

Subject: Banorte is a Level II - Domestic Systemically Important Financial Institution.

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Monterrey, N.L., May 2nd, 2016. Grupo Financiero Banorte S.A.B. de C.V. ("GFNorte") informs to the investment public that Banco Mercantil del Norte, S.A., Institución de Banca Múltiple, Grupo Financiero Banorte ("Banorte") was designated as a Level II - Domestic Systemically Important Financial Institution by the National Banking and Securities Commission ("CNBV"), which highlights Banorte's importance in the Mexican Financial System.

The aforementioned derives from an evaluation carried out by the CNBV's Board with Credit Institutions' information as of December 2015 and implies that Banorte must maintain a capital buffer of 0.90 pp, to be constituted progressively in up to four years, additional to the regulatory Capitalization Ratio ("CR") of 10.5%, this means that Banorte's minimum CR will amount to 11.4% at the end of 2019.

Date	CR	Tier 1	Core Tier 1
Current	10.50%	8.50%	7.00%
31-Dec-16	10.73%	8.73%	7.23%
31-Dec-17	10.95%	8.95%	7.45%
31-Dec-18	11.18%	9.18%	7.68%
31-Dec-19	11.40%	9.40%	7.90%

It's noteworthy that even though the CNBV will allow a progressive fulfillment, Banorte's CR was 14.94% as of March 31st, so Banorte complies with the new requirement.

GFNORTE reiterates to the investment public that it expects to continue adopting the best international corporate practices regarding Corporate Governance and information disclosure. The Investor Relations and Financial Intelligence Department is available for any inquiry or comment regarding this material event at: investor@banorte.com or at the number (55) 1670-2256.