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Final dividend announcement for 2015 and the first Quarter Actual results for 2016

Sir Kostas Constantinou OBE, Chairman of Bank of South Pacific Limited (BSP) today announced the final dividend for the year ending 2015.

Sir Kostas noted that BSP Group achieved very sound results in 2015 with a net profit after tax of K531.9m, an increase of K24.5m on the 2014 result. The directors therefore have determined a final dividend of 63 toea for 2015. This final dividend along with the 22.5 toea interim dividend paid in October 2015 brings the total dividend payment to 85.5 toea per share, giving a yield of 11.4% on the current share price of K7.50. The payout ratio for 2015 of 75.15%, which is up 5.07% on 2014's ratio of 70.08% and up on 2013's ratio at 70.77%.

Capital adequacy ratios will remain above BPNG guidelines after payment of the final dividend.

The planned processing dates for the 2015 final dividend are:

Ex-date: Friday 03rd of June 2016
Record date: Friday 10th of June 2016
Payment date: Friday 24th of June 2016

In announcing the dividend Sir Kostas stated that the full year dividend represents a distribution to shareholders of K399.718M. (2014 K355.57M) BSP's shareholder base is predominantly Papua New Guinean, and the board was very proud to continue to maintain a dividend policy that resulted in such a large percentage of BSP's profits being distributed to its share-holders with the majority of dividends remaining in Papua New Guinea. Over the past 4 years BSP has returned to shareholders over K1.207b in dividends.

Sir Kostas also announced the Group's results for the first quarter of 2016. The quarter 1 2016 profit after tax is at K143.7m, which is K3m above that achieved in the last quarter of 2015. BSP's loan growth at the end of the 4th quarter 2015 has resulted in an increase in interest income streams as well as BSP's retail channel income is continuing to be strong, supported by a large market presence of BSP's ATM's and EFTPOS terminals.

BSP's Balance Sheet reflected a generally stable market share in PNG and an expectation of flat business conditions in the short term. Capital adequacy has improved to 24.8% at the end of March 2016.

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