

BANORTE STRENGTHENS PRESENCE IN TEXAS

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McAllen, TX, USA, April 1st, 2009 ¿Today, Grupo Financiero Banorte (BMV: GFNORTE O) announced the purchase of the remaining 30% of INB Financial Corp¿s shares. ("INB"), the controlling company of Inter National Bank has its corporate offices in the state of Texas, United States of America. This acquisition marks the completion of the original strategy outlined in January 2006, in which the acquisition of 70% of Inter National Bank shares was announced.

Banorte will pay \$146.6 million dollars for this acquisition, and it has the necessary resources to cover this transaction. It is important to emphasize that this acquisition will not have any impact on the regulatory capitalization index of Banorte, because the accounting impact for 100% of the transaction was registered in 2006.

At the end of February 2009, INB registered \$1.77 billion dollars in assets, deposits in the amount of \$1.54 billion dollars and a total loan portfolio of \$1.18 billion dollars. To date, Inter National Bank has 374 employees in 20 branches located along the Texas / Mexico border including Brownsville, McAllen, Laredo and El Paso.

¿We are very satisfied to have acquired 100% control of Inter National Bank" remarked Roberto Gonzalez Barrera, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Grupo Financiero Banorte. "This acquisition strengthens our presence in the USA and ultimately Banorte¿s results in Mexico" he added.

"In spite of the adverse economic environment in the USA, INB has shown very important growth thanks to the fact that southern Texas has been one of the areas least affected by the economic crisis in that country. Compared to 2006, INB¿s net profit increased by 42% in 2008 and capitalization indexes improved notably", added Alejandro Valenzuela, General Director of Grupo Financiero Banorte. During these initial years, Banorte and INB successfully developed different services and products to benefit their respective clients on both sides of the border, including: bank accounts, bi-national mortgages for individuals and companies, as well as electronic transfers between the two banks, among others.

About Banorte

Grupo Financiero Banorte is the Mexican bank with the largest Mexican bank controlled by Mexican shareholders, and is the fourth most important financial group in Mexico in terms of assets. It has more than 1,100 branches and 4,100 ATMs providing national coverage. Winner of the "Best Bank of 2008" award bestowed by the British magazine "The Banker", as well as named the ¿Best Bank of the Year in Mexico" and ¿Best Bank in Latin America" in 2008 by Euromoney. Banorte has Investment Grade rating by Standard & Poor's, Moody's as well as Fitch. It has a successful track record of acquisitions in the Mexican Financial System, such as Afin Casa de Bolsa, Bancentro, Banpais and Bancrecer. Visit

Banorte's website at: <http://www.banorte.com>

About INB

Founded in 1983 in McAllen, Texas, INB has established an important presence in the Rio Grande Valley and El Paso. It operates in a region that is classified as one with the fastest economic growing in the USA. Visit the INB website at: <http://www.inbweb.com>