

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

In response to a Hellenic Capital Markets Commission request dated 14.1.2015 asking the Bank to comment on an article posted on the “Euro2day” website, in respect of the recently announced agreement of the Bank with KKR Credit, the Bank states the following:

During the course of the Piraeus Bank Board of Directors meeting of the Bank, which convened on 17.12.2014, the Board was informed about the key aspects and benefits of a prospective transaction whereby Piraeus would transfer and securitize a portfolio of assets consisting of the majority of loans, bond securities and participations held by the Bank and associated with the Marfin Investment Group to a new structure managed and/or controlled by KKR Credit or affiliates; the Board granted authorization for the execution of a Framework Agreement for the transaction, conditional upon approval of the definitive agreement by the Board and the relevant regulatory authorities.

In accordance with ordinary practice, the framework agreement will develop into full-fledged legal agreements after discussions on certain legal, accounting and regulatory aspects of the structure have been concluded, at which point the final draft agreements will be submitted to the Board of Directors for discussion and taking of a definitive decision, subject to the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund (“HFSF”) having provided its consent. For this purpose, the Bank has already filed a formal request for consent seeking a review of the transaction framework by the HFSF.

As stated in the press release issued by the Bank on 18.12.2014, the transaction is expected to close in the first quarter of 2015 subject to all regulatory and other conditions precedent having been satisfied. Following completion of the transaction, the Bank will release all required information to the investors, in accordance with applicable law.