

Official Press Release

Agency for the Restructuring of Financial Entities (AREB)

AREB assumes the tutelage of BPA

Andorra la Vella, 27th April 2015.- The Agency for the Restructuring of Financial Entities (AREB, by its acronym in Catalan) assumes from today, April 27, 2015, the tutelage of Banca Privada d'Andorra, SA (BPA), under the provisions of the 8/2015 Act of the Restructuring of Financial Entities.

The President of the Board of Directors of the AREB, Mr. Albert Besolí Hinojosa, signed today a decree published in the Official Board of the Principality of Andorra (BOPA) that formalizes the decision taken this morning by the Board of Directors of the AREB of assuming the tutelage of BPA, the financial entity intervened by the Andorran National Finance Institute (INAF) on March 11, 2015. This decision, a procedure provided by the 8/2015 Act of the Restructuring of Financial Entities, article 11, establishes the start of the resolution process of the organization, that includes solutions such as the transfer of assets, liabilities or any rights or obligations to a "bridge bank"; total or partial sale of the business to other banks, or other instruments under the 8/2015 Law, always with the aim of preserving the value of the institution.

The AREB considered the information and documents provided by the INAF, which are the result of the work undertaken by the supervisory authority of the financial system during the last weeks. The Agency maintains the precautionary measures taken to date by the provisional administrator of BPA, appointed by the INAF on March, 11.

In the referred decree, the AREB also made public the appointment of a new administrator for BPA, the Andorran economist David Betbesé. Mr. Betbesé, graduated in Economics and Social Sciences by the *Université de Sciences Sociales de Toulouse*, has an MBA by *ESADE* and a Certificate of European Financial Analyst (CEFA) by *Instituto de Estudios Financieros*.

David Betbesé has been during the last years Director of International Private Banking at Credit Andorra Financial Group, and member of the Executive Committee of the bank, position that left in May 2014 to start a personal project related to financial consulting.

In the coming days, the AREB will continue analyzing all the available information in order to define the plan in the following weeks to find a solution about BPA. Finally, in this context, and as established by 8/2015 Act, the Agency will proceed to the creation of the Andorran Fund for the Resolution of Financial Entities (FAREB), intended to finance the measures agreed to for BPA.