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Dear President

In accordance with Articles 136 and 160 of Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directives 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC (hereinafter 'CRD IV'), we provide you with the following notification:

(1) Setting the countercyclical capital buffer rate at 0%

Pursuant to Decision No 12/2014 of Národná banka Slovenska of 29 January 2015 on the setting of the countercyclical capital buffer rate, the CCB rate for Slovakia was set at 0%. Issued in accordance with Article 33g of the Banking Act, this decision entered into force on 2 February 2015.

The following information is provided as required under CRD IV, Article 136(7):

- (a) the applicable countercyclical buffer rate: 0 %;
- (b) the relevant credit-to-GDP-ratio: 82.6% and its deviation from the long-term trend: -1.8%;
- (c) the buffer guide calculated in accordance with Article 136(2): 0%;
- (d) the justification for that buffer rate: Although the growth rate in overall private debt (enterprises and households) increased slightly, the deviation of the private debt-to-GDP ratio from its long-term trend (the credit-to-GDP gap) remained negative. Thus, from the view of the trends to date, the private debt-to-GDP ratio is not rising excessively. At the same time, core variables of the financial and business cycle improved moderately in the third quarter of 2015, but remained low by historical standards.¹

¹ Further information about the decision is available at: <http://www.nbs.sk/en/financial-market-supervision/macprudential-policy/reports-and-publications/quarterly-commentary>

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Kind regards



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