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Dividend for financial year 2011

The Bank of Greece, with a view to providing timely information to investors in general and to its shareholders in particular, pursuant to Law 3556/2007 and the Athens Exchange Rulebook, hereby announces the following:

The 79th Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of the Bank of Greece, held on 24 April 2012, decided, *inter alia*, to distribute a dividend of €0.67 per share for financial year 2011. As dividends are subject to a 25% withholding tax, in accordance with Article 14(1) and (2) of Law 3943/2011, the net dividend to be received by shareholders, following such withholding, will be €0.5025 per share.

The ex-dividend date has been set as 2 May 2012. From this date, Bank of Greece shares will trade on the Athens Exchange without entitlement to the current dividend.

Entitled to receive the current dividend shall be all shareholders recorded in the register of the Dematerialised Securities System (DSS) as at 4 May 2012 (record date).

The dividend payment date has been set for 10 May 2012. Dividend payments will be effected in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 5.5 of the Athens Exchange Rulebook and the specific provisions of the Operating Regulations of the DSS, with the following options open to shareholders:

a) Payment through a market operator, i.e. a securities brokerage firm, chosen and duly authorised by the shareholder to collect the dividend.

On 10 May 2012, the Bank of Greece will credit the bank accounts of the market operators, which will then transfer the dividends to their shareholder customers. It should be noted that a shareholder has the right to revoke such authorisation, by lodging a relevant written request with Hellenic Exchanges S.A. (HELEX S.A.) at least five business days before the dividend payment date.

b) Payment directly from the Bank of Greece, either by crediting the bank account specified by the shareholder or by issuance of a cheque, in instances where:

- the shareholder has not authorised a market operator to collect the dividend on his behalf;
- the shareholder has, in a written request duly lodged with HELEX S.A., revoked such authorisation;
- the shareholder's shares are held in a Special Account of their Investor Share.

The payor Bank will be the Bank of Greece.

In cases where, for whatever reason, the designated bank accounts cannot be credited, the dividends shall be payable at the Bank of Greece as from 21 May 2012.

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