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ANNOUNCEMENT

Proposal of the Board of Directors for the allocation of net profit for the year 2020

March 19, 2021, Arad | Following the analysis of the financial performance, the current financial position (both in structure and multiannual dynamics) and the need to finance the investment strategy for the next period, the Board of Directors **proposes the General Meeting of Shareholders allocating the net profit of 2020, in the amount of RON 92,122,406, in one of the two options:**

OPTION 1: allocating the amount of RON 92,122,406 to Other reserves, as own financing sources, for the execution of a new buyback program of 15,000,000 shares at most, to reduce the Company's share capital - Program 4 – included on topic 3 of the EGM convened for April 26 (27), 2021.

In case of the approval of this distribution of profit, it will be submitted for the approval of the EGM convened for April 26 (27), 2021, the resolution of topic 3 on the agenda of this general meeting regarding the execution of the buyback program for the reduction of company's share capital (Program 4).

OR

Option II: Appropriation of the amount of RON 92,122,406 to Other Reserves, as own financing sources.

In case of the approval of this distribution of profit, it becomes obsolete, and it is removed from the agenda of the EGM convened for April 26 (27), 2021, the proposal for the approval a buyback program for the reduction of company's share capital (Program 4), included on topic 3 of the agenda of the said meeting.

In substantiating this proposal, the Board of Directors considered the following relevant matters:

- *The current macroeconomic context*, experiencing the persistence of uncertainty and volatility of asset prices, globally and locally. This context also creates the emergence of investment opportunities, which the Management anticipates for 2021. In this sense, in addition to the undertook investment efforts, the strategic orientation was also the consolidation of a sufficient liquidity reserve to take advantage of potential investment opportunities;
- *The degree of liquidity of the net profit for 2020*, given that most of the investment gain is represented by the impact of marking to market listed and unlisted holdings (deconsolidated subsidiaries and associates), not actually realized / collected;
- *The relative position of the Company within the investment cycle* (new investments, liquid consumers vs. divestments from assets that are not part of the "core" portfolio): new investment projects being in early stages while the disinvestment / portfolio restructuring process is not completed, being dependent on both the current pandemic context and the low liquidity of non-core holdings listed on BVB;
- The existence of shareholder remuneration programs through buyback programs, approved by the EGM of April 27, 2020, and EGM of November 2, 2020, their actual implementation is scheduled to start in 2021, requiring significant cash outflows during the year.

We restate that SIF Banat-Crișana aims to preserve a balance between the remuneration of shareholders through dividends and the need to finance new investments from reinvested-obtained profit. The strategy of maintaining this balance aims both to increase the long-term investment attractiveness for SIF Banat-Crișana shares, and also to maintain the future development potential of the company, ensuring the long-term sustainable profitability of the business to increase shareholder value. The remuneration of SIF Banat-Crișana's shareholders of is applied for their benefit both by dividend distribution, and by the decision to reinvest the profit or to repurchase the equity securities, for the stated purpose of increasing shares' value.

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