

PRESS RELEASE

This is to announce to the public that:

The Board of Directors of the Savings Deposit Insurance Fund has decided to start the selling process of Toprakbank A.Ş., all the shares of which belong to The Savings Deposit Insurance Fund.

According to this; investors interested in the Bank must, be compliant with the requirements set in the “Resolution On Conditions To Be Met By Applicants Willing To Establish a Bank or Buy Shares Of Banks Under Management Of The Savings Deposit Insurance Fund Or To Take Over Shares Of Existing Banks” of the Banking Regulation and Supervision Board published in the Official Gazette Nr: 24221 dated 05.11.2000 and submit their application to the Agency along with the documents stipulated in the “Regulation on Banks’ Establishment and Activities” published in the Official Gazette Nr: 24445 dated 27.06.2001, by 15.02.2002 before the end of working hours.

Domestic and foreign investors who, among all applicants, meet the requirements will be determined by 21.02.2002 before the end of working hours and the results will be announced to the interested parties.