



BANCO DO ESTADO DO RIO GRANDE DO SUL S/A
CNPJ 92.702.067/0001-96

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ANTICIPATION OF DIVIDENDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2011

We hereby inform the Shareholders that the Board of Administration, in a meeting held on **December 14, 2011**, deliberated and approved of, *ad referendum* of the Annual General Shareholders' Meeting that will analyze the balance sheet and financial statements for the year 2011, the anticipation of dividends for the fiscal year of 2011 in the amount of **R\$60,000,000.00 (sixty million Reais)**.

Class / Type of Share	Dividends per Share
Common Share	R\$ 0.14657944
Preferred Share – Class A	R\$ 0.16123738
Preferred Share – Class B	R\$ 0.14657944

All the shareholders registered in the Company's records as owners or usufruct right holder of such shares as on **December 14, 2011**, will be entitled to dividends, after which the shares will be traded 'ex-dividend'.

Income Tax:

As per legislation, dividends are exempt from Income Tax.

Types of Payment:

On **December 26, 2011**, dividends will be credited directly into the checking accounts of shareholders who are accountholders of BANRISUL. For other shareholders, dividends will be paid at any branch of Banrisul starting on the same date, with proper proof of identity required.

Shareholders, whose shares are in custody at the Stock Exchanges, will receive dividends through the brokerage firm where they made the respective deposit.

Expiry Period:

According to Article 287 of Law 6404, dividends not claimed within three years from the date they have been declared, will lapse.

Porto Alegre, December 14, 2011.

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