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Announcement under Chapter 9, Section 10 of the Securities Markets Act: OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative's shareholding in Pohjola Bank plc

On 6 March 2014, Pohjola Bank plc received an announcement of disclosure of shareholdings under Chapter 9, Section 5 of the Securities Markets Act from OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative that the shareholding of OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative exceeds % of the total votes conferred by Pohjola Bank plc shares. OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative alone holds 47.22% of Pohjola Bank plc's shares and 66.72% of the votes. Together with controlled corporations' holdings, OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative holds 47.28% of Pohjola Bank plc shares and 66.75% of the votes.

The acceptances by those who have issued their acceptance of the bid by 5 March 2014 would increase the total shareholding of OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative in Pohjola Bank plc to 75.00% of all Pohjola Bank plc shares and the votes conferred by the shares to 86.35% of all the votes, if the bid were completed.

Offeror's existing shares and votes: Number of shares: 150,876,239. Proportion of all shares: 47.22%. Number of votes: 393,440,763. Proportion of votes: 66.72%.

Offeror's and its controlled corporations' shares and votes:

Number of shares: 151,067,551. Proportion of all shares: 47.28%. Number of votes: 393,632,075. Proportion of votes: 66.75%.

The number of Pohjola Bank plc's registered shares totals 319,551,415 which represent a total of 589,717,611 votes.

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euros in 2013 and the balance sheet total amounted to 44 billion euros on 31 December 2013. Pohjola is part of OP-Pohjola Group, the leading financial services group in Finland with 4.3 million customers.

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