

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Criteria Caixa, S.A., Sociedad hereby announces that, at its meeting yesterday, the Board of Directors resolved to pay its sole shareholder, the Caixa d'Estalvis i Pensions de Barcelona, "la Caixa" Banking Foundation, an interim dividend totalling two hundred and twenty million euros (€220,000,000) against 2015 profits.

Part of the dividend, i.e. EIGHTY-FIVE MILLION EUROS (€85,000,000) will be paid before 31 December 2015 with the remaining ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE MILLION EUROS (€135,000,000) being paid in January 2016.

Barcelona, 11 December 2015