

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Criteria Caixa, S.A., Sociedad Unipersonal (hereinafter “Criteria”) hereby reports that at its meeting held on 5 May 2016 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 voluntary reserves.

The amount of one hundred million euros (€100,000,000) shall be paid to Criteria's Sole Shareholder in a one-off payment after 6 May 2016.

Barcelona, 5 May 2016