

## A successful placement of capitalization notes is achieved by Banorte

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México City, Sunday, October 15th. 2006. Last week, Banco Mercantil del Norte, chapter of Grupo Financiero Banorte, finished its most important debt emission in the international markets, for a total amount of 600 million USD, in the modality of Non-Convertible Subordinated Bonds. Its relevance lies on the fact that, because of its structure, such debt will reinforce the capital base of this banking institution.

The demand for such an emission practically doubled the originally announced amount of 500 million USD, and such an emission was placed in a broad range of qualified institutional investors, oriented to instruments issued by enterprises having investment qualifications, such as the case of Banco Mercantil del Norte.

Such a debt was issued in two series, one for 200 million USD at a 15 year term and at a 6.8% rate, and the other one for 400 million USD, at a 10 year term and at a rate of 6.1%. The weighted rate is that of 6.4%.

Banorte's management declared that such funds will strengthen the capital structure of the institution, in order to face the important growth of its banking management, specially that referring to its credit activity and its expansion process regarding branches, ATMs and technologic infrastructure.