

Significant Event

Criteria CaixaCorp, S.A. hereby announces that the Board of Directors, at a meeting held yesterday, decided to propose to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting a final gross dividend of €0.131 per share against 2009 profits, which is expected to be paid in June 2010.

The final dividend, coupled with the interim dividend paid earlier, represents a total payout of €0.231 per share (up to €776 million) against 2009 profits.

This payout of €0.231 per share is 10% higher year on year, and represents 63.3% of consolidated recurring profits and 89.1% of individual recurring profits.

Based on the company's stock price at yesterday's close price, the annual dividend yield stands at 7.2%.

The Board of Directors also resolved to implement a new quarterly dividend schedule. In this regard, in addition to the payment of a final dividend, the Board will propose to the 2010 Annual General Meeting a dividend of 0.06 per share against reserves, payable in the first quarter of 2011. Such dividend against reserves coupled with the interim dividends against 2010 profits that the Board expects to pay in September and in December 2010, each of them amounting to 0.06 per share, will give rise to quarterly payments: 0.131 per share in June (final dividend against 2009 profits), 0.06 per share in September (interim dividend against 2010 profits), 0.06 per share in December (interim dividend against 2010 profits), and 0.06 per share in March 2011 (against reserves). The company expects to maintain this quarterly payment policy in the future.

All this reflects the change in the company's dividend policy: besides, the quarterly payments described above, the aggregate dividend amount will be equal or greater than 60% of consolidated recurring profits. Following the company's latest investments, controlling interests, multi-group companies and associates represent over 70% of the total value of the portfolio and of the consolidated income statement. Therefore, linking the dividend policy to consolidated recurring profits is appropriate as it better reflects the company's performance.

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