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CURRENT REPORT

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Important event to be reported:

Convening notice for the Extraordinary General Meeting of SIF Banat-Crișana shareholders

The following is an English translation of the Convening Notice for the Ordinary General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting of SIF Banat-Crișana shareholders convened for October 10 (11), 2016. The company provides this translation for shareholders' reference and convenience. In the event that the English version of this Convening Notice differs from the Romanian version, the latter prevails.

CONVENING NOTICE

The Board of Directors of SIF Banat-Crișana S.A. registered with the Trade Register Office of Arad Court under number J02/1898/1992 and in the Financial Supervisory Authority (FSA) Register under number PJR09SIIR/020002/02.02.2006, having the Unique Registration Code 2761040 and the subscribed and paid-up share capital of RON 54,884,926.80, gathered in the meeting held on August 30, 2016, convenes, pursuant art. 117 in Law no. 31/1990 **the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders (EGM)** on October 10, 2016, 10:00 hours (Romanian time) at the company headquarters located in Arad, 35A Calea Victoriei.

Only the persons registered as shareholders of the Company in the register of shareholders kept by Depozitarul Central S.A. at the end of office on September 23, 2016 (considered as the reference date) have the right to participate and vote at the general meeting of shareholders.

The agenda of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders is as follows:

1. Approval of the reduction of the capital of SIF Banat-Crișana SA, pursuant to art. 207 par. (1) letter c) of Law no. 31/1990, from RON 54,884,926.80 to RON 52,000,000, following the cancellation of a number of 28,849,268 own shares acquired by the company, in the buy-back program. Subsequently to the reduction, the share capital of SIF Banat-Crișana SA will have a value of RON 52,000,000, divided into 520,000,000 shares with a value of RON 0.10 /share. Article 3 par. (1) of the Articles of Incorporation is amended as a result of the capital reduction and shall read as follows:

"The share capital of the company amounts to RON 52,000,000 and is divided into 520,000,000 shares of RON 0.10 each, allotted to shareholders as results from the records entered in the shareholders' register."

2. Approval of running a program to repurchase its own shares ("Program") by the Company, in compliance with applicable legal provisions and having the following features:

- (i) The program's purpose: the Company will repurchase shares under the program to reduce its share capital
- (ii) The maximum number of shares that may be repurchased: 20,000,000 shares at most;

- (iii) The minimum price per share: RON 0.50;
- (iv) The maximum price per share: RON 3.41
- (v) Program Duration: 12 months after publication of the decision in the Official Gazette of Romania, Part IV;
- (vi) The shares acquired under the program will be paid from sources permitted by law.

Besides its main characteristics, the program will include other requirements provided by law and which are not listed above. The acquisition of shares under the program will be done through all market operations allowed by law, which may include public tender offers initiated by the Company, in accordance with the law. In order to implement the Program, the Board will be empowered to take all necessary measures and fulfil all formalities required, in compliance with the above requirements.

3. Approval of October 27, 2016 as the registration date (October 26, 2016 as ex-date) in accordance with the provisions of Article 238 paragraph (1) of Capital Market Law no. 297/2004, CNVM Regulation no. 6/2009 and CNVM Regulation no. 1/2006;

4. The empowerment (with authority to be substituted) of Mr. Bogdan-Alexandru Drăgoi – Chairman of the Board of Directors and Mr. Octavian Avrămoiu, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, to sign the necessary documents in order to carry out all procedures and formalities with the Financial Supervisory Authority, Trade Register or wherever necessary for the purpose of implementing the resolutions of the general meeting of shareholders.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 117[^]1, paragraph (1) of Law no. 31/1990 and Article 7 paragraph (1) of CNVM Regulation no. 6/2009, one or several shareholders representing, individually or jointly, at least 5% of the Company's share capital, may request the Company's Board of Directors the introduction of additional items on the agenda of the EGM and/or the presentation of draft resolutions for the items included or proposed to be included on the agenda of the EGM, provided that:

(i). In case of shareholders that are natural persons, their requests must be accompanied by copies of the shareholders' identity documents and the statement attesting the shareholder capacity and the numbers of shares held, issued by Depozitarul Central SA or, where appropriate, by the participants as defined under art. 168 para. (1) letter (b) of Law no. 297/2004 providing custodian services;

(ii). In the case of legal person shareholders, their requests must be accompanied by:

- the original or a true copy of the findings certificate issued by the Trade Registry (in Romanian "certificat constatator") or any other document, in original or true copy, issued by a competent authority of the state where the shareholder is duly incorporated, all being no older than 3 months as from the date of the publication of the general meeting convening notice, allowing for the identification thereof in the Company's registry of shareholders kept by Depozitarul Central SA;
- the capacity of legal representative shall be taken from the Shareholders' Registry issued by Depozitarul Central SA. If the shareholders' registry contains no data on the matter of the capacity as legal representative, then this capacity is proven by means of findings certificate issued by the Trade Register, presented in original or a true copy thereof, or any other document in original or true copy, issued by a competent authority of the state where the shareholder is duly incorporated, attesting the capacity of legal representative.
- the documents attesting the legal representative capacity drafted in a foreign language other than English shall be accompanied by their translation into Romanian or English performed by a certified translator.
- the statement attesting the shareholder capacity and the numbers of shares held, issued by Depozitarul Central SA or, where appropriate, by the participants defined under art. 168 para. (1) letter (b) of Law no. 297/2004 providing custodian services;

(iii). They must be accompanied by a justification and/or a draft resolution proposed for adoption.

(iv). They must be sent and registered at the Company's headquarters in Arad, 35A Calea Victoriei, by any type of courier service, with proof of delivery, by no later than September 16, 2016, 16:00 hours (Romanian time), in original, signed and, if the case, stamped by the shareholders or shareholders' legal representative. The same identification requirements mentioned above shall also be applicable to the legal representative of the shareholders addressing questions regarding the items on the EGM agenda.

Shareholders have the right to submit questions to the Company, in writing form, sent and registered at the Company's headquarters in Arad, 35A Calea Victoriei, by any type of courier service, with proof of delivery, no later than October 7, 2016, 16:00 hours (Romanian time), in original, signed and, if the case, stamped by the shareholders or their legal representatives.

Shareholders may exercise their voting right directly, through a representative, or by correspondence.

Shareholders may enter and attend the shareholders' general meeting after proving their identity, in the case of natural persons by presenting the identity card or, in the case of shareholders that are legal persons, and shareholders natural persons that are represented, by presenting the power given to the individuals they are represented by, observing the applicable laws in the matter, the provisions of this convening notice and the procedures approved by the company's board of directors.

In the case of shareholders that are legal persons or bodies without legal personality, the capacity of legal representative is ascertained from the Shareholders' Registry issued by Depozitarul Central SA as at the reference date. If the shareholders' registry as at the reference has no data reflecting the legal representative capacity, then this capacity is proven by means of findings certificate issued by the Trade Register, presented in original or a true copy thereof, issued by a competent authority of the state where the shareholder is duly incorporated, attesting the capacity of legal representative.

The documents attesting the capacity of legal representative of the legal person shareholders have to be issued no older than 3 months as from the date of the OGM/EGM convening notice publication.

The documents attesting the legal representative capacity drafted in a foreign language other than English shall be accompanied by their translation into Romanian or English performed by a certified translator.

Shareholders lacking legal capacity as well as legal persons may be represented by legal representatives, which in their turn may appoint others by a proxy.

Shareholders may be represented in the general meeting by other persons, based on a special proxy or a general proxy. Natural or legal person shareholders registered at the reference date may also be represented in the general meeting and by persons other than shareholders, upon an authenticated special proxy, according to art. 6 para. (14) in Company's Articles of Incorporation.

For this type of voting, the special proxy forms (in Romanian or English) must be used, compliant to applicable legislation, made available by the company's board of directors, or a general proxy drawn up pursuant to the provisions of GEO no. 90/2014 amending and supplementing Law no. 297/2004 on the capital market and FSA Regulation no. 3/2015. The shareholders that are legal persons or unincorporated entities participating in the general meeting by someone other than their legal representative, must use a special proxy or a general proxy, complying with the above stated requirements.

The special proxy forms will be available in Romanian and English as of September 9, 2016 at the company's headquarters, the company's branch office at the addresses presented herein and on company's website, www.sif1.ro.

Shareholders shall fill in and sign the special proxies in three counterparts: one for the shareholder, one for the representative, and one for the company. The document for the company, filled in and signed by the shareholders shall personally submitted or sent:

- by any type of courier service - the proxy form in original, accompanied by the necessary documents to company's headquarters in Arad, 35A Calea Victoriei, so that it can be registered by the company no later than October 8, 2016, 10:00 hours (Romanian time), subject to losing the voting right in case of default.
- by e-mail with extended electronic signature incorporated in accordance with Law no. 455/2001 on the electronic signature at aga@sif1.ro no later than October 8, 2016, 10:00 hours (Romanian time), subject to losing the voting right in case of default.

The company will admit a general empowerment to participate and vote in the general meeting of shareholders, given by a shareholder, as a client, to an intermediate as defined in Art. 2 para. (1) pt. 14 of Law no. 297/2004, as amended and supplemented, or to a lawyer, without requesting additional documents relating to such shareholder if the general empowerment complies with the provisions of Art. 17[^]1 of CNVM Regulation no. 6/2009, as amended by FSA Regulation no. 3/2015, is signed by such shareholder and is accompanied by an affidavit given by the legal representative of the intermediary or by the lawyer to whom was granted the power of representation by empowerment, showing that:

- (i) the empowerment is granted by such shareholder, as a customer, for the intermediary or, where appropriate, for the lawyer;
- (ii) the general empowerment is signed by the shareholder, including by the attachment of advanced electronic signature, if necessary.

The affidavit given by the legal representative of the intermediary or the lawyer to whom it was granted the power of representation by empowerment must be submitted to the company in original, signed and, where appropriate, stamped, together with the general empowerment form no later than 48 hours before the general meeting of shareholders (October 8, 2016, 10:00 hours Romanian time), in case of its first use.

Shareholders may grant an empowerment generally valid for a period not exceeding three years, allowing the designated representative to vote on all issues discussed in the general meeting of shareholders provided that the general empowerment is being given by the shareholder, as a client, to an intermediary as defined in Art. 2 para. (1) pt. 14 of Law no. 297/2004 or to a lawyer.

Shareholders may not be represented in the general meeting of shareholders, on a general empowerment, by a person who is in a conflict of interest, pursuant to art. 243 para. (6[^]4) of Law no. 297/2004, text entered by GEO no. 90/2014 amending and supplementing Law no. 297/2004 on the capital market.

General empowerment shall be submitted to the company 48 hours before the general meeting (no later than October 8, 2016, 10:00 hours Romanian time), in copy, including the statement of compliance with the original, under the representative's signature.

Prior to submitting the special or general empowerments, the shareholders may notify the company about the appointment of a representative, by sending an e-mail to aga@sif1.ro.

Shareholders have the option to vote by correspondence prior to the general meeting of shareholders, by using the correspondence voting forms provided by the company.

The forms for the vote by correspondence shall be available in Romanian and English, beginning September 9, 2016, at company's headquarters, company's branch office at the addresses presented herein and on company's website, www.sif1.ro.

Subject to losing the voting right in case of default, the form for the vote by correspondence duly filled in and signed by the shareholders, together with all accompanying documents, shall be sent to company's headquarters in Arad, 35A Calea Victoriei, to be registered no later than October 8, 2016, 10:00 hours (Romanian time), either:

- by mail or courier service, the correspondence voting form in original, printed on paper, in which case the shareholder's signature on the voting form must be legalized by a notary public (the correspondence voting forms legalized outside Romania shall be endorsed with an apostille);
- by e-mail with the extended electronic signature incorporated in accordance with Law no. 455/2001 on the electronic signature at aga@sif1.ro.

To send the special empowerment forms, the correspondence voting forms and the accompanying documents by post or any type of courier services, the following requirements shall be observed:

- The special empowerment or the correspondence voting form, duly filled in and signed by the shareholder (in case the shareholder's signature on the voting form must be legalized by a notary public) shall be inserted in an envelope writing on it clearly and with capital letters: „PENTRU AGA” / “FOR GSM”.

If a shareholder voted by sending a ballot paper by correspondence, but then attends the general meeting either personally or through a representative, the vote cast by correspondence shall be annulled. In this case only the direct vote or the vote expressed through the representative shall be taken into consideration.

If the person representing the shareholder by personal participation in the general meeting is other than the person which has cast his vote by correspondence, then for the validity of his/her vote, that person shall present at the meeting a written revocation signed by the shareholder or by the representative who cast his vote by correspondence. This is not necessary if the shareholder or his/her legal representative is present at the general meeting.

The Company's Board of Directors will provide a detailed procedure for the direct vote, the vote by special or general empowerment form, or voting by correspondence and the documents necessary to be submitted by the shareholders in order to exercise their vote in each manner. This mandatory procedure will be available for inspection at company's headquarters office, branch office and on company's website beginning September 9, 2016.

Shall be considered null the special/general empowerment forms and the correspondence voting forms in default concerning the time for their transmittal to the company as mentioned in the Convening Notice and those not complying with the legal and statutory provisions and the procedure established by the Board of Directors.

In case there will be requests amending the agenda of the meeting and the agenda will be published in a revised form, the special empowerment forms and the correspondence voting forms will be updated and made available to shareholders beginning September 19, 2016.

Starting September 9, 2016, the draft resolutions submitted for approval of the general meeting, and other informative materials are to be available to the shareholders and can be inspected at the company's headquarters on working days between 14:00 and 16:00 hours.

All the informative materials for the general meeting will be available on Company's website www.sif1.ro, as well as at SIF Banat-Crișana's headquarters office in Arad, and company's Bucharest branch office, at the following addresses:

- Headquarters, Arad, 35A Calea Victoriei, tel: +40257 304 438
- Bucharest branch, 175 Calea Floreasca, sector 1, 7th floor, room A1, tel: +4021 311 16 47

Should the statutory quorum not be met on the first call, **the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders (EGM)** is convened on October 11, 2016, at 10:00 (Romanian time), with the same agenda and at the same venue.

Chairman of the Board of Directors
Bogdan-Alexandru DRĂGOI

Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors
Octavian AVRĂMOIU