

**Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.** (BBVA), in compliance with the Securities Market legislation, hereby communicates the following:

## **RELEVANT EVENT**

BBVA has today signed an agreement to sell its participation of 29.68% in Citic International Financial Holdings Limited (CIFH), to China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited (CNCB). CIFH is a non listed subsidiary of CNCB domiciled in Hong Kong. CNCB will thereafter hold a 100% interest in CIFH. The selling price is 8,162 million HK\$, equivalent to approximately 845 million euros<sup>1</sup>. The closing of such agreement is subject to the relevant regulatory approvals.

The estimated impact on the consolidated financial statements of the BBVA Group will be a negative impact on the P&L of approximately 25 million euros. The sale will generate a positive impact on the Common Equity Tier 1 fully loaded ratio of approximately 20 bp<sup>2</sup>, equivalent to a capital generation of more than 700 million euros.

Madrid, December 23, 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This amount has been calculated using the Exchange rate: EUR/HK\$= 9.657, which is the closing exchange rate as of December 12, 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Impacts on results and Common Equity Tier 1 are calculated based on September 2014 results.