

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Criteria Caixa, S.A., Sociedad Unipersonal (hereinafter “Criteria”) hereby reports that at its meeting held today on 19 January 2017 the Board of Trustees of the Caixa d’Estalvis i Pensions de Barcelona “la Caixa” Banking Foundation, in its capacity as the sole shareholder of Criteria, agreed to pay out one hundred million euros (100.000.000 €) charged to other reserves.

The amount of one hundred million euros (100.000.000 €) shall be paid to Criteria’s sole shareholder in a one-off payment from the day after of this agreement.

Barcelona, 19 January 2017