long-term value to refinancing operations and measures affecting collateral eligibility rules and providing the banks with flexibility to manage their liquidity needs. The withdrawal of these unconventional monetary policies should proceed gradually and predictably, to the extent that market functioning normalises.

The profitability of Portuguese banks is expected to continue to be depressed in 2014, reflecting lower net interest income and a negative effect in terms of business volumes and the evolution of

impairments (Source: Bank of Portugal). Current low levels of interest rates affect the banks' profitability, despite improvements in terms of impairments. The ability to generate capital remains a major challenge to the banking business in the medium term. Although BCP is taking steps to reach its objective of approaching breakeven in Portugal in the second half of 2014, its consolidated results should be constrained by low interest rates, reduced volumes, the cost of hybrid instruments, the cost of liability operations management conducted in 2011 (that in 2013 stood at EUR 131.9 million, net of taxes) and higher impairment charges, partially offset by lower spreads on term deposits, carry trade of sovereign debt securities, results of international operations and cutting costs through further reductions in the number of branches and employees.

Basel III rules that came in force in 2014 will require higher capital requirements and a wider range of risk coverage. However, there is a transition period to the new regulatory requirements that will allow this transition to occur smoothly.

The new Basel III capital regulatory framework, implemented in the EU through the CRD IV/CRR, demands that tax credits of banks that depend on the use of future profits (in banking, “**deferred tax assets**”) are deducted from their own funds, although banks can only book such taxes for which there is a guarantee of nearly full use or an economic value equal to its book value.

On 10 July 2014, the Portuguese Parliament approved a law on the special rules applicable to deferred tax assets, aiming to restore competitive conditions to domestic companies further to the approval of similar schemes in other European Union countries, such as Spain and Italy. The law has still not entered into force, as it is still pending promulgation and publication on the Portuguese Official Gazette.

The scheme that has now been approved shall apply to expenditures and negative equity variations accounted in tax periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015, as well as to deferred tax assets which are recorded in the annual accounts of the taxpayer for the taxation period preceding that date and to the part of expenditures and negative equity changes that are associated to them.

In order to ensure the strengthening of the capital structure of the companies that opt for the scheme that has now been approved, these entities shall mandatorily adopt certain measures aimed at reinforcing their capital, through the issuance of conversion rights tradable in the market.

In accordance with the press release published on the website of the Portuguese Parliament (<http://www.parlamento.pt/ActividadeParlamentar/Paginas/DetalheIniciativa.aspx?BID=38542>), the approved legislation provides, subject to an optional adhesion regime and possible subsequent waiver thereto, that, under certain assumptions (annual negative net results and liquidation, insolvency or revocation of licence), the deferred tax assets generated from the non-deduction of costs and negative equity variations due to losses from loan impairments and from post-employment benefits or long-term employment benefits will be converted into tax credits. Tax credits will be offset against tax debts of the beneficiaries or immediately repayable by the Portuguese Republic, with the offset or reimbursed credits generating a special reserve corresponding to 110% of their amount. The offset and reimbursed credits are intended to be incorporated into the share capital, and rights of conversion into equity will be issued with reference to the market price of the shares and attributed for free to the Portuguese Republic. The shareholders at such date will have a right of acquisition of such conversion rights against the same reference price.

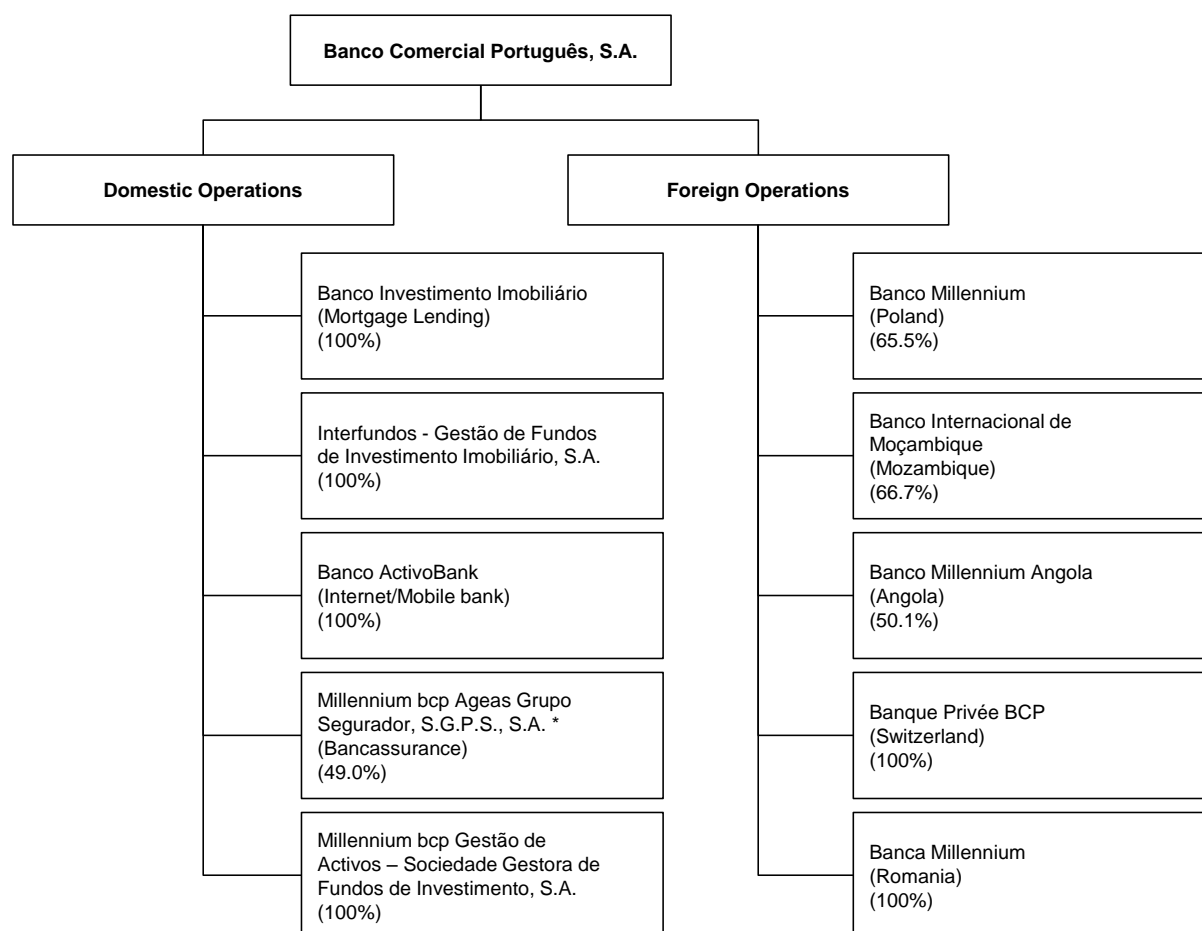
The implementation of the single supervisory mechanism under the Banking Union project will involve conducting a thorough review of the major banks by the ECB, covering about 85% of the banking system of the euro area, to reinforce confidence in the soundness and quality of banks' balance sheets in the euro area. This exercise includes three elements: risk assessment for supervisory purposes, analysis of asset quality in order to increase transparency about the exposure of banks, and a stress test in order to assess the resilience of banks' balance sheets under adverse scenarios. This

exercise should be completed by the time the ECB assumes its supervisory role in November 2014. Following this exercise, the ECB will undertake a unique and comprehensive release of the results and any recommendations in terms of supervisory measures to be applied.

## E. Organisational Structure

### *The Bank and the Group*

The following diagram summarises the organisational structure of the principal subsidiaries of the Group on 31 March 2014:



In addition, the Bank's subsidiary, Millennium bcp-Prestação de Serviços ACE represents its associates regarding third parties, namely in the areas of IT, operational, administrative and procurement. The Bank is, directly or indirectly, the ultimate holding company of all the companies in the Group and is not dependent upon other entities within the Group. However, being the ultimate holding company of the Group the activities developed by the other members of the Group have an impact on the Bank.

### *Ownership and Control*

The Bank is not aware of any shareholder or group of connected shareholders who directly or indirectly control the Bank.

### Significant Subsidiaries

The following is a list of the main subsidiaries of the Bank at 31 March 2014:

Subsidiary companies	Head Office	Activity	% held by the Group	% held by the Bank
Banco de Investimento Imobiliário, S.A.	Lisbon	Banking	100.0	100.0
Banco ActivoBank, S.A.	Lisbon	Banking	100.0	–
Banca Millennium S.A.	Bucharest	Banking	100.0	–
Banco Millennium Angola, S.A.	Luanda	Banking	50.1	50.1
Bank Millennium, S.A.	Warsaw	Banking	65.5	65.5
Banque Privée BCP (Suisse) S.A.	Geneva	Banking	100.0	–
BIM - Banco Internacional de Moçambique, S.A.	Maputo	Banking	66.7	–
Interfundos - Gestão de Fundos de Investimento Imobiliários, S.A.	Oeiras	Investment fund management	100.0	100.0
Millennium bcp - Prestação de Serviços, A. C. E.	Lisbon	Services	94.3	78.0
Millennium bcp Gestão de Activos – Sociedade Gestora de Fundos de Investimento, S.A.	Oeiras	Investment fund management	100.0	100.0
Millenniumbcp Ageas Grupo Segurador, S.G.P.S., S.A.	Oeiras	Holding company	49.0	–

### General information

So far as the Bank is aware, there are no arrangements in place, the operation of which may result in a change of control of the Bank.

The Bank has made no material investments since the date of the last published financial statements and the Bank has not made relevant firm commitments on future investments.

There have been no recent events particular to the Bank, which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Bank's solvency.

### F. Share Capital

The authorised, issued and fully paid up share capital of the Bank is EUR 3,706,690,253.08 divided into 54,194,709,415 shares with no nominal value. The shares are ordinary, issued in a dematerialised book-entry form (*escriturais*) and *nominativas*, and are integrated in a centralised system recognised under the Portuguese Securities Code (Central de Valores Mobiliários) managed by Interbolsa – Sociedade Gestora de Sistemas de Liquidação e de Sistemas Centralizados de Valores Mobiliários, S.A., with its registered office at Avenida da Boavista, 3433 to 4100 -138 Oporto.

### G. Legislation regulating the activity of the Bank

The Bank is governed by European Union rules, banking and commercial Portuguese laws on limited liability companies (*sociedades anónimas*) – notably by the Portuguese Companies Code – and, in particular, the Banking Law (*Regime Geral das Instituições de Crédito e Sociedades Financeiras*), by



the Portuguese Securities Code (*Código dos Valores Mobiliários*) and other complementary legislation.

In general terms, the Bank's activity as a credit institution is subject to the supervision of the Bank of Portugal, to the supervision of the Portuguese Securities Exchange Commission (*Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários*) as an issuer and a financial intermediary and to the supervision of the Portuguese Insurance Institute (*Instituto de Seguros de Portugal*) as the tied insurance intermediary.

## **H. Management, Audit Committee and Statutory Auditor**

The Bank adopted on 28 February 2012, a one-tiered corporate governance model, with one Board of Directors within which there are an Executive Committee, an Audit Committee, a Remunerations and Welfare Board and a Board for International Strategy, plus a Statutory Auditor.

### **Board of Directors**

According to the Articles of Association of the Bank, the Board of Directors is composed of a minimum of 17 and a maximum of 25 members, elected by the General Meeting.

20 members of the Board of Directors of the Bank, were elected at the General Meeting held on 28 February 2012, for the 2012/2014 term-of-office; on 4 December 2012, due to the Bank's recapitalisation operation, the State appointed Mr. Bernardo de Sá Braamcamp Sobral Sottomayor and Mr. José Rodrigues de Jesus as its representatives in the Board of Directors of the Bank during the period of the State aid for strengthening own funds. Two members of the Board of Directors presented their resignation from their positions and the General Meeting of 30 May 2014 resolved to reduce the number of members of the Board of Directors from 22 to 20, with deferred and conditional effect, i.e. producing effects on 31 December 2014 if, until that date a cooptation or a replacement by other via has not taken place. The reduction will be from 22 to 21 members if only one of the cooptations mentioned above occurs during that period.

Currently, the Board of Directors has the following members:

Chairman:	António Vítor Martins Monteiro
Vice-Chairmen:	Carlos José da Silva Nuno Manuel da Silva Amado
Members:	Álvaro Roque de Pinho Bissaia Barreto André Luiz Gomes António Henriques de Pinho Cardão António Luís Guerra Nunes Mexia Bernardo de Sá Braamcamp Sobral Sottomayor César Paxi Manuel João Pedro Jaime de Macedo Santos Bastos João Bernardo Bastos Mendes Resende João Manuel de Matos Loureiro José Guilherme Xavier de Basto José Jacinto Iglésias Soares José Rodrigues de Jesus Luís Maria França de Castro Pereira Coutinho Maria da Conceição Mota Soares de Oliveira Callé Lucas Miguel de Campos Pereira de Bragança

Miguel Maya Dias Pinheiro  
Rui Manuel da Silva Teixeira

Positions held outside the Group by the Members of the Board of Directors that are relevant to the Group:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Company</b>
António Vítor Martins Monteiro	Non-executive member of the Board of Directors	Banco Privado do Atlântico – Angola
	Member of the Board of Directors	Banco Sabadell in representation of BCP, S.A.
	Non-executive member of the Board of Directors	SOCO International, Plc
	Chairman of the Board of Curators	Luso-Brazilian Foundation
	Chairman of the Advisory Council	Gulbenkian Partners for Development Programme
Carlos José da Silva	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Banco Privado Atlântico
	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Banco Privado Atlântico Europa
	Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors	Sociedade Baía de Luanda
	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Interoceânico Capital SGPS
	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Angola Management School
Álvaro Roque de Pinho Bissaia Barreto	Chairman of the Board of Directors	Tejo Energia, S.A.
	Non-executive director	Nutrinveste - Soc. Gestora de Part. Sociais, S.A.
	Non-executive director	MELLOL - Soc. Gestora de Participações Sociais, S.A.
	Non-executive director	Beralt Tin & Wolfram (Portugal), S.A.
	Non-executive director	SAIP - Sociedade Alentejana de Inv. Participações, SGPS, S.A.
	Member of the Board	Bissaya Barreto Foundation
	Member of the Urban Planning and Management Board	Batalha de Aljubarrota Foundation
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	Prime Drinks, S.A.
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	Paço de Maiorca, Promoção e Gestão de Equipamentos Hoteleiros, S.A.
André Magalhães Luís Gomes	Partner	Cuatrecasas, Gonçalves Pereira & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, R.L.
	Member of the Board of	Modern and Contemporary Art

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Company</b>
	Directors	Foundation - Berardo Collection
	Member of the Board of Directors	Bacalhôa - Vinhos de Portugal, S.A.
	Member of the Board of Directors	Matiz Sociedade Imobiliária, S.A.
	Member of the Board of Directors	Atram - Sociedade Imobiliária S.A.
	Sole Director	Imobiliária de São Joaquim, S.A.
	Director	Dichiarato, S.A.
	Director	Digiátomo - Sociedade Imobiliária, S.A.
	Manager	Brightmelody Unipessoal, Lda.
	Director	Gauluna, S.A.
	Manager	New Property - Sociedade Imobiliária, Lda.
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	FGA Capital Instituição Financeira de Crédito, S.A.
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	FGA Distribuidora Portugal, S.A.
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	Fiat Group Automobiles Portugal, S.A.
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	Rentipar Financeira, SGPS – S.A.
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	Carmo - Sociedade Agrícola S.A.
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	Explorer Investments, Sociedade Capital de Risco S.A.
	Chairman of the Board of the General Meeting	Explorer Investments, SGPS S.A.
António Luís Guerra Nunes Mexia	Chairman of the Executive Board of Directors	EDP - Energias de Portugal
Bernardo de Sá Braamcamp Sobral Sottomayor <sup>(1)</sup>	Partner	ANTIN-Infrastructure Partners
César Paxi Manuel João Pedro	Head of the Legal Division	Group Sonangol
João Bernardo Bastos Mendes Resende	Member of the Board of Directors	Banco Urquijo (Banco Sabadell Group)
	Member of the Board of Directors	Cajastur Servicios Financieros
	Member of the Governing Board Member	Instituto de Estudios Económicos Spanish Institute of Financial Analysts
	Member of the Governing Council	Spanish Securities Market Association
	Member of the Board of Directors	Cajastur Servicios Financieros
Jaime de Macedo Santos	Chartered Accountant	Several companies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Company</b>
Bastos		
João Manuel de Matos Loureiro	Professor	School of Economics of Porto
	Professor and Coordinator of the postgraduate course in Corporate Management	School of Business Management of Porto
	Researcher	Economics and Finance Centre of Universidade do Porto
José Guilherme Xavier de Basto	Member of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee	Portugal Telecom, SGPS, S.A.
	Chairman of the Supervisory Board	Portuguese Fiscal Association
	Chairman of the General Meeting	Portuguese Consultants Association
	Member of the Research Office	Chartered Accountants Association
José Rodrigues de Jesus <sup>(1)</sup>	Statutory Auditor	Various companies
	Member of the Audit Board	Germen - Moagem de Cereais, S.A.

<sup>(1)</sup> Directors appointed by the State for the period of enforcement of the public investment to strengthen own funds

To the best of the Issuer's knowledge, no member of the Board of Directors of the Bank has any external activity relevant for the Bank other than the ones listed above.

For all the purposes resulting from the functions of the members of the Board of Directors, their professional domicile is at Av. Prof. Dr. Cavaco Silva (Parque das Tecnologias), Edifício 1, Piso 2, 2744-002 Porto Salvo.

### **Executive Committee**

Under the terms of the law and of the Articles of Association of the Bank, the Board of Directors appointed an Executive Committee on 1 March 2012, composed of seven of its members, which performs all the Bank's current management functions that are not to be exercised by the Board of Directors. The members of the Executive Committee are as follows:

Chairman: Nuno Manuel da Silva Amado

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman: Miguel Maya Dias Pinheiro

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairman: Miguel de Campos Pereira de Bragança

Members: José Jacinto Iglésias Soares  
Luís Maria França de Castro Pereira Coutinho  
Maria da Conceição Mota Soares de Oliveira Callé Lucas  
Rui Manuel da Silva Teixeira

## **Audit Committee**

Under the terms of the Articles of Association of the Bank, the Bank's supervision pertains to an Audit Committee, elected by the General Meeting and composed of a minimum of three and a maximum of five members.

The Audit Committee was created in accordance with the provisions of number 1, of article 278 of the Portuguese Companies Code and in accordance with Article 39 of the Articles of Association of the Bank, is particularly responsible for (amid the remaining powers attributed to it by law):

- (a) Monitoring the Bank's management;
- (b) Verifying the compliance with the law and the articles of association;
- (c) Verifying the regularity of the books, accounting records and documents supporting them;
- (d) Verifying the accuracy of the financial statements;
- (e) Supervising the efficiency of the risk management system, the internal control system and the internal audit system;
- (f) Receiving the communications stating irregularities reported by shareholders, employees of the Bank or others;
- (g) Monitoring the preparation and disclosure of financial information;
- (h) Proposing to the General Meeting the election of the Chartered accountant and of the external auditor;
- (i) Supervising the audit of the annual report and financial statements of the Bank;
- (j) Verify the Statutory Auditor's independence, namely regarding the rendering of non-audit services;
- (k) Engaging the provision of services by experts to assist one or several of its members in the exercise of their functions. This engagement and the remuneration of the experts must take into account the importance of the issues committed to them and the Bank's economic situation; and
- (l) Complying with all the other duties attributed to it by the law or by the Articles of Association.

The Audit Committee is composed of the following members:

Chairman: João Manuel de Matos Loureiro

Members: Jaime de Macedo Santos Bastos  
José Guilherme Xavier de Basto  
José Rodrigues de Jesus (Member appointed by the government for the duration of the State aid to increase own funds)

## **Statements regarding the Members of Management and Supervision Bodies**

To the best of the Issuer's knowledge and in its understanding, having made enquiries, there are no potential conflicts of interests between the duties of any member of the management and supervision bodies identified above towards the Issuer or towards any other Group company and his/her personal interests and duties. There are non-executive members of the Board of Directors with functions in other financial institutions that can be considered competitors of the Bank. For this situation, the General Meeting of Shareholders held on 28 February 2012 resolved to authorise the presence of those members in the Board of Directors, with the mention of the adoption of a restrictive regime of access to sensitive information.

### **Statutory Auditor**

KPMG & Associados, SROC, S.A. (SROC No. 189), represented by Ana Cristina Valente Dourado (ROC No. 1011), as Statutory Auditor and Jean-éric Gaign (ROC nº 1013), as alternate Statutory Auditor.

The business address for the Statutory Auditor and alternate Statutory Auditor is Edifício Monumental, Avenida Praia da Vitória, 71, 11º, 1069-006 Lisboa.

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties to the Bank of the persons listed above and their private interest or duties.

### **Evolution of the Solvency Ratio on the first quarter of 2014**

On 26 June 2013, the European Parliament and Council approved Directive 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) N. 575/2013 (Capital Requirements Directive IV/Capital Requirements Regulation - CRD IV/CRR) that established new and more demanding capital requirements for credit institutions, with effects as from 1 January 2014.

These stricter requirements result from a more narrow definition of own funds and risk weighted assets, together with the establishment of minimum ratios, including a capital conservation buffer of 7% for common equity Tier 1 (CET1), 8,5% for Tier 1 capital (T1) and of 10.5% for the Total Ratio. However, the CRD IV/CRR stipulates a transitional period (phase-in)during which institutions may accommodate the new requirements, both in terms of own funds and of compliance with minimum capital ratios.

Notwithstanding such phase-in period, Bank of Portugal, through Notice N. 6/2013 of 23 December, determined that Portuguese institutions are required to permanently ensure the maintenance of a CET1 ratio of at least 7% and that, in the event this capital target ratio is not achieved, the institution must adopt capital conservation measures.

According to our interpretation of CRD IV/CRR to date, CET1 ratios estimated at 31 March 2014 amounted to 12.2% by the standards of the phase-in.

Moreover, the core tier I ratio stood at 13.9%, calculated in accordance with the rules of Bank of Portugal, and at 11.0% in accordance with the criteria of the European Banking Authority (EBA), representing an increase of 19 basis points and 12 basis points, respectively, from the ratios of 13.8% and 10.8% reported for the year-end 2013.

The decrease in risk weighted assets in the first quarter 2014 was mainly associated with (i) the reduction of exposures and of credit risk levels in Portugal and (ii) decrease in risk weighted assets for credit risk achieved in Poland, notwithstanding increase in risk weighted assets for market risks.

CET1 ratios estimated in accordance with CRD IV/CRR compare unfavorably with the core tier I ratio of Bank of Portugal mainly due to the impact of deductions that apply additionally to the CET1, in respect to the difference between impairment and expected loss, to minority interests, to the pension fund corridor, to financial investments and deferred taxes, on the one hand, and to the worsening of weighted risks associated with deferred taxes and financial investments not deducted to CET1, despite the more favorable treatment enjoyed by the credit portfolio exposures to small and medium enterprises, on the other hand.

On 22 July 2013, EBA released a recommendation establishing the preservation of a nominal floor of core tier I capital, corresponding to the amount of capital needed to meet the core tier I ratio of 9%, as at 30 June 2012, including the same capital buffer for exposures to sovereign risk, in order to ensure an appropriate transition to the stricter requirements of the CRD IV/CRR.

This recommendation foresees some exceptions in cases of, restructuring plans and specific de-risking programs and for those banks whose CET1 lever is above the minimum capital requirements and the capital conservation buffer computed under fully implemented CRD IV/CRR requirements, for which the nominal capital floor may be set taking as reference a later date, upon a request from the institutions to the Bank of Portugal and its subsequent assessment. In this context, Millennium bcp, submitted that request in due time which is currently under review.

The core tier I surplus, resulting from the application of the recommendation on capital preservation, determined as at 31 March 2014 and 31 December 2013, taking the capital requirements established in each of these dates as reference for calculation, amounted to Euro 843 million and Euro 805 million, respectively, reflecting the performance of EBA's core tier I ratio.

<b>SOLVENCY (Basel II)</b>	<b>Euro million</b>	
	<b>31 Mar. 14</b>	<b>31 Dec. 13</b>
Own funds		
Core tier I	6,022	6,040
Preference shares and perpetual subordinated	22	40
Other deduction (1)	(442)	(434)
Tier I capital	5,602	5,646
Tier II capital	894	880
Deductions to total regulatory capital	(105)	(106)
Total regulatory capital	6,392	6,421
Risk weighted assets	43,208	43,926
Solvency ratios		
Core tier I	13.9%	13.8%
Tier I	13.0%	12.9%
Tier II	1.8%	1.8%
Total	14.8%	14.6%
Core tier I ratio EBA (2)	11.0%	10.8%
Capital preservation (3)	843	805

(1) Includes deductions related to the shortfall of the stock of impairment to estimated losses and to significant shareholdings in unconsolidated financial institutions, in particular to the shareholdings held in Millenniumbcp Ageas and Banque BCP (France and Luxembourg).

(2) Core tier I ratio in accordance with the criteria of EBA. In this scope, core tier I in accordance with the rules of the Bank of Portugal was deducted of the "Other deductions (1)" and of the buffer to sovereign risks (Euro 848 million); the risk weighted assets do not have adjustments. This ratio will be revoked, according to the EBA recommendation (EBA/REC/2013/03 of 22 July 2013).

(3) These amounts represent the surplus of core tier I resulting from the new EBA Recommendation on the preservation of capital levels (EBA/REC/2013/03 of 22 July 2013), assuming the capital requirements reported in each of those dates as the reference for the calculations, because it has not yet been communicated by the competent authorities the applicable date.

## **THE PORTUGUESE MORTGAGE MARKET AND THE SERVICING OF THE COVER POOL**

### **PORTUGUESE MORTGAGE MARKET**

Since Portugal joined the European Union (“EU”) in 1986, the country has steadily improved its living standards. GDP per capita in purchasing power has increased from less than 60% of the EU average in 1986 to around 75% in recent years<sup>1</sup>.

The EU integration process during the 1990s provided a favourable environment of political and financial stability, which was conducive to a strong expansion of the mortgage business in Portugal. The “EU convergence momentum” has moderated significantly since 2001 leading to a prolonged period of gradual adjustment in the construction business and weak housing dynamics.

The Portuguese economy has not been immune to the global recession. The abrupt change in global financial markets, mainly in relation to access to capital, coupled with high indebtedness levels, led the Portuguese government to request external assistance by mid-2011. From mid-2011 to May 2014 Portugal was under a specific economic and adjustment programme that has entailed a wide range set of structural reforms, which were expected to allow for stable public finances and stronger economic growth over the long term.

Notwithstanding the longer term positive effects expected to emanate from the PAEF and its conclusion<sup>2</sup> in May 2014, the austerity coupled with adverse external and financial conditions significantly constrained the country’s ability to grow in the 2011-2013 period. In spite of the above, in the last three quarters of 2013, sequential GDP growth turned positive and in 2014 the GDP is expected to return to positive growth rates<sup>3</sup>, supported by the prospects of robust external demand and the progressive improvement of domestic activity.

In spite of recent improvements, the economic and financial context remains challenging for Portugal. Lower public spending, a higher tax burden, more stringent regulations and still tight financing conditions are expected to continue to affect the mortgage markets. Business volumes have been significantly reduced, as demand collapsed and home supply continues to adjust downwards. House prices are moving down, though in an orderly manner benefitting from the fact that Portugal has not embraced a boom over the past decade.

Mortgage markets are prone to remaining weak. The fundamental drive towards a more export oriented economy means fewer resources being devoted to traditional non-tradable sectors, such as housing. At the same time, market conditions and regulations remain challenging for long term credit operations. The undeveloped rental market is likely to gain importance ending a string of years in which the demand and supply for own housing purposes was a key feature of EMU integration dynamics.

#### **1. Long-term developments**

The Portuguese economy has recorded a decent performance over the past 26 years, driven by the process of EU integration – “cohesion” (1986-1993) and then “convergence” (1993-1998) – but has lately shown some difficulties in adjusting to the monetary union (1999 to date).

During the first two phases, from the high levels of unemployment, inflation and public deficit recorded in the mid-1980s, Portugal managed to comply with the Maastricht criteria only ten years

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<sup>1</sup> Eurostat

<sup>2</sup> IMF, Statement on the Twelfth Review Mission of Portugal, 2 May 2014

<sup>3</sup> IMF, Eleventh Review Mission of Portugal, 21 April 2014



later. The country's unemployment rate declined from 9% to 4%; inflation dropped from close to 30% in 1985 to 2% in the late 1990s. Over those years, real GDP growth averaged 3.5% per year. The three-month Lisbon interbank offer rate moved from 10% in 1993 to about 3% by the end of the decade.

The ongoing deregulation and liberalisation of the banking and financial markets led to growing competition among market participants. Demand for residential property was strong. The growth rate of credit granted to households rose quickly for most of the 1990s, topping 38% year-on-year in 1998.

After 2000, the Portuguese economy convergence process stalled. The loss of the exchange rate instrument, greater emphasis on productivity gains and flexible markets and increasing competition all resulted in the Portuguese economy facing great difficulties in the global marketplace. At a domestic level, households' build-up of debt, uncertainty and fiscal policy constraints led to a downward adjustment of spending patterns. In sharp contrast with the 90s' performance, real GDP growth averaged only 0.9% from 2000 to 2009 (comparing with 1.7% for the Eurozone average)<sup>4</sup>.

Despite a more adverse economic climate and the end of public subsidies for housing loans after 2002, housing loans continued to grow for most of the decade. More sophisticated scoring systems, judicious allocation of capital, strong home-ownership ratio and financial innovation contributed to easing households' financial burden and contain credit risks. Credit delinquency remained rather low throughout the period.

However, the degree of indebtedness across certain sectors of the economy, including households, continued to increase steadily. These circumstances put the Portuguese economy in a rather vulnerable position for what was to happen in 2007/2008 as the subprime meltdown morphed into a full-blown global financial crisis. This event severely restricted the access of Portuguese issuers to funding and unravelled a recession which, together with the eruption of the European sovereign debt crisis in 2010, provoked a jump in mortgage credit delinquency that greatly damaged the housing market. New mortgage lending collapsed, foreclosures spiked and house prices fell.

## **2. Current situation**

### *(a) The economy*

The intensification of the European sovereign crisis put the Portuguese debt-driven growth model to an end. Back in April 2011, the Portuguese government negotiated an external assistance package with the IMF, the ECB and EC – “the programme” – envisioning a total of EUR 78 billion of institutional funding through 2014, conditional on Portugal achieving several goals in terms of consolidation of public finances, implementation of structural reforms and support to the financial system.

Since 2011, economic activity had been constrained as a result of reductions in public and private expenditure, more restrictive funding conditions and increased unemployment. Economic activity, as measured by real GDP, contracted by 1.3% in 2011, by 3.2% in 2012 and by 1.4% in 2013<sup>5</sup>. However, in the last three quarters of 2013, sequential GDP growth turned positive, reflecting the strong pace of net exports along with a less depressed domestic demand, though, in the first quarter of 2014, GDP fell 0.6%<sup>6</sup> on a quarterly basis due essentially to the fallback of exports and the slowing down of investment.

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<sup>4</sup> Portugal's National Statistics Institute and Bank of Portugal

<sup>5</sup> Portugal's National Statistics Institute

<sup>6</sup> Portugal's National Statistics Institute

The unemployment rate, which has increased from 7.3% in 2008 to a crisis-peak of 17.7% in March 2013, has since dropped to 15.1% at the end of the first quarter of 2014<sup>7</sup>, in line with the economy's recovery. The public deficit, which increased from 4.3% of GDP in 2011 to 6.4% in 2012, decreased to 4.9% in 2013<sup>8</sup>, a figure below the Programme target of 5.5% of GDP. This better than expected result was driven by an increase in revenues, on the back of pick-up in activity, efforts to enforce tax compliance and measures to control expenditure. The consolidated value of the gross debt of the Public Administration in 2013 increased to 129.0% of GDP, compared with 124.1% for the previous year<sup>9</sup>. The restructuring of balance sheets in both the public and private sectors and strong exports growth helped to reduce the external imbalance, leading to improvements in current and capital account balances, which recorded a surplus in 2012 and 2013<sup>10</sup>.

In spite of recent improvements and the conclusion of the PAEF the economic and financial context remains challenging for Portugal. Although the GDP contraction of 1.4% in 2013 is expected to be followed by a GDP growth rate of 1.2% in 2014<sup>11</sup>, this economic expansion is unlikely to increase the disposable income in a material way and to encourage domestic demand or to reduce the elevated levels of unemployment. The possibility of a weaker economic performance cannot be excluded in view of the risk of a slowdown of external demand and the uncertainty surrounding the success and subsequent enforcement of the structural adjustment that must still be pursued after the PAEF's completion. Moreover, with the termination of the guaranteed funding provided under the PAEF, the Portuguese State will need to pursue alternative funding strategies, which could carry certain risks.

Such alternative funding strategies could require the Portuguese Treasury to rely solely on the capital markets for its wholesale funding or could compel the establishment of a precautionary credit line with the European Stability Mechanism (“ESM”). In the immediate aftermath of the PAEF's completion, the Portuguese government chose to rely solely on the capital markets for its wholesale funding. In any event, and like other Member States, it maintains the possibility of accessing ESM's assistance. Either strategy could render the Portuguese Treasury more vulnerable vis-à-vis investors' sentiment regarding Portugal's perceived economic and financial prospects or could trigger more restrictive conditions, possibly in the form of tougher fiscal measures and further structural reforms, in addition to greater surveillance by European authorities. As such, it is uncertain that the Portuguese economy, in both the public and private spheres, will be able to garner the capital needed to fund a full economic recovery. Moreover, the recovery may be negatively impacted by continued exposure to the risks of a recessionary relapse, a material deterioration of the public accounts, or an external economic or financial shock.

A key contributor to the successful completion of the PAEF has been the significant social and political cohesion on the programme. The three parties involved in the negotiations of the programme still retain the vast majority of votes. Government and opposition changed places. The centre-right coalition that took office in 2011 has shown a commitment to deliver on the targets. The main opposition party, which headed the previous government, has supported the approval of a significant part of the legislative changes produced centrally at the European level to enhance macroeconomic surveillance and is committed to EMU.

This consensus goes beyond the political parties' apparatus. Two years after imposing several austerity measures, namely reducing public wages, the government still enjoys some degree of support. Some of the most important unions have engaged in redesigning the labour laws and practices together with government and employees. In this respect, lower severance payments, cuts in holidays and reduced unemployment benefits have all been agreed upon during 2012.

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<sup>7</sup> Portugal's National Statistics Institute

<sup>8</sup> Portugal's National Statistics Institute

<sup>9</sup> Portugal's National Statistics Institute

<sup>10</sup> Bank of Portugal

<sup>11</sup> IMF, Eleventh Review Mission of Portugal, 21 April 2014

The behaviour of Portuguese people towards such measures seems to be predicated on the expectations that all the sacrifices will be temporary and will somehow contribute to restoring the growth and employment potential of the economy. If this is not the case, or if further austerity measures are required, the social cohesion may decrease in a way similar to what occurred in other peripheral countries. In such a scenario, economic and political conditions could deteriorate markedly and intensify the still ongoing correction of the mortgage market.

*(b) The housing market*

The changing landscape of the credit markets reinforced prior market trends within the housing segment. Demand for new housing loans has been moving downwards. Residential permits issued and new dwellings completed have been declining since 2002, contributing to some rebalancing of the residential property market. House prices are declining, albeit moderately. Credit delinquencies are rising as unemployment remains at high levels, though somewhat mitigated by the considerably lower instalments arising from historical low Euribor rates, the main indexer in Portuguese housing loans. The banking industry together with the authorities have been devising ways to lessen the impact on households of the current adverse economic conditions by redesigning loans conditions on targeted customers and legislative actions have been implemented with a view to promote the restructuring of debts arising from housing loans.

The demand for homes is expected to remain sluggish as credit and economic conditions remain challenging. Despite confidence readings in the housing market had recovered from the historical low levels reached in July 2012<sup>12</sup>, in line with the improvement in households' confidence indicators, lower disposable income, the still high levels of households' indebtedness and the economic adjustment process towards the tradable sector should constrain the recovery of the housing market. The transition to a new equilibrium means a reallocation of demand towards cheaper housing, be it by changing location or moving into the rental market. Even though lending conditions remain tight for property developers, the pressure to sell accumulated idle stock is likely to increase and force some additional reductions in house prices.

Over the years measures to prop up the rental market have been mostly ineffective and hence global penetration rate is low. Part of it stems from negative incentives, like lengthy legal decisions to evict tenants and the associated complexity for revision of rents. Part of this seems to be changing mainly due to the recently introduced piece of legislation featuring, among others aspects, a balanced degree of rent liberalization.

Though the residential mortgage market credit delinquency ranks below other credit segments, the adverse economic conditions are pushing nonperforming loans upwards. There are political initiatives as well as actions of self-regulation related to measures for restructuring of debts arising from housing loans. Although some banks had already unilaterally adopted several measures to such effect, some of those were implemented by law for the entire Portuguese banking system, creating exception regimes for targeted financially weak groups of customers. These measures, alongside the exceptionally low reference interest rates, will hopefully help keeping non performing loans at manageable levels, offsetting, albeit partially, lower social contributions and higher unemployment.

Most of the mortgage lending is done at a variable interest rate, usually indexed to the average three-month or six-month Euribor, with a one-month lag. Although available, fixed-rate lending or capped-rate alternatives have not been in demand, due to uncompetitive immediate monthly instalments. The spread charged over the benchmark interest rate is a function of several factors: the individual's credit assessment; the loan-to-value level; the banking relationship; other collateral arrangements; and global market conditions. The widespread use of contracts at variable interest rate makes households exposed to interest rate risk. However, during the current crisis this feature eased the debt servicing

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<sup>12</sup> Portugal's National Statistics Institute

burden. Debt service capacity will continue to benefit from an overall environment of low interest rates and responsible lending policies.

The ratio of mortgages outstanding per nominal GDP has consistently moved upwards, from slightly less than 20% at the end of 1995 to about 64% by the end of 2013<sup>13</sup>. The mortgage business share in total lending to private individuals has grown over the years, standing slightly above 80% of total, at around EUR 105 billion (excluding securitised loans)<sup>14</sup>. Most of it is concentrated in the metropolitan areas of Lisbon and Oporto. The six largest banking groups in Portugal originate most of the residential property loans.

Portuguese households rank among the most indebted of the EU, as household loans amounted to almost 130% of households' disposable income in 2009, though levelling off since then<sup>15</sup>. However, taking into account the asset side, and according to Bank of Portugal's estimates, households' global financial situation is not as perilous as it might have seemed, as financial wealth is roughly three times higher than households' total financial debt that is, excluding real estate assets.

The residential mortgage legal framework has changed over the years, from a highly regulated market with few institutions qualified to grant mortgage loans, to a more liberal setting. Subsidised mortgage schemes were discontinued (2002) and the terms of the loan were liberalised (2005). In 2007 a cap on prepayment penalties, conditional on the type of interest rate indexer (variable or fixed), as well as specific rounding procedures for the interest rate charged were introduced. Lenders have to disclose a full set of the loan conditions when publicising product offers. This set of rules enhances both competition and transparency in the marketplace. As part of the adjustment programme a new wave of liberalisation of housing markets is being implemented, particularly aiming at the rental market. Though it could have some positive bearing in mortgage market dynamics over time, the austerity posture, the adverse finance conditions and the new greater stringent capital requirements seem to be the dominant features for now.

## **B. The Residential Mortgage business of the Bank**

In 1992, the Bank established, in association with Cariplo, an autonomous residential mortgage bank - Banco de Investimento Imobiliário S.A. ("**BII**"). Until December 2000, all residential mortgage loan business generated by Bank's branch network and by BII's own branches was booked at and administered by BII. In December 2000, all residential mortgage loans granted by BII to clients of the Group were separated from BII and merged into the Bank. Since then, the Bank has granted mortgage loans to its clients directly.

### **Origination**

The Bank's residential mortgages are originated at branch level as a result of direct contact by borrowers. Until 2011, applications could also be submitted by real estate agents (which would nevertheless require customers to go to a branch to deliver the required information).

### **Underwriting**

The Bank's residential mortgage loan applications data and prospective borrowers' and guarantors' details are introduced at branch level into a front-end system application linked to an automatic decision-making support process and an electronic underwriting and pricing workflow.

Appropriate behaviour or applicational probability of default ("**PD**") models (according to customer commercial segment and risk portfolio) are embedded in the automatic decision-making support

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<sup>13</sup> Bank of Portugal, May 2014

<sup>14</sup> Bank of Portugal, May 2014

<sup>15</sup> Bank of Portugal, April 2013

process and generate a credit risk rating assigned to the customer. PD models are calibrated annually and their performance is monitored by an independent team at Audit Division (*Direção de Auditoria*). Although rarely used, a rating override facility is centralised at the Rating Division (*Direção de Rating*).

A set of risk and product filters is automatically checked online, as well as additional underwriting criteria relating to affordability – debt-to-income ratio and loan-to-value (“LTV”). Information available at the Bank of Portugal credit bureau is checked automatically.

Electronic workflow where credit applications are automatically processed will define, according to the automatic decision-making support message and underwriting empowerment rules (defined per credit regulations), whether the underwriting decision will be made by credit officers at the branch or at the Credit Division (*Direção de Crédito*) and which commercial level will be establishing the pricing conditions.

The branch credit committee is empowered to underwrite by automated models according to predefined rules and constraints, if no filters apply, and taking also into account the customer’s probability of default and additional underwriting criteria.

If the branch credit committee is not empowered to underwrite the credit risk, the loan application can be forwarded electronically to the Credit Division.

At the Credit Division, additional enquiries may be made, notably on borrowers’ and guarantors’ (if any) delinquency records, information on total borrowings and defaults at the Bank of Portugal credit bureau, bank account information on the Bank’s Customer Information System, bank account statements at other banks and additional information collected by the branch officers (e.g. other assets owned by the client).

Underwriting decisions are sent electronically to the branch and, in the case of an “accept” decision, a real estate appraisal is automatically requested from a randomly selected independent appraiser. The Credit Division’s agreed period of response is 24 hours.

The issue of a formal letter of approval, loan agreement contract and loan disbursement occurs only after confirmation of all data provided by the Contracting Area (*Direção de Operações – Departamento Operacional de Crédito*).

## **Insurance Cover**

Life and property insurance coverage is required, although the former is waived in some exceptional cases. While life insurance covers the amount of the loan, property insurance covers the replacement cost of a reconstruction of the property.

## **Mortgage Products**

Under the laws of the Portuguese Republic, since 2 November 2002 the maturity of new residential mortgage loans is freely agreed among the parties. The maturity of mortgage loans originated in the Group cannot exceed 40 years. Shorter maturity loans are common, with the most recent ones having an average maturity of approximately 34 years. The vast majority of residential mortgage loans pay interest on a floating rate basis indexed to three-month EURIBOR, with a spread depending on the LTV ratio and customer risk grade. Most loans, once fully drawn up, must be repaid in instalments, with payments of interest and principal being made by direct debit, usually on a monthly basis, although different amortisation profiles or interest-only payment periods may be agreed with the borrowers.

## **Arrears Procedures**

In the retail business area, delinquencies persisting for less than 15 days are dealt with directly at branch level. Branch officials receive a daily report on arrears, on which they are expected to take appropriate action depending on their relationship with the borrower. Seven days after the first day of arrears the bank initiates a remote communication plan with the borrowers, using SMS, CAT and the Internet, and all branches receive a list of these customers, in order to contact each of them.

Once 15 days' overdue, loans are transferred to the "First Line" in the Standard Recovery Department. Within a period of, at maximum, 60 days, the "First Line" contacts the customers and, if the collection effort proves unsuccessful, refers them to the "Second Line – Small Amounts" if the volume of exposure is under EUR 50,000 and to the "Second Line – Medium Amounts" if the volume of exposure is over EUR 50,000 and under EUR 1,000,000. During a period of, at maximum, six months on the "Second Line – Small Amounts" and nine months on the "Second Line – Medium Amounts", all possible credit restructuring strategies are tried, and if these are not successful, the next stage is to send all cases to external lawyers.

Throughout the whole recovery process a set of letters following a sequential pattern is sent to the borrower and any guarantors in order to inform the debtors of their failure to pay and facilitate the recovery process.

This operating model in the retail business area began in October 2008, and with this initiative the Bank sought to (1) reinforce all the remote communication means with the borrowers (letters, SMS, CAT, Internet); (2) reinforce the collection area and credit restructuring strategies, creating first and second communication lines in order to accelerate resolution of all situations; (3) segment the exposure treatment in specialised recovery teams for past due amounts over EUR 50,000; and (4) improve the process of instructing external lawyers.

For customers from corporate, Mid Corporate and Private Banking areas or retail customers with over EUR 1,000,000 of total exposure, delinquencies persisting for less than 90 days are dealt with directly at branch level; after this period the cases are handled by the Specialised Recovery Department.

The Specialised Recovery Department explores different approaches on a case-by-case basis over a period which normally does not exceed nine months from the date on which the loan becomes overdue. If its efforts are not successful, the delinquent loan is sent to external lawyers for the commencement of enforcement proceedings, which typically take two to four years to complete. Simultaneously the recovery agent who manages the relationship with the borrower will continue to seek an out-of-court solution.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds resulting from each issue of Covered Bonds will be applied by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes.

## THE COVERED BONDS LAW

### FRAMEWORK

The Covered Bonds Law introduced a framework for the issuance of asset covered debt securities into Portuguese law.

The Covered Bonds Law has been supplemented by secondary legislation issued by the Bank of Portugal (the “**Bank of Portugal Regulations**”), which comprises both regulations (“*Avisos*”) and instructions (“*Instruções*”). The Bank of Portugal Regulations address matters such as the segregation of cover pool assets from the insolvent estate of the issuer in the event of insolvency, the compliance with asset and liability matching requirements and the methodology for valuation of mortgages and properties.

### ISSUERS OF COVERED BONDS

Mortgage covered bonds (“*obrigações hipotecárias*”) may be issued by credit institutions (the “**Institutions**”) legally authorised to grant credit guaranteed by mortgages over property and having own funds amounting to no less than EUR 7,500,000. Institutions can either be universal credit institutions (“**Credit Institutions**”) or special credit institutions incorporated under the Covered Bonds Law specialising in the issuance of covered bonds (the “**Mortgage Credit Institutions**”).

If the issuer of covered bonds is a Credit Institution, there are no restrictions to its banking activities and it may issue covered bonds directly, maintaining the underlying cover pool on its balance sheet.

If the issuer of covered bonds is a Mortgage Credit Institution, its authorised banking activity is restricted to granting, acquiring and selling (i) credits guaranteed by mortgages and (ii) credits to, or guaranteed by, the central public administration, regional or local authorities of any EU member state. Mortgage Credit Institutions may thus issue covered bonds backed by credits originated by itself or otherwise acquired from third party originators.

In the event of insolvency, winding-up and dissolution of an Institution, the cover pool over which the holders of covered bonds have a special creditor privilege will be segregated from the insolvent estate of such Institution and will form an autonomous pool of assets managed in favour and to the benefit of the holders of covered bonds and other preferred creditors as specified in the Covered Bonds Law. In this respect, the Covered Bonds Law establishes a special regime which prevails over general Portuguese insolvency regulations.

If the cover assets are insufficient to meet interest and principal payments due on the covered bonds of the insolvent Institution, the holders of covered bonds will also rank *pari passu* with unsecured creditors of the Institution in relation to the remaining assets of the insolvent Institution.

### COVER ASSETS

The following assets are eligible to collateralise issues of covered bonds made by an Institution in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law:

- Pecuniary credit receivables secured by a Mortgage and/or any Additional Security which are not yet matured, and which are neither subject to conditions nor encumbered, judicially seized or apprehended and
  - (a) which are secured by first ranking mortgages over residential or commercial real estate located in an EU member state; or



- (b) are secured by a junior mortgage but where all Mortgage Credits ranking senior thereto are held by the Issuer and also allocated to the relevant cover pool; or
  - (c) are secured by (i) a personal guarantee granted by a credit institution, or (ii) an appropriate insurance policy, in any case together with a mortgage counter guarantee evidencing (a) or (b) above.
- Other assets (up to 20% of the aggregate cover pool), such as:
  - (a) deposits with the Bank of Portugal in cash or securities eligible for credit transactions in the Eurosystem;
  - (b) current or term account deposits with credit institutions (which are not in a control or group relationship with the Issuer) having a rating of at least “A-” or equivalent); and
  - (c) other assets complying simultaneously with the requisites of low risk and high and high liquidity as defined by the Bank of Portugal.

The geographical scope of eligible assets is restricted to credits guaranteed by mortgages on property located in the EU.

Hedging contracts may also be included in the cover pool for hedging purposes, namely to hedge interest rate, exchange rate and liquidity risks. The Bank of Portugal Regulations contain certain rules governing the limits and conditions for the use of these hedging contracts.

The cover pool is of a dynamic nature. Accordingly, the Institution may be required, or may otherwise decide, to include new assets in such cover pool or substitute assets in case the existing ones no longer comply with the applicable financial and prudential requirements.

Furthermore, an Institution is required by the Covered Bonds Law to maintain a register of all the assets comprised in the cover pool, including hedging contracts.

## **VALUATION AND LTV CRITERIA**

Institutions are required to conduct valuations of mortgage properties and periodic updates of such valuations in accordance with the rules defined by the Bank of Portugal (in particular, pursuant to Regulation 5/2006, which establishes rules on the methods and frequency of the valuations of assets and derivatives).

The maximum Loan to Value for residential mortgages is 80% and 60% for commercial mortgages loans.

The value of each property securing a mortgage credit comprised in a cover pool may not be higher than the commercial value of such property, determined in accordance with prudent criteria and taking into consideration (i) the sustainable long term characteristics of such property, (ii) the standard conditions of the local market, (iii) the current use of the relevant property, and (iv) any alternative uses of each such property.

Pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 5/2006, the commercial value awarded by an issuer of covered bonds to each of the properties securing mortgage credits comprised in a cover pool may not be higher than the market value of the relevant properties. For these purposes, the market value of each property corresponds to the price by which such property can be purchased by a third party purchaser on the date of the valuation of such property, assuming that (i) the property is publicly put on sale, (ii) the market conditions allow for a regular transfer of the property and (iii) there is a normal

period of time to negotiate the corresponding purchase and sale, considering the nature of the property.

Regulation 5/2006 contains detailed provisions regarding valuation of properties securing mortgage credits included in a cover pool (including subsequent valuations), the methods and frequency for such valuations, the appointment, remuneration and role of the real estate valuation experts and transitional provisions concerning valuations made prior to the enactment of the Bank of Portugal Regulations.

## ASSET-LIABILITY MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

The Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations establish asset and liabilities matching requirements namely, the global nominal value of the outstanding covered bonds cannot exceed 95% of the global value of the mortgage credits and other assets at any time comprised in the relevant cover pool.

- The average maturity of outstanding mortgage covered bonds cannot exceed the average maturity of the mortgage credits and substitution assets allocated to the relevant issue of covered bonds.
- The total amount of interest to be paid by an Institution under any covered bonds shall not exceed, at any time, the amount of interest to be collected from the mortgage credits and other assets comprised in the corresponding cover pool - this means, therefore, that under the Covered Bonds Law cash flows from the cover pool must at all times be sufficient to meet all scheduled payments due to the holders of covered bonds.
- The net present value of the liabilities arising from issues of covered bonds pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law cannot exceed the net present value of the cover pool allocated to such covered bonds, including any hedging contracts also comprised in the cover pool. This ratio must also be met for 200 basis points parallel shifts in the yield curve.

For the purposes of the calculation of the level of overcollateralisation, as well as of the remaining financial and prudential requirements, Institutions are required to use the following criteria:

- (i) the mortgage credits shall be accounted for the nominal value of their outstanding principal, including any accrued but unpaid interest;
- (ii) the covered bonds shall be accounted according to the nominal value of outstanding principal, including accrued but unpaid interest; and
- (iii) in relation to any other assets:
  - (a) deposits shall be accounted for according to their amount together with any accrued but unpaid interest; and
  - (b) securities eligible for Eurosystem credit transactions shall be accounted for under margin valuation rules laid down by the Eurosystem or, if lower, according to their nominal value, including accrued but unpaid interests.

If the relevant covered bonds are denominated in any currency other than euro, the Institution must use the exchange rates published by the ECB as a reference.

The Covered Bonds Law also contains rules regarding the management of the cover pool allocated to one or more issues of covered bonds, allowing the Institution, *inter alia*, to assign new mortgage credits to the cover pool. The Institution may also enter into irrevocable credit facilities for the provision of liquidity in connection with the liabilities arising under the covered bonds. The credit facility counterparty must have a minimum credit rating of “A-” or equivalent.

An Institution is entitled to enter into derivatives contracts to hedge interest, exchange rate and liquidity risks. These derivatives contracts are also included in the cover pool and the derivative counterparties (who also benefit from the special creditor privilege) have to be rated “A-” or above. If a particular issue of covered bonds is denominated in a currency other than the currency of the Cover

Pool, the Institution must enter into adequate hedging contracts for the purpose of hedging the relevant currency exchange risk.

If the limits and requirements established in the Covered Bonds Law are exceeded, the issuer is required to remedy the situation immediately by (i) allocating new mortgage credits, (ii) purchasing outstanding covered bonds in the secondary market and/or (iii) allocating other eligible assets.

Mortgage credits that become delinquent after being allocated to the cover pool may still remain in such cover pool provided that the delinquency period is not equal to or higher than 90 days, in which case such mortgage credits must be removed from the cover pool by the Institution and, if necessary to comply with the prudential requirements established in the Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations, substituted by new mortgage credits.

Mortgage credits underlying covered bonds may only be sold or pledged if the Institution allocates new mortgage credits to the covered bonds sufficient to maintain compliance with the financial and prudential requirements set forth in the Covered Bonds Law.

Instruction 13/2006 contains rules to be followed in respect of notices to the Bank of Portugal regarding the issue of covered bonds under the Covered Bonds Law. Prior to a first issuance of covered bonds, and on each subsequent issuance, an Institution is required to provide the Bank of Portugal with certain documentation and information, including a chart showing the detailed composition of the autonomous pool of assets allocated to the covered bonds. On a monthly basis, the Institution is required to provide the Bank of Portugal with information on the number and amount of covered bonds outstanding and on any new issues of covered bonds and any redemptions occurred.

## **COVER POOL MONITOR, COMMON REPRESENTATIVE AND BANKING SUPERVISION**

The Board of Directors of the Institution is required to appoint an independent auditor registered with the CMVM for the purposes of monitoring the compliance by such Institution of the financial and prudential requirements establish in the Covered Bonds Law.

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, the independent auditor is required to issue an annual report covering the compliance by the issuer with the applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Also, a common representative of the holders of the covered bonds must be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Institution in order to represent the interests of the holders of covered bonds.

The Bank of Portugal and the CMVM carry out banking and capital markets supervision respectively.

## **SEGREGATION OF COVER ASSETS AND INSOLVENCY REMOTENESS**

### *Asset segregation*

The assets and hedging contracts allocated by the Institution to the issues of covered bonds will remain and be registered in separate accounts of the Institution. The register will be maintained in codified form and the code key will be deposited with the Bank of Portugal. This information will be deposited with the Bank of Portugal in the form of a code key. If the holders of covered bonds decide to accelerate the relevant covered bonds pursuant to article 4 paragraph 5 of the Covered Bonds Law, the common representative of such holders shall request the Bank of Portugal to disclose the information associated with such code key.

The assets included in the register maintained by the Institution will form a segregate estate over which the holders of the covered bonds will have a special creditor privilege (“*privilégio creditório*”), in particular in the case of winding-up and dissolution of the Institution.

In the event of insolvency of the Institution, the assets allocated to one or more issues of covered bonds will be segregated from the corresponding insolvent estate and will be managed autonomously by a third party until full payment of the amounts due to the holders of covered bonds. In any case, and even if the Institution is declared insolvent, the Covered Bonds Law determines that timely payments of interest and reimbursements under the covered bonds shall continue to be carried out.

In the case of voluntary dissolution of an Institution, the plan for such dissolution and winding-up, which shall be submitted to the Bank of Portugal pursuant to article 35-A of the Credit Institutions General Regime, shall identify a Substitute Credit Institution appointed to (i) manage the relevant cover pool allocated to the covered bonds outstanding, and (ii) ensure that the payments of any amounts due to the holders of such covered bonds are made. Such project shall also describe the general framework and conditions under which those actions will be rendered by the Substitute Credit Institution.

If the authorisation of an Institution to act as a credit institution in Portugal is revoked, the Bank of Portugal shall, simultaneously with the decision to revoke such authorisation, also appoint a Substitute Credit Institution to manage the relevant cover pool allocated to the covered bonds outstanding and to ensure that payments due to the holders of such covered bonds are made.

In accordance with Regulation 8/2006, any Substitute Credit Institution appointed by the Bank of Portugal to service the cover pool following insolvency of the Institution shall: (i) immediately upon being appointed, prepare an opening balance sheet in relation to the cover pool, supplemented by the corresponding explanatory notes; (ii) perform all acts and things necessary or convenient for the prudent management of the cover pool, including, without limitation, selling the mortgage credits comprised in the cover pool; ensuring the timely collection in respect of the mortgage assets comprised in the cover pool; and performing all other acts and administrative services in connection with such mortgage assets and related mortgages and additional security; (iii) maintain and keep updated a segregated register of the cover pool in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law; and (iv) prepare an annual financial report in relation to the cover pool and the outstanding covered bonds, which report shall be the subject of an auditing report produced by an independent auditor who shall be appointed as cover pool monitor by the Substitute Credit Institution.

Furthermore, any Substitute Credit Institution appointed by the Bank of Portugal to service the cover pool following the insolvency of an Institution shall perform all acts and things necessary or convenient for maintaining the relationship with the borrowers under the mortgage credits comprised in the relevant cover pool.

#### *Preferential status for covered bonds holders*

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, holders of covered bonds benefit from a special creditor privilege over the assets assigned to the issue, with precedence over any other creditors, for the purpose of redemption of principal and receipt of interest corresponding to the relevant covered bonds.

The mortgages that serve as collateral for the entitlements of the holders of covered bonds prevail over any real estate preferential claims. If the assets comprised in the cover pool are not enough to pay interest and principal under the covered bonds, the holders of covered bonds will then rank *pari passu* with unsecured creditors of the relevant Institution.

The hedging contracts entered into by the Institution also form part of the cover pool and thus the relevant counterparties will also benefit from the special creditor privilege over such cover pool. Accordingly, these counterparties will have similar rights to those of the holders of the covered bonds and, consequently, their contracts are not expected to be called in case of insolvency of the Institution.

Pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law, in the case of dissolution and winding-up of an Institution, a meeting of holders of all Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding may decide, by a 2/3 majority vote, to accelerate the covered bonds, in which case the administrator shall provide for the settlement of the estate allocated to the relevant covered bonds in accordance with the provisions defined in the Covered Bonds Law and in the relevant terms and conditions that govern such Covered Bonds.

## TAXATION

### Portugal

The following is a general summary of the Issuer's understanding of current law and practice in Portugal as in effect on the date of this Base Prospectus in relation to certain current relevant aspects to Portuguese taxation of the Covered Bonds and is subject to changes in such laws, including changes that could have a retroactive effect. Potentially applicable transitional rules have not been considered. The following summary is intended as a general guide only and is not exhaustive. It is not intended to be, nor should it be considered to be, legal or tax advice to any holder of Covered Bonds. It neither takes into account nor discusses investors' individual circumstances or the tax laws of any country other than Portugal, and it relates only to the position of persons who are absolute beneficial owners of the Covered Bonds. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisers as to the Portuguese or other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Covered Bonds. Tax consequences may differ according to the provisions of different double taxation treaties, as well as according to a prospective investor's particular circumstances.

The reference to "interest", "other investment income" and "capital gains" in the paragraphs below means "interest", "other investment income" and "capital gains" as understood in Portuguese tax law. The statements below do not take any account of any different definitions of "interest", "other investment income" or "capital gains" which may prevail under any other law or which may be created by the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds or any related documentation.

#### 1. Covered Bonds not held through a centralised control system

##### *Portuguese resident holders and non-resident holders with a Portuguese permanent establishment*

Interest and other types of investment income obtained on Covered Bonds by a Portuguese resident individual is subject to withholding tax at 28%, which, if such income is not earned as business or professional income, is the final tax on that income unless the individual elects to include it in his/ her taxable income subject to tax at progressive rates of up to 53%, to which a 3.5% surtax is to be added. In this case, the tax withheld is deemed a payment on account of the final tax due.

Interest and other investment income paid or made available ("**colocado à disposição**") to accounts in the name of one or more accountholders acting on behalf of undisclosed entities is subject to a final withholding tax at 35%, unless the beneficial owner of the income is disclosed, in which case the general rules will apply.

In the case of zero coupon Covered Bonds, the difference between the redemption value and the subscription cost is regarded as investment income and is taxed accordingly.

Gains obtained on the disposal of the Covered Bonds by an individual resident in Portugal for tax purposes are subject to Portuguese capital gains taxation on the positive difference between such gains and gains on other securities and losses in securities. Tax applies at 28%, which is the final tax on that income, unless the individual elects to include it in his/her taxable income, subject to tax at progressive rates of up to 53%, to which a 3.5% surtax is to be added.

Stamp tax at 10% applies to the acquisition through gift or inheritance of Covered Bonds by an individual who is domiciled in Portugal. An exemption applies to transfers in favour of the spouse (or person living together as spouse), descendants and parents/grandparents.

Interest or other investment income derived from the Covered Bonds and capital gains realized with the transfer of the Covered Bonds by legal persons resident for tax purposes in Portugal and by

nonresident legal persons with a permanent establishment in Portugal to which the income or gains are attributable are included in their taxable profits and are subject to corporate tax at 23% or 17% on the first EUR 15,000 in the case of small or small and medium-sized enterprises and may be subject to a municipal surcharge (“*derrama municipal*”) of up to 1.5%. A state surcharge (“*derrama estadual*”) also applies at 3% on taxable profits in excess of EUR 1,500,000 up to EUR 7,500,000, at 5% on taxable profits in excess of EUR 7,500,000 up to 35,000,000 and at 7% on taxable profits in excess of EUR 35,000,000. Withholding tax at 25% applies to interest and other investment income, which is deemed a payment on account of the final tax due. The withholding (and final) tax rate is 21.5% in the case of entities benefitting from an exemption from tax under Articles 9 and 10 of the corporate tax code that does not apply to investment income. The corporate tax rate is 21.5% in the case of entities not carrying on an activity of a commercial, industrial or agricultural nature.

The annual positive difference between capital gains and capital losses deriving from the sale of Covered Bonds, other debt securities, shares and other financial instruments by investment funds created and operating under Portuguese legislation is subject to tax at 25%. Financial institutions, pension funds, retirement and/or education savings funds, share savings funds, venture capital funds and some exempt entities, among other entities, are not subject to withholding tax.

The acquisition of Covered Bonds through gift or inheritance by a Portuguese resident legal person or a nonresident acting through a Portuguese permanent establishment is subject to corporate tax at 25% or 17% on the first EUR 15,000 in the case of small or small and medium-sized enterprises and may be subject to a municipal surcharge (“*derrama municipal*”) of up to 1.5%. A state surcharge (“*derrama estadual*”) also applies at 3% on taxable profits in excess of EUR 1,500,000 up to EUR 7,500,000, at 5% on taxable profits in excess of EUR 7,500,000 up to 35,000,000 and at 7% on taxable profits in excess of EUR 35,000,000. The corporate tax rate is 21.5% in the case of entities not carrying on an activity of a commercial, industrial or agricultural nature.

There is neither wealth nor estate tax in Portugal.

#### *Non-resident holders without a Portuguese permanent establishment*

Interest and other types of investment income obtained by non-resident holders without a Portuguese permanent establishment to which the income is attributable is subject to withholding tax at 28% (individuals) or 25% (legal persons), which is the final tax on that income. The rate is 35% in the case of individuals or legal persons domiciled in a country included in the “tax havens” list approved by Ministerial order No. 150/2004 of 13 February.

Interest and other investment income paid or made available (“**colocado à disposição**”) to accounts in the name of one or more accountholders acting on behalf of undisclosed entities is subject to a final withholding tax at 35%, unless the beneficial owner of the income is disclosed, in which case the general rules will apply.

Under the tax treaties entered into by Portugal, the withholding tax rate may be reduced to 15, 12, 10 or 5%, depending on the applicable treaty and provided that the relevant formalities (including certification of residence by the tax authorities of the beneficial owners of the interest and other investment income) are met.

The reduction may apply at source or through the refund of the excess tax. The forms currently applicable for these purposes were approved by Order (“*Despacho*”) No. 4743-A/2008 (2nd series), as rectified on 29 February 2008, published in the Portuguese official gazette, 2nd series, No. 43, of 29 February 2008 of the Portuguese Minister of State and Finance and may be available for viewing at [www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt](http://www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt).



In the case of zero coupon Covered Bonds, the difference between the redemption value and the subscription cost is regarded as investment income and is taxed accordingly.

Interest paid to an associated company of the Bank which is exempt from withholding tax.

From the later date onwards, no withholding tax applies.

For these purposes, an “associated company of the Bank” is:

- (i) A company which is subject to one of the taxes on profits listed in Article 3 (a) (iii) of Council Directive 2003/49/EC without being exempt, which takes one of the forms listed in the Annex to that Directive, which is considered to be resident in an European Union Member State and is not, within the meaning of a double taxation convention on income concluded with a third state, considered to be resident for tax purposes outside the Community; and
- (ii) Which holds a minimum direct holding of 25% in capital of the Bank, or is directly held by the Bank in at least 25% or which is directly held in at least 25% by a company which holds at least 25% of the capital of the Bank; and
- (iii) Provided that the holding has been maintained for an uninterrupted period of at least two years. If the minimum holding period is met after the date the withholding tax becomes due, a refund may be obtained.

The associated company of the Bank to which payments are made must be the beneficial owner of the interest, which will be the case if it receives the interest for its own account and not as an intermediary, and not as an intermediary, either as a representative, a trustee or authorized signatory, for some other person.

Capital gains obtained on the disposal of the Covered Bonds by an individual non resident in Portugal for tax purposes are subject to Portuguese capital gains taxation on the positive difference between such gains and gains on other securities and losses in securities. Tax applies at 28%. An exemption applies to non residents individuals, unless they are resident in a country included in the “tax havens” list approved by Ministerial order No. 105/2004 of 13 February (as amended by Ministerial order No. 292/2011 of 8 November).

Under the tax treaties entered into by Portugal, such gains are usually not subject to Portuguese tax, but the applicable rules should be confirmed on a case by case basis. Accrued interest qualifies as interest for tax purposes.

Gains obtained on the disposal of Covered Bonds by a legal person non resident in Portugal for tax purposes and without a permanent establishment in Portugal to which gains are attributable are exempt from Portuguese capital gains taxation, unless the share capital of the holder is more than 25% directly or indirectly, held by Portuguese resident entities or if the holder is resident in a country included in the “tax havens” list approved by Ministerial order (*Portaria*) No. 150/2004 of 13 February (as amended by Ministerial order No. 292/2011 of 8 November). Accrued interest qualifies as interest for tax purposes.

If the exemption does not apply, the gains will be subject to tax at 25%. Under the tax treaties entered into by Portugal, such gains are usually not subject to Portuguese tax, but the applicable rules should be confirmed on a case by case basis.

No stamp tax applies to the acquisition through gift and inheritance of Covered Bonds by an individual who is not domiciled in Portugal.

The acquisition of Covered Bonds through gift or inheritance by a non-resident legal person is subject to corporate tax at 25%. Under the tax treaties entered into by Portugal, such gains are usually not subject to Portuguese tax, but the applicable rules should be confirmed on a case by case basis.

There is neither wealth nor estate tax in Portugal.

## **2. Covered Bonds held through a centralised control system**

The regime described above corresponds to the general tax treatment of investment income and capital gains on Covered Bonds and to the acquisition through gift or inheritance of such Covered Bonds.

Nevertheless, pursuant to the Special Taxation Regime for Debt Securities, approved by Decree-Law 193/2005, of 7 November, as amended from time to time (hereafter “**the special regime approved by Decree-Law 193/2005**”), investment income and gains on the disposal of debt securities issued by Portuguese resident entities, such as the Covered Bonds, may be exempt from Portuguese income tax, provided that the debt securities are integrated in a centralised system managed by Portuguese resident entities (such as the Central de Valores Mobiliários, managed by Interbolsa), by other European Union of European Economic Area entities that manage international clearing systems (in the latter case if there is administrative cooperation for tax purposes with the relevant country which is equivalent to that in place within the European Union), or when authorized by the member of the government in charge of finance (currently the Finance Minister), other centralized systems and:

- (i) the beneficial owners have no residence, head office, effective management or permanent establishment in the Portuguese territory to which the income is attributable; and
- (ii) the beneficial owners are central banks and government agencies international organisations recognized by the Portuguese state, residents in a country or jurisdiction with which Portugal has entered into a double tax treaty or a tax information exchange agreement in force of other non resident entities which are not domiciled in a country, territory or region subject to a clearly more favourable tax regime included in the list approved by Ministerial order n. 150/2004, of 13 February

The special regime approved by Decree-Law 193/2005 sets out the detailed rules and procedures to be followed on the proof of non residence by the holders of Covered Bonds to which it applies.

Under these rules, the direct register entity is to obtain and keep proof, in the form described below, that the beneficial owner is a non-resident entity that is entitled to the exemption. As a general rule, the proof of non residence by the holders of Covered Bonds should be provided to, and received by, the direct register entities prior to the relevant date for payment of any interest, or the redemption date (for zero coupon Covered Bonds), and in the case of domestically cleared Covered Bonds, prior to the transfer of Covered Bonds, as the case may be.

The following is a general description of the rules and procedures on the proof required for the exemption to apply at source, as they stand on the date of this Base Prospectus.

### **(a) Domestically Cleared Covered Bonds**

The beneficial owner of Covered Bonds must provide proof of non residence in Portuguese territory substantially in the terms set forth below.

- (i) If a holder of Covered Bonds is a central bank, a public law entity or agency or an international organisation recognised by the Portuguese state, a declaration of tax residence

issued by the holder of Covered Bonds, duly signed and authenticated or proof pursuant to (iv) below;

- (ii) If the beneficial owner of Covered Bonds is a credit institution, a financial company, a pension fund or an insurance company domiciled in any OECD country or in a country with which Portugal has entered into a double taxation treaty and is subject to a special supervision regime or administrative registration, certification shall be made by means of the following: (A) its tax identification; or (B) a certificate issued by the entity responsible for such supervision or registration confirming the legal existence of the holder of Covered Bonds and its domicile; or (C) proof of no residence, pursuant to the terms of paragraph (iv) below;
- (iii) If the beneficial owner of Covered Bonds is either an investment fund or other type of collective investment undertaking domiciled in any OECD country or jurisdiction with which Portugal has entered into a double tax treaty or a tax information exchange agreement in force, certification shall be provided by means of any of the following documents: (A) declaration issued by the entity which is responsible for its registration or supervision or by the tax authorities, confirming its legal existence and the law of incorporation; or (B) proof of non residence pursuant to the terms of paragraph (iv) below;
- (iv) In any other case, confirmation must be made by way of (A) a certificate of residence or equivalent document issued by the relevant tax authorities; or (B) a document issued by the relevant Portuguese consulate certifying residence abroad; or (C) a document specifically issued by an official entity of the public administration (either central, regional or peripheral, indirect or autonomous) of the relevant country certifying the residence; for these purposes, an identification document such as a passport or an identity card or document by means of which it is only indirectly possible to assume the relevant tax residence (such as a work or permanent residency permit) is not acceptable.

There are rules on the authenticity and validity of the documents mentioned in paragraph (iv) above, in particular that the holder of Covered Bonds must provide an original or a certified copy of the residence certificate or equivalent document. This document must be issued up to until 3 months after the date on which the withholding tax would have been applied and will be valid for a 3-year period starting on the date such document is issued. The holder of Covered Bonds must inform the register entity immediately of any change that may preclude the tax exemption from applying. In the other cases, proof of non residence is required only once, the beneficial owner having to inform the register entity of any changes that impact the entitlement to the exemption.

#### **(b) Internationally Cleared Covered Bonds**

If the Covered Bonds are registered in an account with an international clearing system, prior to the relevant date for payment of any interest of the redemption date (for Zero Coupon Covered Bonds), the entity managing such system is to provide to the direct register entity or its representative the identification and number of securities, as well as the income and, when applicable, the tax withheld, itemized by type of beneficial owner, as follows: (i) Portuguese resident entities or permanent establishments of non resident entities to which the income is attributable which are not exempt from tax and are subject to withholding tax; (ii) Entities domiciled in a country, territory, or region subject to a clearly more favourable tax regime included in the list approved by Ministerial order n.º 150/2004, of 13 February which are not exempt from tax and are subject to withholding tax ; (iii) Portuguese resident entities or permanent establishments of non resident entities to which the income is attributable which are exempt from tax and are not subject to withholding tax; (iv) other non Portuguese resident entities.

In addition, the international clearing system managing entity is to provide to the direct register entity, in relation to each income payment, at least the following information concerning each of the

beneficiaries mentioned in (i), (ii) and (iii) above: name and address, tax identification number, if applicable, identification of the securities held and amount thereof and amount of income.

No Portuguese exemption shall apply at source under the special regime approved by Decree-Law 193/2005 if the above rules and procedures are not followed. Accordingly, the general Portuguese tax provisions shall apply as described above.

If the conditions for an exemption to apply are met, but, due to inaccurate or insufficient information, tax is withheld, a special refund procedure is available under the special regime approved by Decree-Law 193/2005.

The refund claim is to be submitted to the direct register entity of the Covered Bonds within 6 months from the date the withholding took place.

The refund of withholding tax in other circumstances or after the above 6 months period is to be claimed to the Portuguese tax authorities within 2 years from the end of the year in which tax was withheld. The refund is to be made within 3 months after which interest is due.

The forms currently applicable for the above purposes were approved by Order (“*Despacho*”) No. 2937/2014 of the Portuguese Secretary of State for Tax Affairs, published in the Portuguese official gazette, 2nd series, No. 37, of 21 February 2014 and may be available for viewing and downloading at [www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt](http://www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt).

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (“**FATCA**”) impose a new reporting regime and potentially a 30% withholding tax with respect to certain payments to (i) any non-U.S. financial institution (an “**FFI**” (as defined by FATCA)) that does not become a “**Participating FFI**” by entering into an agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (“**IRS**”) to provide the IRS with certain information in respect of its account holders and investors or is not otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA and (ii) any investor (unless otherwise exempt from FATCA) that does not provide information sufficient to determine whether the investor is a U.S. person or should otherwise be treated as holding a “United States Account” of the Issuer (a “**Recalcitrant Holder**”). The Issuer is classified as an FFI.

The new withholding regime is now in effect for payments from sources within the United States and will apply to “foreign passthru payments” (a term not yet defined) no earlier than 1 January 2017. This withholding would potentially apply to payments in respect of (i) any Covered Bonds characterised as debt (or which are not otherwise characterised as equity and have a fixed term) for U.S. federal tax purposes that are issued after the “grandfathering date”, which is the date that is six months after the date on which final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term foreign passthru payment are filed with the Federal Register, or which are materially modified on or after the grandfathering date and (ii) any Covered Bonds characterised as equity or which do not have a fixed term for U.S. federal tax purposes, whenever issued. If Covered Bonds are issued on or before the grandfathering date, and additional Covered Bonds of the same series are issued after that date, the additional Covered Bonds may not be treated as grandfathered, which may have negative consequences for the existing Covered Bonds, including a negative impact on market price.

The United States and a number of other jurisdictions have announced their intention to negotiate intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the implementation of FATCA (each, an “**IGA**”). Pursuant to FATCA and the “Model 1” and “Model 2” IGAs released by the United States, an FFI in an IGA signatory country could be treated as a “Reporting FI” not subject to withholding under FATCA on any payments it receives. Further, an FFI in an IGA jurisdiction would generally not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA (or any law implementing an IGA) (any such withholding being

“**FATCA Withholding**”) from payments it makes. Under each Model IGA, a Reporting FI would still be required to report certain information in respect of its account holders and investors to its home government or to the IRS. The United States and Portugal have reached an agreement in substance on the terms of an IGA based largely on the Model 1 IGA. Portugal will be treated as having a Model 1 IGA in effect until 31 December 2014, at which time an IGA (the “US-Portugal IGA”) must be signed in order for Portugal to continue to be treated as an IGA jurisdiction.

The Issuer expects to be treated as a Reporting FI pursuant to the US-Portugal IGA and does not anticipate being obliged to deduct any FATCA Withholding on payments it makes. There can be no assurance, however, that the Issuer will be treated as a Reporting FI, or that it would in the future not be required to deduct FATCA Withholding from payments it makes. Accordingly, the Issuer and financial institutions through which payments on the Covered Bonds are made may be required to withhold FATCA Withholding if (i) any FFI through or to which payment on such Covered Bonds is made is not a Participating FFI, a Reporting FI, or otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA or (ii) an investor is a Recalcitrant Holder.

If an amount in respect of FATCA Withholding were to be deducted or withheld from interest, principal or other payments made in respect of the Covered Bonds, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would, pursuant to the conditions of the Covered Bonds, be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the deduction or withholding. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected.

Whilst the Covered Bonds are in global form and held within Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (together the “**ICSDs**”) or cleared through Interbolsa, it is expected that FATCA will not affect the amount of any payments made under, or in respect of, the Covered Bonds by the Issuer, any paying agent and any common depositary or common safekeeper, given that each of the entities in the payment chain between the Issuer and the participants in the ICSDs or Interbolsa is a major financial institution whose business is dependent on compliance with FATCA and that any alternative approach introduced under an IGA will be unlikely to affect the Covered Bonds. The documentation expressly contemplates the possibility that the Covered Bonds may go into definitive form and therefore that they may be taken out of the ICSDs. If this were to happen, then a non-FATCA compliant holder could be subject to FATCA Withholding. However, definitive Covered Bonds will only be printed in remote circumstances.

**FATCA is particularly complex and its application is uncertain at this time. The above description is based in part on regulations, official guidance and model IGAs, all of which are subject to change or may be implemented in a materially different form. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers on how these rules may apply to the Issuer and to payments they may receive in connection with the Covered Bonds.**

### **The proposed financial transactions tax**

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Directive for a common financial transaction tax (“**FTT**”) in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the “**participating Member States**”).

The proposed FTT has very broad scope and could, if introduced in its current form, apply to certain dealings in Covered Bonds (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. The issuance and subscription of Covered Bonds should, however, be exempt.

Under current proposals the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in Covered Bonds where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, “established” in a

participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

The FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate. Prospective holders of Covered Bonds are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

### **Withholding under the EU Savings Directive**

Under EU Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest (or income deemed equivalent to interest for these purposes) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non- EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland). In April 2013, the Luxembourg Government announced its intention to abolish the withholding system with effect from 1 January 2015, in favour of automatic information exchange under the Directive.

On 15 April 2014, Council Directive 2014/48/EU of 24 March 2014 entered into force and amended Directive 2003/48/EC. Member States are to adopt the changes to comply with the amendments by 1 January 2016, which are to apply from 1 January 2017.

Among other changes, a “look-through approach” is to be applied to payments made to entities or legal arrangements established or having their place of effective management in countries or territories where Directive 2003/48/EC or measures to the same or equivalent effect do not apply, an indicative list of entities and legal arrangements in the third countries and jurisdictions concerned being provided.

## **SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE AND TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS AND SECONDARY MARKET ARRANGEMENTS**

The Dealers have, in the Programme Agreement dated 14 August 2014, agreed with the Issuer a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Covered Bonds.

In the Programme Agreement, the Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the establishment and any future update of the Programme and the issue of Covered Bonds under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith.

### **United States**

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Covered Bonds are initially being offered and sold only outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S.

Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S. In addition, the Covered Bonds in bearer form are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereunder. The applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds, the applicable Pricing Supplement) will identify whether TEFRA C rules or TEFRA D rules apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.

Each Dealer has agreed (and each further Dealer named in a Final Terms will be required to agree) that it will not offer or sell Covered Bonds (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of the Tranche of which such Covered Bonds are part, as determined and certified to the Agent by such Dealer (in the case of a non-syndicated issue) or the relevant Lead Dealer (in the case of a syndicated issue) within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and it will have sent to each dealer to which it sells Covered Bonds during the Distribution Compliance Period a confirmation or other notice setting out the restrictions on offers and sales of the Covered Bonds within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have meanings given to them by Regulation S.

In addition, until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of all Covered Bonds of the Tranche of which such Covered Bonds are a part, an offer or sale of the Covered Bonds within the United States by any dealer whether or not participating in the offering of such Tranche may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

### **Japan**

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended; the “FIEA”). Each of the Dealers has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Covered Bonds in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), or to others for re-offering or re-sale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration

requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

### **Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive**

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the “**Relevant Implementation Date**”) it has not made and will not make an offer of Covered Bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Covered Bonds to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor, as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Covered Bonds referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “**offer of Covered Bonds**” in relation to any Covered Bonds in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Covered Bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Covered Bonds, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression “**Prospectus Directive**” means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive, to the extent implemented in the Relevant Member State), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression “**2010 PD Amending Directive**” means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### **United Kingdom**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “**FSMA**”)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Covered Bonds in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to such Covered Bonds in, from or otherwise involving, the United Kingdom.



## Italy

The offering of the Covered Bonds has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no Covered Bonds may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of this Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Covered Bonds be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (i) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the **Financial Services Act**) and Article 34-ter, first paragraph, letter (b) of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999 as amended from time to time (Regulation No. 11971); or
- (ii) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Article 34-ter of Regulation No. 11971.

Any offer, sale or delivery of the Covered Bonds or distribution of copies of this Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy under (i) or (ii) above must be:

- (A) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007 (as amended from time to time) and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (the **“Banking Act”**);
- (B) in compliance with Article 129 of the Banking Act, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the issue or offer of securities in the Republic of Italy; and
- (C) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB or other Italian authority.

## Portugal

In relation to the Covered Bonds each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that the Covered Bonds may not be and will not be offered to the public in Portugal under circumstances which are deemed to be a public offer (*“oferta pública”*) under the Portuguese Securities Code (*Código dos Valores Mobiliários*) enacted by Decree Law No. 486/991, of 13 November 1999 as amended unless the requirements and provisions applicable to the public offerings in Portugal are met and the registration or approval by the Portuguese Securities Exchange Commission (*“Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários”* (**“CMVM”**)) is obtained or a recognition procedure is made with the CMVM. In addition, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that (i) it has not directly or indirectly taken any action or offered, advertised, marketed, invited to subscribe, gathered investment intentions, sold or delivered and will not directly or indirectly take any action, offer, advertise, invite to subscribe, gather investment intentions, sell, re-sell, re-offer or deliver any Covered Bonds in circumstances which could qualify as a public offer of securities pursuant to the Portuguese Securities Code, notably in circumstances which could qualify as a public offer addressed to individuals or entities resident in Portugal or having permanent establishment located in Portuguese territory, as the case may be; or (ii) it has not distributed, made available or caused to be distributed and will not distribute, make available or cause to be distributed the Base Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the Covered Bonds to the public in Portugal other than in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Portuguese Securities Code, the Prospectus Regulation implementing the Prospectus Directive, and any applicable CMVM regulations and all relevant Portuguese securities laws and regulations, in any

such case that may be applicable to it in respect of any offer or sale of Covered Bonds by it in Portugal or to individuals or entities resident in Portugal or having permanent establishment located in Portuguese territory, as the case may be including the publication of a base prospectus, when applicable, and that such placement shall only be authorised and performed to the extent that there is full compliance with such laws and regulations.

## **General**

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction that would permit a public offering of any of the Covered Bonds, or possession or distribution of the Base Prospectus or any other offering material or any Final Terms, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will, to the best of its knowledge, comply with all relevant securities laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction, in particular **Australia, South Africa** and **Canada**, in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Covered Bonds or has in its possession or distributes the Base Prospectus, any other offering material or any Final Terms and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefor.

## **Secondary Market Arrangements**

The Issuer may enter into agreements with Dealers or other persons in relation to a Tranche or Series of Covered Bonds whereby such Dealers may agree to provide liquidity in those Covered Bonds through bid and offer rate arrangements. The relevant Dealers or relevant persons in such agreements may agree to quote bid and offer prices for the relevant Covered Bonds at such rates and in such sizes as are specified in the relevant agreement and the provision of such quotes may be subject to other conditions as set out in the relevant agreement. Not all issues of Covered Bonds under the Programme will benefit from such agreements.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Authorisation

The establishment of the Programme was duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 7 May 2007, in accordance with the provisions of the Covered Bonds Law. The updates of the Programme were duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 17 July 2008, 21 July 2009, 19 April 2010 and by resolutions of the Executive Committee of the Issuer dated 19 June 2012, 10 July 2013 and 5 August 2014 in accordance with the provisions of the Covered Bonds Law.

### Listing

Application has been made to list the Covered Bonds on the Irish Stock Exchange's Official List and to admit the Covered Bonds to trading on the Irish Stock Exchange's regulated market.

### Clearing systems

The Covered Bonds have been accepted for clearance through either Interbolsa or Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Covered Bonds allocated by either Interbolsa or Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (as applicable) will be specified in the relevant Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds). If the Covered Bonds are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the relevant Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement).

### Yield

In relation to any Tranche of Fixed Rate Covered Bonds, an indication of the yield in respect of such Covered Bonds will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The yield is calculated at the Issue Date of the Covered Bonds on the basis of the relevant Issue Price, using the formula set out below. The yield indicated will be calculated as the yield to maturity as at the Issue Date of the Covered Bonds and will not be an indication of future yield.

$$P = \frac{C}{r} \left( 1 - (1+r)^{-n} \right) + A(1+r)^{-n}$$

Where:

“P” is the Issue Price of the Covered Bonds;

“C” is the annualised amount of interest payable;

“A” is the principal amount of Covered Bonds due on redemption;

“n” is time to maturity in years; and

“r” is the annualised yield.

## Significant or material change

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Group since 31 March 2014. There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since the date of the last audited accounts, 31 December 2013.

## Litigation

1. As mentioned in note 54 to the 2014 Interim Consolidated Financial Statements of 31 March 2014 of the Bank, quoting:

“At the end of the year 2007, the Bank received a formal notice dated 27 December 2007 informing that administrative proceedings No. 24/07/CO were brought by the Bank of Portugal against the Bank and against seven former Directors and two Managers, “based on preliminary evidence of administrative offences foreseen in the General Framework of Credit Institutions and Financial Companies (approved by Decree-Law No. 298/92, 31 December), in particular with respect to breach of accounting rules, provision of false or incomplete information to the Bank of Portugal, in particular in what respects to the amount of own funds and breach of prudential obligations”.

A press release issued by the Bank of Portugal on 28 December 2007 mentioned that such administrative proceedings were initiated “based on facts related with 17 off-shore entities, whose nature and activities were always hidden from the Bank of Portugal, in particular in previous inspections carried out”.

On 12 December 2008, the Bank was notified of an accusation under administrative proceedings No. 24/07/CO instructed by the Bank of Portugal, in which this Authority charges the Bank and the other defendants, with the practice of six administrative offences regulated by paragraph g) and three administrative offences regulated by paragraph r) of article 211 of the Legal Framework for Credit Institutions and Financial Companies (LFCIFC).

The offences, should the charges be proven true, could be the following:

- (a) Failure to comply with the applicable accounting rules, determined by law or by the Bank of Portugal, that does not cause serious damage to the knowledge of the company’s assets and financial standing is an administrative offence regulated in article 210 (f) of the LFCIFC, whereby companies are punished by a fine between Euros 750 and Euros 750,000. However, if such conduct causes serious damages, it may become the offence regulated by article 211 (g) of the LFCIFC, whereby companies are punished by a fine between Euros 2,500 and Euros 2,494,000; and
- (b) (i) the omission of information and communications to the Bank of Portugal, within the due deadlines or (ii) the provision of incomplete information are offences regulated by article 210 (h - presently amended to i) of the LFCIFC, whereby companies are punished by a fine between Euros 750 and Euros 750,000. However, (i) the provision of false information or (ii) of incomplete information to the Bank of Portugal that may lead to wrongful conclusions with the same or similar effect as false information regarding that subject are offences regulated by article 211 (r) of the LFCIFC, whereby companies are punished by a fine between Euros 2,500 and Euros 2,494,000.

According to the accusation, each offence is punishable by a fine between Euros 2,493.99 and Euros 2,493,989.49, and pursuant to the rules on accrued offences, defined in article 19 (1 and

2), of the Portuguese legal regime on administrative offences (Regime Geral das Contra-Ordenações), in case of conviction for several offences, there shall be a single fine, the maximum amount of which cannot surpass twice the highest limit of the accrued offences.

On March 2009, the Bank did not accept the charges or accusations made and provided defence under these administrative proceedings within due term.

On 12 May 2010, the Bank was notified of the contents of the decision that, within the scope of the proceedings, was issued by the Board of Directors of the Bank of Portugal, applying to it, as primary sanction, a single fine of Euros 5,000,000.

Different fines were applied to the remaining defendants as primary sanctions, globally amounting to Euros 4,470,000. The Board of Directors of the Bank of Portugal decided to withdraw the charges relating to a former Director and a Manager.

The Bank objected to this decision and was informed of the decision to accept the legal objections presented by all the defendants.

The trial hearing began in April 2011 and in September, the Court heard one of the witnesses, in order to better appraise the validity of the documentation provided with the claims and their eventual nullity as evidence due to violation of banking secrecy.

After the hearing, the Court issued a decision dated of 7 October 2011 declaring that the evidence was null and therefore the entire process was annulled.

The Public Prosecutor and the Bank of Portugal appealed this decision. The Bank and other defendants presented their counter-claim.

On 5 July 2012, the Bank was notified of the decision of the Tribunal da Relação de Lisboa (Lisbon court of appeals) which approved the appeals presented by the Bank of Portugal and by the Public Prosecution, and revoked the decision appealed, determining that, “there being no other reason not to, the trial hearing shall be continued and at the appropriate moment, a decision will be made based on the evidence”.

Several defendants (natural persons) presented an appeal to the Constitutional Court.

Pursuant to a summary judgement adopted on 20 March 2013, the Constitutional Court rejected the appeals brought by the defendants, stating that those appeals did not comply with the respective requirements.

On 29 May 2013, the Constitutional Court did not accept the claims presented in the meantime by some of the defendants (natural persons), confirming the decision on which the claim was presented and the proceedings were given to the lower Stage Court for the scheduling of the trial.

Pursuant to a decision made on 27 February 2014, the “Tribunal de Pequena Instância Criminal de Lisboa” (court of Lisbon for minor criminal offences) scheduled a date (31 March 2014) to resume the court hearing for debate and judgement and decided to bar all offences imputed to one former Director of BCP, due to the statute of limitations. In what specifically concerns BCP, the “Tribunal de Pequena Instância Criminal de Lisboa” (court of Lisbon for minor criminal offences) decided to bar two administrative offences imputed to it, (alleged forging of accounting records) due to the statute of limitations.

By a decision issued on 2 April 2014, the administrative proceeding brought against one of the defendant, was declared as having reached the statute of limitations regarding all the offences imputed to him.”

The court hearing for debate and sentence was resumed at Tribunal de Pequena Instância Criminal de Lisboa (court of Lisbon for minor criminal offences) and several hearings took place.

The Public Prosecutor, the Bank of Portugal and all the defendants, including the Bank, have already presented their final arguments.

The judgement is expected to occur until the end of the summer of 2014.

2. As mentioned in note 54 to the 2014 Interim Consolidated Financial Statements of 31 March 2014 of the Bank, quoting:

“On July 2009, the Bank was notified of the accusation brought about by the Public Prosecutor in a criminal process against five former members of the Board of Directors of the Bank, related mainly to the above mentioned facts, and to present in this process a request for an indemnity.

Considering this notification, and although considering as reproduced the contents of the defence presented in the above mentioned administrative proceedings, the Bank decided, in order to avoid any risk of a future allegation of loss of the right to an indemnity that may occur if no recourse is presented in this process, to present legal documentation claiming: (i) the recognition of its right, in a later period namely following the final identification of the facts, to present a separate process in civil courts requesting an indemnity and (ii) additionally and cautiously, if the right to the request of a separate indemnity process in civil courts is not recognised, a civil indemnity according to the facts and terms mentioned in the accusation, if they are proven.

On 19 July 2011 the Bank was notified of the decision of the 8ª Vara Criminal de Lisboa (Lisbon criminal court section) that recognised that the Bank could present an eventual request for civil indemnity separately. One of the Defendants appealed this decision to the Court of Appeals, which was admitted by the first instance court but has a merely devolutive effect, being passed to the higher court only with the eventual appeal of the first instance Court’s sentence.

Through a sentence issued on 2 May 2014, three of the four defendants were sentenced to suspended prison sentences (to 2 years) and to the payment of fines amounting to Euros 300,000 and 600,000, disqualification for the exercise of banking functions and publication of the sentence in a widely-read newspaper.”

Appeals have been filed against the court decision, which therefore has not yet become final.

3. As mentioned in note 54 to the 2014 Interim Consolidated Financial Statements of 31 March 2014 of the Bank, quoting:

“On 22 June 2012, three companies controlled by the same physical person, the Ring Development Corp., the Willow Securities Inc., and the Lisop Sociedade de Serviços Investimentos e Comércio de Imobiliários Lda. (the “**Plaintiffs**”) brought forward a lawsuit in the courts of Lisbon against Banque Privée BCP (Suíça) S.A. and the Bank requesting: (i) compensation for an unspecified amount, but always above Euros 40 millions, for alleged damages and (ii) that certain loan agreements established between the Plaintiffs and Banque

Privée BCP (Suisse) S.A. in 2008, amounting to a total of around Euros 80 million be declared null but without the subsequent legal duty to return the funds borrowed. Notwithstanding the fact that the agreements are ruled by Swiss law, the Plaintiffs based their request for the agreements to be declared null on an alleged violation of the provisos of the Portuguese Companies Code, stating that the loan agreements were made to enable the Plaintiffs to purchase shares of the Bank and on the fact that they had been forced to enter into the same. The Plaintiffs based their compensation request on alleged losses incurred due to the fact that Banque Privée BCP (Suisse) S.A. triggered the agreements' clause, selling the listed shares given as pledge at base prices, as foreseen in the loan agreements, and that the Plaintiffs were not given the possibility to continue to trade the pledged assets after the execution.

The loan agreements are ruled by Swiss Law and subject to the jurisdiction of the Swiss courts and the Bank was informed that, according to Swiss law, the Plaintiffs' request is not likely to be granted.

Since the Bank believes that the Plaintiffs' request has no grounds, the Bank did not make any provisions regarding this litigation.

On 29 October 2012, the Bank presented its arguments. Banque Privée BCP (Suisse) S.A. requested that the citation be considered null; the request was accepted and an order was issued for the repetition of the citation, and the same was repeated on 8 January 2013,"

Banque Privée presented its arguments on 11 March 2013. On 10 January 2014, the parties presented their evidence requests and BCP and Banque Privée presented on 23 January 2014 their replies to the Plaintiff's evidence requests.

On 4 July, 2014, the parties presented a joint application to the court where (i) the Plaintiffs withdrew their claims, (ii) the parties agreed that Lisop would be fully responsible for the payment of the judicial fees, (iii) the Banks renounced to the payment by the Plaintiffs of their own legal costs (judicial fees, lawyers' fees and expenses) and (vi) the parties requested the Court to waive the payment of the remaining judicial costs.

On 8 July, 2014, the court issued a final decision homologating the Plaintiffs' request to drop their claims and the parties' agreement regarding judicial fees and accepted the parties request to waive the payment of the remaining judicial costs."

4. In December 2013, the company Sociedade de Renovação Urbana Campo Pequeno, S.A., in which the Bank holds a 10% stake as a result of a conversion of credits, has filed an action for EUR 75,735,026.50 against the Bank in order to obtain (i) the acknowledgement that a loan agreement entered into by such company and the Bank on 29 May 2005 constitutes a shareholders loan instead of a pure bank loan; (ii) the reimbursement of the loaned amount to be made according to the existent shareholders agreement; (iii) the nullification of several mortgages established in favour of the defendant between 1999 and 2005 and (iv) the statement of non-existence of a debt related represented by a promissory note (held by the company) acting as security. The action currently awaits a court order to present the evidence requests and scheduling of the preliminary hearing. The Bank believes that, having in consideration the facts argued by the plaintiff, the suit shall be deemed unfounded.
5. In 2012, the Portuguese Competition Authority initiated an administrative proceeding relating to competition restrictive practices. During the investigations, on 6 March 2013, several searches were conducted of Bank's premises, as well as to at least 8 other credit institutions, where documentation was seized in order to investigate allegations of exchange of privileged commercial information among Portuguese banks. The Portuguese Competition Authority has

declared the administrative proceeding to stay under judicial secrecy, once it considered that the interests dealt with in the investigation, as well as the parties' rights, would not be compatible with the publicity of the process. Until this date, the Bank has not received any accusation or notice of illegality. If the Portuguese Competition Authority renders a final decision declaring that the Bank engaged in anticompetitive practices, the law provides that the Bank may be ordered to pay a fine of up to 10% of its consolidated annual turnover in the year preceding the decision, although such decision may be challenged in court.

Save as disclosed in this section entitled "Litigation" there are no, nor have there been any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) during the 12 months before the date of this document which may have or have had in the recent past a significant effect on the consolidated financial position or profitability of the Issuer or the Group.

## **Accounts**

The auditors of the Issuer are KPMG & Associados, SROC, SA ("**KPMG**"), (which is a member of the Portuguese Institute of Statutory Auditors ("*Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas*"), with registered office at Edifício Monumental, Av. Praia da Vitória 71 - A, 110, 1069-006, Lisbon.

The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the financial years ended 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2013 were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The financial statements of the Group were audited in accordance with International Standards on Auditing for each of the two years ended 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2013 by KPMG.

## **Documents Available**

For the period of 12 months following the date of this Base Prospectus, physical copies of the following documents will, when published, be available for inspection at and may be obtained free of charge from the registered offices of the Issuer and from the specified offices of the Common Representative and the Paying Agents for the time being:

- (a) the constitutional documents (including the Articles of Association in English) of the Issuer;
- (b) the audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer and the auditor's report contained in the Issuer's Annual Report in respect of the financial years ended 31 December 2012 and 31 December 2013 in English;
- (c) the most recently published audited annual consolidated financial statements of the Issuer and the most recently published unaudited interim consolidated financial statements (if any) of the Issuer (together with an English translation thereof);
- (d) the Programme Agreement dated 14 August 2014 and the Set of Agency Procedures dated 23 July 2009;
- (e) the Common Representative Appointment Agreement dated 4 August 2008;
- (f) this Base Prospectus;
- (g) any future prospectuses, offering circulars, information memoranda and supplements, including Final Terms and (in the case of Exempt Covered Bonds) Pricing Supplements (save that Pricing Supplements will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Covered Bond and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the Paying Agent



as to its holding of Covered Bonds and identity), to this Base Prospectus and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and

- (h) in the case of an issue of Covered Bonds subscribed pursuant to a subscription agreement, the subscription agreement (or equivalent document).

The documents listed under (a) to (c) above are a direct and accurate translation from the original Portuguese versions. In the event of a discrepancy, the Portuguese version will prevail.

### **Post-issuance information**

The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Covered Bonds.

### **Electronic copy of this Base Prospectus**

Electronic copies of this Base Prospectus (and any supplements thereto) are or will be available from the official websites of the Irish Stock Exchange ([www.ise.ie](http://www.ise.ie)) and the Central Bank ([www.centralbank.ie/regulation/securities-markets/prospectus/pages/approvedprospectus.aspx](http://www.centralbank.ie/regulation/securities-markets/prospectus/pages/approvedprospectus.aspx)).

### **Dealers transacting with the Issuer**

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services for, the Issuer and their affiliates in the ordinary course of business. In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Dealers and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Issuer or Issuer's affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Issuer routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Issuer consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. The Dealers and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “**affiliates**” includes parent companies.

## DEFINITIONS

In this Base Prospectus, the following defined terms have the meanings set out below:

“**Acceleration Notice**” means a notice served on the Issuer pursuant to Condition 9 (*Events of Default – Insolvency Event and Enforcement*).

“**Additional Security**” means any other encumbrances or guarantees the benefit of which is vested in the Issuer as security for the repayment of a Mortgage Credit.

“**Agent**” means Banco Comercial Português, S.A., in its capacity as Agent, with head office at Praça Dom João I, 28, 4000-295 Oporto, Portugal.

“**Arranger**” means Barclays Bank PLC and any other entity appointed as an arranger for the Programme and references in this Base Prospectus to the Arranger shall be references to the relevant Arranger.

“**Bank of Portugal Regulations**” means the secondary legislation passed by the Bank of Portugal regulating certain aspects of the Covered Bonds Law, namely Regulation 5/2006, Regulation 6/2006, Instruction 13/2006, Regulation 7/2006 and Regulation 8/2006 and any applicable regulations which may be issued in the future.

“**Base Prospectus**” means this base prospectus dated 14 August 2014 prepared in connection with the Programme.

“**BCP**” means Banco Comercial Português, S.A..

“**Bearer Covered Bonds**” means any Covered Bonds issued in bearer form (whether or not in global form).

“**Book Entry Covered Bonds**” means any Covered Bonds issued in book entry form.

“**Business Day**” means a day which is both: (i) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and Lisbon and any Additional Business Centre(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms; and (ii) either (1) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than London and Lisbon and any Additional Business Centre(s)) and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively or (2) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

“**Capital Requirements Directive**” comprises Directive 2006/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (recast) and Directive 2006/49/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2006 on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions (recast).

“**Central de Valores Mobiliários**” means the Portuguese Centralised System of Registration of Securities.

“**Clearing Systems**” means Interbolsa, and/or Euroclear, and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or, in relation to any Series of Covered Bonds, any other clearing system depositary as specified in the relevant Final Terms, and each a “Clearing System”.

“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**” means Clearstream Banking *société anonyme*, Luxembourg.

“**CMVM**” means the Comissão do Mercado de Valores Mobiliários, the Portuguese Securities Commission.

“**Co-Arranger**” means Banco Comercial Português S.A. and, together with the Arranger, the “Arrangers”.

“**Common Representative**” means Deutsche Trustee Company Limited, in its capacity as representative of the holders of the Covered Bonds pursuant to Article 14 of the Covered Bonds Law in accordance with the Terms and Conditions and the terms of the Common Representative Appointment Agreement, having its registered office at Winchester House, 1 Great Winchester Street, London EC2N 2DB.

“**Common Representative Appointment Agreement**” means the agreement dated 4 August 2008 entered into between the Issuer and the Common Representative and which sets out the terms and conditions upon and subject to which the Common Representative has agreed to act as Common Representative.

“**Coupons**” means the interest coupons related to the Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds and for the time being outstanding or, as the context may require, a specific number of such coupons.

“**Couponholders**” means the persons who for the time being are holders of the Coupons.

“**Cover Pool**” means the pool of assets maintained by the Issuer and allocated to the issue of Covered Bonds under the Programme, held to the benefit of the holders of Covered Bonds and the Other Preferred Creditors, and including the Mortgage Credits, the Hedging Contracts and the Other Assets, as specified in the Register.

“**Cover Pool Monitor**” means KPMG & Associados - SROC, SA, member of the Portuguese Institute of Statutory Auditors (“*Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas*”), registered with the CMVM with registration number 9093, with registered office at Edificio Monumental, Av. Praia da Vitória 71 - A, 11º, 1069-006 Lisbon.

“**Cover Pool Monitor Agreement**” means the agreement dated 4 August 2008 as amended and restated entered into between the Issuer and the Cover Pool Monitor.

“**Covered Bond**” means any mortgage covered bond issued by the Issuer pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law in the form specified in the applicable Final Terms and “**Covered Bonds**” shall be construed accordingly.

“**Covered Bonds Law**” means the Portuguese legal framework applicable to the issuance of covered bonds, enacted by Decree-Law No. 59/2006, of 20 March 2006, as amended.

“**Credit Institutions General Regime**” means Decree-Law No. 298/92 of 31 December, as amended.

“**CSD**” means a central securities depositary.

“**Current Property Value**” means, in relation to a Property securing a Mortgage Credit, the updated Property Valuation of such Property.

**“Day Count Fraction”** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest for any Interest Period:

- (i) if **“Actual/Actual (ISDA)”** or **“Actual/Actual”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if **“Actual/365 (Fixed)”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (iii) if **“Actual/365 (Sterling)”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (iv) if **“Actual/360”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (v) if **“30/360”**, **“360/360”** or **“Bond Basis”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis set out in Condition 4.2(D)(v);
- (vi) if **“30E/360”** or **“Eurobond Basis”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis set out in Condition 4.2(D)(vi); and
- (vii) if **“30E/360 (ISDA)”** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis set out in Condition 4.2(D)(vii).

**“DBRS”** means DBRS Ratings Limited.

**“Dealers”** means Banco Comercial Português S.A., Banco Santander Totta, S.A., Barclays Bank PLC, BNP PARIBAS, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt am Main, HSBC Bank plc, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Merrill Lynch International, Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc, Natixis, Nomura International plc, Société Générale, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, UBS Limited and UniCredit Bank AG.

**“Definitive Bearer Covered Bond”** means any definitive Covered Bond in bearer form issued only in exchange for a Global Covered Bond in bearer form held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

**“Definitive Registered Covered Bond”** means any definitive Covered Bond in registered form issued whether or not in exchange for a Global Covered Bond in registered form held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

**“Determination Period”** means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date).

**“Distribution Compliance Period”** means, in respect of Covered Bonds held through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, the period that ends 40 days after the completion of the distribution of each Tranche of Covered Bonds, as certified by the relevant Dealer(s) (in the case of a non-syndicated issue) or the relevant Lead Manager (in the case of a syndicated issue) and as determined by the Agent under the Set of Agency Procedures.

**“ECB”** means the European Central Bank.

**“EEA”** means the European Economic Area. **“EU”** means the European Union.

**“Euro”**, **“€”** or **“euro”** means the lawful currency of member states of the European Union that adopt the single currency introduced in accordance with the Treaty.

**“Euroclear”** means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V..

**“Eurosysteem”** means the central banking system for the Euro.

**“Exchange Date”** means the date which is 40 days after a Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond is issued.

**“Final Terms”** means, in relation to each Tranche, the applicable final terms attached to, or endorsed on, such Covered Bonds.

**“Fitch”** means Fitch Ratings Limited.

**“Fixed Interest Period”** means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

**“GBP”**, **“£”** or **“pounds sterling”** means pounds sterling, the lawful currency of the United Kingdom.

**“Global Covered Bond”** means any global covered bond (whether temporary or permanent, if applicable).

**“Group”** means the Issuer and its subsidiaries.

**“Hedge Counterparties”** means the party or parties that, from time to time, will enter into Hedging Contracts with the Issuer in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Hedging Contracts”** means the hedging contracts entered into by the Issuer in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law for the purpose of hedging interest rate, exchange or liquidity risks in relation to the Cover Pool.

**“Insolvency Event”** means the winding-up and dissolution of the Issuer under any applicable laws and regulations (including under Decree-Law No. 199/2006 of 25 October 2006, Decree-Law No. 298/92 of 31 December 1992 and/or (if applicable) under the Code for the Insolvency and Recovery of Companies introduced by Decree-Law No. 53/2004 of 18 March 2004).

**“Instruction 13/2006”** means the regulatory instruction (*“Instrução”*) No. 13/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal relating to certain information duties applicable in relation to the issue of mortgage covered bonds in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Interbolsa”** means Interbolsa - Sociedade Gestora de Sistemas de Liquidação e de Sistemas Centralizados de Valores Mobiliários, S.A. as operator of the Central de Valores Mobiliários.

“**Interbolsa Participant**” means any authorised financial intermediary entitled to hold control accounts with Interbolsa on behalf of their customers and includes any depository banks appointed by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg for the purpose of holding accounts on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

“**Interest Amount**” means, as applicable, the amount of interest payable on the Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of each Specified Denomination, calculated by the Calculation Agent pursuant to Condition 4 (*Interest*).

“**ISDA**” means the International Swaps and Derivatives Association Inc.

“**Issue Date**” means the date so specified in the applicable Final Terms being, in respect of any Covered Bond, the date of issue and purchase of such Covered Bond pursuant to and in accordance with the Programme Agreement or any other agreement between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

“**Issuer**” means Banco Comercial Português, S.A.

“**Loan to Value**” means, in respect of a Mortgage Credit, the ratio of the aggregate Value of such Mortgage Credit to the Current Property Value of the Property securing such Mortgage Credit.

“**Maturity**” means the final legal maturity of any outstanding Covered Bonds, Mortgage Credits, Hedging Contracts or Other Assets, as applicable.

“**Moody’s**” means Moody’s Investors Service Ltd.

“**Moody’s España**” means Moody’s Investors Service España, S.A.

“**Mortgage**” means, in respect of any Mortgage Credit, the charge by way of voluntary mortgage over the relevant Property the benefit of which is vested in the Issuer as security for the repayment of that Mortgage Credit.

“**Mortgage Credit**” means the pecuniary credit receivables secured by a Mortgage and/or any Additional Security which is comprised in the Cover Pool and which complies with the following eligibility criteria established in the Covered Bonds Law:

- (a) it is a pecuniary receivable not yet matured, which is neither subject to conditions nor encumbered, judicially seized or apprehended and which (a) is secured by first ranking mortgages over residential or commercial real estate located in an EU member state; or
- (b) secured by a junior mortgage but where all Mortgage Credits ranking senior thereto are held by the Issuer and also allocated to the relevant cover pool; or
- (c) secured by (i) a personal guarantee granted by a credit institution, or (ii) an appropriate insurance policy, in any case together with a mortgage counter guarantee evidencing (a) or (b) above.

“**NGN**” means any Bearer Covered Bond to be issued in new global note form.

“**Non-Performing Mortgage Credits**” means, with respect to a Mortgage Credit, that such Mortgage Credit:

- (a) is in the course of being foreclosed or otherwise enforced; or

- (b) has one or more payments of principal or interest payable on the related credit in arrears and those payments are referable to a period of 90 days or more.

**“Other Assets”** means all assets other than Mortgage Credits and Hedging Contracts which comply with the eligibility criteria established in the Covered Bonds Law and which are included in the Cover Pool as specified in the Register, including:

- (a) deposits with the Bank of Portugal, in cash or securities eligible for credit transactions in the Eurosystem;
- (b) current or term account deposits with credit institutions (which are not in a control or group relationship with the Issuer) having a rating equal to or higher than the minimum rating given at any time by the Rating Agencies, provided that such minimum rating shall in any event be at least “A-” or equivalent; and
- (c) other assets complying simultaneously with the requisites of low risk and high liquidity as defined by the Bank of Portugal.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Other Assets do not include any cash collateral that may be transferred under the Hedging Contracts.

**“Other Preferred Creditors”** means the Common Representative (or any successor thereof) and Hedge Counterparties.

**“Overcollateralisation Percentage”** means 105.26% or such other percentage as may be selected by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Cover Pool Monitor, provided that: (i) the Overcollateralisation Percentage shall not, for so long as there are Covered Bonds outstanding, be reduced by the Issuer below 105.26%; and (ii) (A) so long as the Covered Bonds are rated Aa1 or above by Moody’s, the Issuer shall not at any time reduce the Overcollateralisation Percentage which applies for the purposes of Condition 15, unless, always provided that (i) above is satisfied, Moody’s has confirmed in writing to the Issuer that such reduction would not result in any credit rating then assigned to the Covered Bonds by Moody’s being reduced, removed, suspended or placed on credit watch, and (B) so long as the Covered Bonds are not rated Aa1 or above by Moody’s, the Issuer shall not at any time reduce the Overcollateralisation Percentage which applies for the purposes of Condition 15.

**“Paying Agents”** means the paying agents named in the Set of Agency Procedures together with any successor or additional paying agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Covered Bonds under the Set of Agency Procedures.

**“Permanent Bearer Global Covered Bond”** means any Covered Bond issued in the form of a permanent bearer global covered bond.

**“Portuguese Companies Code”** means the commercial companies code approved by Decree-Law No. 262/86 dated 2 September 1986 (as amended from time to time).

**“Portuguese Securities Code”** means Decree-Law 486/99, of 13 November 1999 (as amended from time to time).

**“Principal Amount Outstanding”** means, in respect of a Covered Bond, the principal amount of that Covered Bond on the relevant Issue Date thereof less principal amounts received by the relevant holder of Covered Bonds in respect thereof.

**“Programme”** means the Euro 12,500,000,000 covered bonds programme established on 5 June 2007 and updated on 4 August 2008, on 23 July 2009, on 6 May 2010, 29 June 2012, 10 July 2013 and 14 August 2014 for the issuance of Covered Bonds by the Issuer as described in this Base Prospectus.

**“Programme Agreement”** means the agreement dated 14 August 2014 entered into between the Issuer and the Dealers.

**“Programme Documents”** means the Base Prospectus, the Programme Agreement, the Set of Agency Procedures, the Common Representative Appointment Agreement, the Cover Pool Monitor Agreement and any other agreement or document entered into from time to time by the Issuer pursuant thereto and in relation to the Programme.

**“Programme Resolution”** means any Resolution directing the Common Representative to accelerate the Covered Bonds pursuant to Condition 9 (*Events of Default – Insolvency Event and Enforcement*) or directing the Common Representative to take any enforcement action and which shall only be capable of being passed at a single meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding.

**“Property”** means, in relation to any Mortgage Credit, the property upon which the repayment of such Mortgage Credit is secured by the corresponding Mortgage and **“Properties”** means all of them.

**“Property Valuation”** means, in relation to any Property:

- (a) the amount determined as the commercial value or the market value (as applicable) of such Property in accordance with the most recent independent valuation of such Property, at the time or after the relevant Mortgage Credit was originated, in accordance with Regulation 5/2006; and
- (b) the amount determined by resorting to the use of adequate and recognized indices or statistical methods, whenever an independent valuation of the Property is not required pursuant to the Covered Bonds Law and Regulation 5/2006.

**“Prospectus Directive”** means Directive No. 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 as amended (which includes the amendments introduced by Directive 2010/73/EU to the extent that such amendments have been implemented in a relevant Member State of the European Economic Area).

**“Prospectus Regulation”** means Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004 as amended from time to time.

**“Rating”** means the then current rating of rated Covered Bonds given by the relevant Rating Agency and **“Ratings”** means all of such Ratings.

**“Rating Agencies”** means Moody’s, Moody’s España, Fitch, Standard & Poor’s and DBRS as applicable.

**“Register”** means the register of the Cover Pool and associated collateral maintained by the Issuer in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law and the Bank of Portugal Regulations.

**“Registered Covered Bond”** means any definitive Covered Bond in registered form.

**“Registrar”** means a registrar appointed by the Issuer in respect of one or more Series of Covered Bonds.



**“Regulation 5/2006”** means the regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”) No. 5/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal and published on 11 October 2006, relating to the valuation of real estate assets serving as security for mortgage credits comprised in cover pools allocated to the issue of mortgage covered bonds in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Regulation 6/2006”** means the regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”) No. 6/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal and published on 11 October 2006, relating to the prudential limits applicable in relation to the issue of mortgage covered bonds in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Regulation 7/2006”** means the regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”) No. 7/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal and published on 11 October 2006, relating to the weighting coefficient applicable to the ownership of covered bonds issued in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Regulation 8/2006”** means the regulatory notice (“*Aviso*”) No. 8/2006 issued by the Bank of Portugal and published on 11 October 2006, relating to the insolvency, winding-up or dissolution of a credit institution which has issued covered bonds issued in accordance with the Covered Bonds Law.

**“Regulation S”** means Regulation S under the Securities Act.

**“Relevant Date”** means the date on which a payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the holders of Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 11 (*Notices*).

**“Reserved Matter”** means any proposal: (i) to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series; (ii) to reduce the amount of principal or interest due on any date in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series or to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series on redemption or maturity; (iii) to effect the exchange, conversion or substitution of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series into shares, bonds or other obligations or securities of the Issuer or any other person or body corporate formed or to be formed; (iv) to change the currency in which amounts due in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series are payable; (v) to alter the priority of payment of interest or principal in respect of the Covered Bonds of all or of a given Series; (vi) to amend this definition; and (vii) any other matter required by law to be approved by the majorities set out in Condition 12(C)(ii) of the Terms and Conditions.

**“Resolution”** means a resolution adopted at a duly convened meeting of holders of Covered Bonds and approved in accordance with the applicable provisions.

**“Securities Act”** means the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**“Series”** means a Tranche of Covered Bonds together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Covered Bonds which are: (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series; and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates, interest rates and/or Issue Prices.

**“Set of Agency Procedures”** means the set of agency procedures (such set of agency procedures as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time) dated 23 July 2009 and made and agreed by Banco Comercial Português, S.A. (acting in its capacity as Agent and Paying Agent, which expressions shall include any successors, and as Issuer) and by any subsequent agent, paying agent, transfer agent, agent bank and/or registrar appointed by the Issuer.

“**Stabilising Manager**” means the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the stabilising manager(s) for a particular Tranche of Covered Bonds.

“**Standard & Poor’s**” means Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services Europe Limited Branch en España.

“**Statutory Auditor**” means KPMG & Associados, SROC, SA, member of the Portuguese Institute of Statutory Auditors (“*Ordem dos Revisores Oficiais de Contas*”), registered with the CMVM with registration number 9093, with registered office at Edifício Monumental, Av. Praia da Vitória 71 - A, 11°, 1069-006 Lisbon.

“**Stock Exchange**” means Irish Stock Exchange or any other stock exchange where Covered Bonds may be listed as per the relevant Final Terms or Pricing Supplement.

“**Substitute Credit Institution**” means the credit institution appointed in case of an Insolvency Event to manage the Cover Pool allocated to the outstanding Covered Bonds and to ensure the payments of the amounts due to the holders of such Covered Bonds.

“**sub-unit**” means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, one cent.

“**Talon**” and “**Talons**” means the talons for further Coupons attached to the Definitive Bearer Covered Bonds on issue.

“**TARGET2 Day**” means any day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

“**TARGET2 System**” means the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer system.

“**Tax**” shall be construed so as to include any present or future tax, levy, impost, duty, charge, fee, deduction or withholding of any nature whatsoever (including any penalty or interest payable in connection with any failure to pay or any delay in paying any of the same) imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Authority and “Taxes”, “taxation”, “taxable” and comparable expressions shall be construed accordingly.

“**Tax Authority**” means any government, state, municipal, local, federal or other fiscal, revenue, customs or excise authority, body or official anywhere in the world exercising a fiscal, revenue, customs or excise function including the Irish Revenue Commissioners and H.M. Revenue and Customs.

“**Tax Deduction**” means any deduction or withholding on account of Tax.

“**Temporary Bearer Global Covered Bond**” means any Covered Bond issued in the form of a temporary bearer global covered bond.

“**Terms and Conditions**” means in relation to the Covered Bonds, the terms and conditions to be endorsed on the Covered Bonds and any reference to a particular numbered Condition shall be construed in relation to the Covered Bonds accordingly.

“**Tranche**” means Covered Bonds which are identical in all respects (including as to listing).

“**Treaty**” means the treaty establishing the European Communities, as amended by the Treaty on European Union.

“**U.S.\$**”, “**USD**” or “**U.S. dollars**” means United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America.

“**Value**” means:

- (a) in relation to a Mortgage Credit:
  - (i) for the purpose of the Overcollateralisation Percentage, an amount equal to the book value of such Mortgage Credit entered on the Register, together with any matured and accrued interest; or
  - (ii) for the purpose of Loan to Value calculation, an amount equal to the book value of such Mortgage Credit entered on the Register;
- (b) in relation to any Other Assets:
  - (i) the aggregate amount of any deposits together with any matured and accrued interest, as entered on the Register; or
  - (ii) the value resulting from the rules regarding valuation of margins defined by the Eurosystem for securities eligible for Eurosystem credit transactions or, if lower, the nominal value of such securities, including matured and accrued interests.

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