



## TO THE NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE COMMISSION (CNMV)

Bilbao, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Dear Sir / Madam,

In compliance with what is laid down in article 82 of Law 24/1988, of 28<sup>th</sup> July, of the Securities Market, KUTXABANK, S.A. (henceforth, "Kutxabank"), notifies the following:

### RELEVANT FACT

With regards the approval of the Royal Decree Law 2/2012 on the restructuring of the financial system, Grupo Kutxabank notifies that, in accordance with the preliminary calculations carried out, the entity initiated its activities on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 with specific reserves that exceed the requirements established by the new regulations.

These requirements are more demanding for Grupo Kutxabank than for the average Financial System as a consequence of the transparency exercise carried out. This operation classified 70% of the risks related to the development sector as problematic, against an average in the sector of 54 % in June 2011.

Applying criteria of very severe provisioning policies, the Group holds approximately €3,100 million in reserves, which represents a percentage of hedging of its problematic assets of 52%, and generic provisions of an additional 11%, which situates its total hedging at 63%. For this reason, no additional need for provisions is foreseen or significant impacts in the results of the 2012 financial year.

Additionally, the largest requirements of principal capital, estimated at €650 million are likewise fully covered by the Group's excellent capital.

Yours faithfully,