



**Announcement of the common plan of merger by absorption of Banco Depositario BBVA, S.A. by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. for the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article 51 of the Law on structural modifications of companies**

For the purposes of complying with the provisions of Article 51 of Law 3/2009, of April 3, on structural modifications of companies (“**Law 3/2009**”), it is announced that the common plan of merger by absorption of Banco Depositario BBVA, S.A. (the “**Absorbed Company**” or “**Banco Depositario**”) by Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A. (the “**Absorbing Company**” or “**BBVA**”), drawn up by the Boards of Directors of both companies (the “**Common Plan of Merger**”) and approved by the Board of Directors of BBVA for the purposes of the provisions of Article 51 of Law 3/2009, have been inserted on the corporate website of BBVA ([www.bbva.com](http://www.bbva.com)), with the possibility to download and print them, on April 1, 2016, and presented for deposit in Madrid Mercantile Registry.

Information is given regarding the right of the shareholders of BBVA and of the creditors of both companies, BBVA and Banco Depositario, to examine at the registered office and to consult on this corporate website the Common Plan of Merger, the financial statements and the management reports of the last three financial years, which include the merger balance sheets as of December 31, 2015, together with the relevant auditors’ reports, the bylaws in force of BBVA and of Banco Depositario and the list of the members of the Boards of Directors of BBVA and of Banco Depositario, as well as the date from which they hold their offices.

In addition, the right of the shareholders of BBVA who represent at least 1% of the capital stock to demand the holding of a Shareholders’ Meeting to approve the merger in the terms provided in the Law is placed on record. The right of the creditors of the companies involved in the merger to oppose it within the period and under the terms provided in the Law is also placed on record.

April 8, 2016.

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