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## **PRESS RELEASE**

This is to announce to the public that;

The bid offered by Global Menkul Değerler A.Ş. (Global Menkul Değerler A.Ş., Avrasya Yatırım Holding A.Ş., Sancak Yatırım A.Ş., Templeton Strategic Emerging Markets Fund LDC) for the shares of Toprakbank A.Ş. has been withdrawn.

Accordingly, upon the Resolution Nr. 826 dated 26.09.2002 of the Banking Regulation and Supervision Board, it was decided that Toprakbank A.Ş., the sale of which is not deemed possible, be merged through transfer under Bayındırbank A.Ş. as of 30.09.2002 and its license to perform banking activities and take deposits be revoked as of the same date.