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## **PRESS RELEASE**

This is to announce to the public that:

Upon evaluation of the investors applying for the sale of Sitebank A.Ş. and Etibank A.Ş. all the shares both of which belong to the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund, by 16.08.2001 and by 17.08.2001 respectively within the framework of the press release dated 08.08.2001, it has been decided that:

- Upon signature of a confidentiality agreement with NovaBank S.A., still pursuing its banking activities in Greece, the former will be granted the permission necessary to perform its due diligence on Sitebank A.Ş. and to submit its bid,
- Upon signature of a confidentiality agreement with Koç Holding A.Ş., presently owning a bank, the former will be granted the permission necessary to perform its due diligence on Etibank A.Ş. and to submit its bid.