

Subject: Banorte was reaffirmed as Level II - Domestic Systemically Important Financial Institution.

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Monterrey, N.L., April 10, 2017. 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 reaffirmed as 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 the annual review that the Board of the CNBV carries out based on Credit Institutions' information as of December 2016. Such designation implies that Banorte must maintain a capital buffer of 0.90 pp, to be constituted progressively in up to four years –due on December 31, 2019-, 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.

It's noteworthy that even though the CNBV will allow a progressive fulfillment, Banorte's CR was 15.28% as of December 31, 2016, 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 department is available for any inquiry or comment regarding this material event at: investor@banorte.com or at the number (55) 1670-2256.