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**Subject: Standard & Poor's confirms ratings for Banco Mercantil del Norte and Casa de Bolsa Banorte Ixe**

**Monterrey, N.L., April 16, 2015.** Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A.B. de C.V. ("GFNORTE") (BMV: GFNORTEO) informs to the investment public that today, Standard & Poor's confirmed ratings for Banco Mercantil del Norte, S.A. ("Banorte"), and Casa de Bolsa Banorte Ixe, S.A. de C.V. ("Casa de Bolsa Banorte Ixe."), all the aforementioned with stable Outlook.

The rating confirmation reflects the strong internal capital generation, business diversification and its strategic direction.

List of ratings confirmed:

**Banorte:**

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Counterparty Credit Rating | BBB/Stable/A-2      |
| • National Scale             | mxAAA/Stable/mxA-1+ |
| • Senior Unsecured           | BBB                 |
| • Junior Subordinated        | BB                  |

**Casa de Bolsa Banorte-Ixe:**

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|------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Counterparty Credit Rating |                     |
| National Scale               | mxAAA/Stable/mxA-1+ |

GFNORTE reiterates to the investment public that it expects to continue adopting the best international corporate practices regarding Corporate Governance and information disclosure. The Financial Group expects to maintain its strategic and expansion plans to consolidate a leading institution in Mexico; in this sense, we will timely inform the investment community regarding the strategy execution and evolution of our operations. The Investor Relations and Financial Intelligence Department is available for any inquiry or comment regarding this material event at: [investor@banorte.com](mailto:investor@banorte.com) or at the number (55) 1670-2256.