

New draft Resolution No. 4 of the Extraordinary General Meeting of BNP Paribas Bank Polska SA held on February 25, 2015

Draft

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dated February 25, 2015

of the Extraordinary General Meeting of BNP Paribas Bank Polska SA

on the merger of BNP Paribas Bank Polska S.A. and Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej S.A. and consent for the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association of Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej

Acting pursuant to the provisions of Article 492 § 1 item 1 and Article 506 of the Code of Commercial Companies (“CCC”), and having analysed the merger plan of BNP Paribas Bank Polska S.A. (“**BNPP Polska**”) and Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej S.A. (the “**Merger Plan**”), schedules to the Merger Plan, the report of the Management Board of BNPP Polska substantiating the merger of BNPP Polska and Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej S.A. (the “**Merger**”) as well as the opinion of the court expert drawn up pursuant to Article 503 § 1 of the CCC, the Extraordinary General Meeting of BNPP Polska (the “**General Meeting**”) hereby resolves as follows:

§1. Merger

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 492 § 1 item 1 and Article 506 of the CCC, it is hereby decided to effect the merger of BNPP Polska and Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej Spółka Akcyjna, with its registered office in Warsaw at ul. Kasprzaka 10/16, 01-211 Warsaw, Poland, entered in the Register of Entrepreneurs of the National Court Register maintained by the District Court for the Capital City of Warsaw, 12th Commercial Division of the National Court Register, under KRS No. 0000011571 (“**BGŻ S.A.**”), by way of transferring all property (all assets and liabilities) of BNP Polska to BGŻ S.A. in exchange for shares to be issued by BGŻ S.A. pursuant to the provisions of the Merger Plan.
2. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 506 § 4 of the CCC, the General Meeting hereby approves the Merger Plan. The Merger Plan constitutes Appendix 1 hereto.
3. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 506 § 4 of the CCC, the General Meeting hereby grants its consent to the amendments to the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. specified in § 4 below.

§2. Share Capital Increase

1. In relation to the Merger, the share capital of BGŻ S.A. will be increased from PLN 56,138,764 (in words: fifty six million one hundred thirty eight thousand seven hundred sixty four zloty) to PLN 84,238,318 (in words: eighty four million two hundred thirty eight thousand three hundred eighteen zloty) by way of the issuance of 28,099,554 (in words: twenty eight million ninety nine thousand five hundred fifty four zloty) ordinary bearer series I shares with the nominal value of PLN 1.00 (in words: one zloty) per share, with the total nominal value of PLN 28,099,554 (in words: twenty eight million ninety nine thousand five hundred fifty four zloty) (the “**Merger Shares**”).

2. The General Meeting hereby approves of the share exchange ratio agreed by the Management Boards of BGŻ S.A. and BNPP Polska, which is as follows: in exchange for 6 (in words: six) shares of BNPP Polska, the shareholders of BNPP Polska will receive 5 (in words: five) Merger Shares (the “**Share Exchange Ratio**”).
3. If the Merger Shares are delivered by BGŻ S.A. to the authorized BNPP Polska shareholders before or on the dividend day established in 2015, referred to in art. 348 § 3 of the CCC, the Merger Shares will participate in the profit starting from January 1, 2014, and if the Merger Shares are delivered by BGŻ S.A. to the authorized BNPP Polska shareholders after the dividend day established in 2015, referred to in art. 348 § 3 of the CCC, the Merger Shares will participate in the profit starting from January 1, 2015.

§3.

Rules of allotment of shares

1. The Merger Shares will be allotted to the shareholders of BNPP Polska – i.e., to the entities which as at the reference date (the “**Reference Day**”) determined pursuant to relevant regulations the National Depository for Securities (the “**NDS**”) hold BNPP Polska shares and have them recorded on their securities account or registered in a relevant register kept by a brokerage house or a bank conducting brokerage activity, and with respect to collective accounts, to the entities communicated to the entity keeping the collective account by its holder as the beneficial owners, as at the Reference Day, of the BNPP Polska shares recorded on that account – through the NDS, based on the Share Exchange Ratio in proportion to the number of shares of BNPP Polska held on Reference Day.
2. The Management Board of BGŻ S.A. shall inform the NDS of the chosen Reference Day, provided that the Reference Day in accordance with the *Detailed Rules of Activity of the NDS* must not fall earlier than the day following the day of receipt by the NDS of the documents referred to in § 218 of the *Detailed Rules of Activity of the NDS* and not earlier than the settlement date of a transaction involving the shares of BNPP Polska concluded in organized trading before trading in these shares is suspended. If the Management Board of BGŻ S.A. fails to indicate the Reference Day or indicates it in breach of the conditions defined in the *Detailed Rules of Activity of the NDS*, the Reference Day shall be the nearest business day that meets the conditions defined in the *Detailed Rules of Activity of the NDS*.
3. The Management Board of BNPP Polska shall take steps in order to cause a suspension of trading in BNPP Polska shares for a period beginning no sooner than on the day following the date of filing an application for the registration of the Merger in the Register of Entrepreneurs of the National Court Register, and ending on the day of the delisting of the BNPP Polska shares.
4. The number of the Merger Shares to be allotted to each of the BNPP Polska shareholders will be determined as the product of the number of BNPP Polska shares held by such shareholder on the Reference Day and the Share Exchange Ratio, and rounding the product down to the nearest integer (unless the product is an integer).
5. A BNPP Polska shareholder who does not receive a fractional Merger Share to which it was entitled to according to the Share Exchange Ratio as a result of the rounding referred to in § 3 Section 4 above, will be entitled to cash compensation (the “**Compensation**”).
6. The Compensation payable to the BNPP Polska shareholder shall be calculated as the product of (i) the fractional amount of the share in BGŻ S.A. which has not been issued to the BNPP Polska shareholder and (ii) PLN 80.47. The amount of the due Compensation will be rounded off to 1 grosz (PLN 0.01), it being understood that PLN 0.005 will be rounded up.
7. The Compensation will be paid to the BNPP Polska shareholders through the NDS within 14 business days of the Reference Day.
8. The restriction referred to in Article 492 § 2 of the CCC shall apply to the Compensation. The Compensation will be funded from the supplementary capital of BGŻ S.A. The Compensation

shall be reduced by the due amount of income tax, if such tax is payable on the Compensation in accordance with the current provisions of law.

9. Within 15 business days of the Reference Day the Management Board of BGŻ S.A. shall take every effort in order to cause the Merger Shares that are not allotted to the BNPP Polska shareholders as a result of the rounding down pursuant to clause § 3 item 4 above to be allotted to a financial institution being a shareholder of BNPP Polska selected by the Management Board of BGŻ S.A. Such Merger Shares are to be taken up for 80.47 PLN per Merger Share.

§4.

Approval of the Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 506 § 4 of the CCC, the General Meeting hereby grants its consent to the following amendments to the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A.:

1. The title of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF BANK GOSPODARKI ŻYWNOŚCIOWEJ SPÓŁKA AKCYJNA”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF BANK BGŻ BNP PARIBAS SPÓŁKA AKCYJNA”

2. § 1 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej Spółka Akcyjna, hereinafter referred to as “the Bank”, is a bank established as a result of transformation of Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej carried out pursuant to Article 29 of the Act of 24 June 1994 on the restructuring of cooperative banks and Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej and amending some other acts (Journal of Laws No. 80, item 369), and it operates on the basis of this Statute and the legal provisions in force.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“Bank BGŻ BNP Paribas Spółka Akcyjna, hereinafter referred to as “the Bank”, is a bank established as a result of transformation of Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej carried out pursuant to Article 29 of the Act of 24 June 1994 on the restructuring of cooperative banks and Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej and amending some other acts (Journal of Laws No. 80, item 369), and it operates on the basis of these Articles of Association and the legal provisions in force.”

3. § 2 Section 1 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

„The Bank operates under the name of “Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej Spółka Akcyjna”. The Bank may use the short names of “Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej S.A.”, “Bank BGŻ S.A.” or “BGŻ S.A.”, as well as a distinguishing graphic mark.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Bank operates under the name of “Bank BGŻ BNP Paribas Spółka Akcyjna”. The Bank may use the short name of “Bank BGŻ BNP Paribas S.A.”, as well as a distinguishing graphic mark.”

4. § 5 Section 3 item 1) of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“receive or acquire shares and rights attached thereto, shares of other legal persons and participation units in investment funds,”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“receive or acquire shares and rights attached thereto, shares of other legal persons and participation units, participation certificates and titles in investment funds,”

5. In § 5 Section 3 item 8) of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. point d) shall be added to read as follows:

“investment counselling concerning securities issued by the State Treasury or the National Bank of Poland or other financial instruments not admitted to organized trading,”

6. § 5 Section 3 item 13) of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A., with the current wording:

“intermediation in trade in investment funds participation units and titles in participation in foreign funds,”

shall be deleted,

with the numbering of the items in § 5 Section 3 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. remaining unchanged, and the deleted item 13) being indicated as „(deleted)”.

7. At the end of § 5 Section 3 item 19), the punctuation sign „.” shall be replaced with the punctuation sign „,”

8. In § 5 Section 3 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. item 20) shall be added to read as follows:

“provision of certification services within the meaning of the regulations on electronic signature, with the exception of qualified certificates used by banks in actions to which they are a party.”

9. At the end of § 6 item 8), the punctuation sign „.” shall be replaced with the punctuation sign „,”

10. In § 6 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. item 9) shall be added to read as follows:

“act as a bondholders’ agent within the meaning of the Act of 29 June 1995 on bonds.”

11. § 12 Section 3 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“Purchase or sale of real property, share in real property, or the right of perpetual usufruct shall require a resolution of the General Meeting if their value equals or exceeds 1/4 (one fourth) of the Bank’s share capital, and the operation is not related to satisfying the Bank’s claims against a debtor or securing the Bank’s debt claims.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“Purchase or sale of real property, share in real property, or the right of perpetual usufruct shall not require a resolution of the General Meeting.”

12. § 16 Section 1 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“The Bank Supervisory Board shall be composed of five to nine members appointed for a joint three-year term of office by the General Meeting. The number of members of the Supervisory

Board of the particular term of office shall be determined by the General Meeting. At least half of the members of the Bank Supervisory Board should have good knowledge of the banking market in Poland, i.e. they should permanently reside in Poland, have a good command of Polish and have gained the required experience on the Polish market.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Bank Supervisory Board shall be composed of five to twelve members appointed for a joint three-year term of office by the General Meeting. The number of members of the Supervisory Board of the particular term of office shall be determined by the General Meeting. At least half of the members of the Bank Supervisory Board should have good knowledge of the banking market in Poland, i.e. they should have a good command of Polish and have gained the required experience on the Polish market.”

13. § 20 Section 1 item 1) point d) of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“expression of consent to the acquisition or disposal of real estate, a share in real estate or perpetual usufruct if their value is lower than 1/4 (one fourth) and higher than 1/ 10 (one tenth) of the share capital, and moreover it is not related to the satisfaction of the Bank’s claims against its debtor or securing the Bank’s receivables,”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“expression of consent to the acquisition or disposal of real estate, a share in real estate or perpetual usufruct, if their value amounts at least to 5,000,000 (five million) zlotys, and moreover it is not related to the satisfaction of the Bank’s claims against its debtor, the granting of financing in the form of leasing or securing the Bank’s receivables,”

14. § 20 Section 1 item 1) point f) of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“adoption of regulations for granting credits, loans, bank guarantees or sureties to members of governing bodies of BGZ S.A., persons in managerial positions and entities related to them organizationally and in terms of capital,”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“adoption of regulations for granting credits, loans, bank guarantees or sureties to members of governing bodies of the Bank, persons in managerial positions and entities related to them organizationally and in terms of capital,”

15. § 20 Section 5 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“The Supervisory Board creates internal commissions composed of members of the Supervisory Board, in particular with regard to the Bank’s internal audit. The organisation, competencies and scope of the responsibilities of the internal commissions are specified in the By-laws of the Supervisory Board. The duties of the Internal Audit Commission of the Bank include in particular the supervision over the operations of the Internal Audit Department.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Supervisory Board creates internal committees composed of members of the Supervisory Board, in particular with regard to the Bank’s internal audit. The organisation, competencies and scope of the responsibilities of the internal committees are specified in the By-laws of the Supervisory Board. The duties of the Internal Audit Committee of the Bank include in particular the supervision over the operations of the Internal Audit Department.”

16. § 20 Section 6 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“The Internal Audit Commission of the Bank is composed of at least one independent member of the Bank Supervisory Board mentioned in Section 16 paragraph 4 of the Articles of Association with qualifications and experience in accounting and finance.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Internal Audit Committee of the Bank is composed of at least one independent member of the Bank Supervisory Board mentioned in Section 16 paragraph 4 of the Articles of Association with qualifications and experience in accounting and finance.”

17. § 20 Section 7 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“The Internal Audit Commission of the Bank shall include at least one member of Supervisory Board of the Bank, who shall fulfil conditions of independence stipulated in the Act of Law on the statutory auditors and their self-governing, entities authorized to audit the financial statements and on public supervision and who has qualifications on the field of accountancy and audit.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Internal Audit Committee of the Bank shall include at least one member of Supervisory Board of the Bank, who shall fulfil conditions of independence stipulated in the Act of Law on the statutory auditors and their self-governing, entities authorized to audit the financial statements and on public supervision and who has qualifications on the field of accountancy and audit.”

18. § 21 Section 1 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“The Bank Management Board consists of four to ten members, appointed for a common term of three years.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Bank Management Board consists of four to twelve members, and from January 1, 2018 – of four to nine members. The members of the Management Board are appointed for a common term of three years.”

19. § 22 Section 2 item 11) of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“making decisions on purchasing and selling real estate and the perpetual usufruct right, if their value does not exceed 1/10 of the share capital, if this is not related to the satisfaction of the claims of the Bank against its debtors or securing the receivables of the Bank, regardless of the value of the real estate or the interest in the real estate or the perpetual usufruct right;”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“making decisions on purchasing or selling real estate or the perpetual usufruct right, if their value is lower than 5,000,000 (five million) zlotys, unless purchasing or selling real estate or the perpetual usufruct right is related to the satisfaction of the claims of the Bank against its debtors, securing the receivables of the Bank or granting of financing in the form of leasing, regardless of the value of the real estate or the interest in the real estate or the perpetual usufruct right;”

20. § 24 Section 2 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“The power of attorney are granted by two members of the Management Board acting jointly, one member of the Management Board acting with the commercial representative, or two commercial representatives acting jointly (in the case of joint commercial representation) as well as proxies within the powers of attorney granted to them.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The power of attorney are granted by two members of the Management Board acting jointly, one member of the Management Board acting with the commercial representative, or two commercial representatives acting jointly as well as proxies within the powers of attorney granted to them.”

21. § 25 Section 2 of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“Vice-President of the Management Board appointed upon approval of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority is responsible for system risk management, including internal system of setting limits and risk management procedures.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The basic duties of the Management Board member appointed upon consent of the Polish Financial Supervision Authority include the management of risk, including credit risk.”

22. § 29 Section 1 first sentence of the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A. with the current wording:

“The Bank’s share capital amounts to PLN 56,138,764 (fifty-six million, one hundred and thirty-eight thousand, seven hundred and sixty-four zlotys) and is divided into 56,138,764 (fifty-six million, one hundred and thirty-eight thousand, seven hundred and sixty-four) registered shares and bearer shares with the nominal value of PLN 1 (one) each, including:

- a) 15,088,100 (fifteen million, eighty-eight thousand, one hundred) series A shares, from number 00000001 to number 15088100,
- b) 7,807,300 (seven million, eight hundred and seven thousand, three hundred) series B shares, from number 0000001 to number 7807300,
- c) 247,329 (two hundred and forty-seven thousand, three hundred and twenty-nine) series C shares, from number 000001 to number 247329,
- d) 3,220,932 (three million, two hundred and twenty thousand, nine hundred and thirty-two) series D shares, from number 0000001 to number 3220932,
- e) 10,640,643 (ten million, six hundred and forty thousand, six hundred and forty-three) series E shares, from number 00000001 to number 10640643,
- f) 6,132,460 (six million, one hundred and thirty-two thousand, four hundred and sixty) series F shares, from number 0000001 to number 6132460,
- g) 8,000,000 (eight million) series G shares, from number 0000001 to number 8000000, and
- h) 5,002,000 (five million, two thousand) series H shares from number 0000001 to number 5002000.”

shall be amended to read as follows:

“The Bank’s share capital amounts to PLN 84,238,318 (eighty four million two hundred thirty eight thousand three hundred eighteen) and is divided into 84,238,318 (eighty four million two hundred thirty eight thousand three hundred eighteen) registered shares and bearer shares with the nominal value of PLN 1 each, including:

- a) 15,088,100 (fifteen million, eighty-eight thousand, one hundred) series A shares, from number 00000001 to number 15088100,
- b) 7,807,300 (seven million, eight hundred and seven thousand, three hundred) series B shares, from number 0000001 to number 7807300,
- c) 247,329 (two hundred and forty-seven thousand, three hundred and twenty-nine) series C shares, from number 000001 to number 247329,
- d) 3,220,932 (three million, two hundred and twenty thousand, nine hundred and thirty-two) series D shares, from number 0000001 to number 3220932,
- e) 10,640,643 (ten million, six hundred and forty thousand, six hundred and forty-three) series E shares, from number 00000001 to number 10640643,
- f) 6,132,460 (six million, one hundred and thirty-two thousand, four hundred and sixty) series F shares, from number 0000001 to number 6132460,
- g) 8,000,000 (eight million) series G shares, from number 0000001 to number 8000000,
- h) 5,002,000 (five million, two thousand) series H shares from number 0000001 to number 5002000, and
- i) 28,099,554 (twenty eight million ninety nine thousand five hundred fifty four) series I shares from number 00000001 to number 28099554.”

§5. Final Provisions

This resolution shall enter into force as of the date of its adoption, provided that the Merger shall become effective subject to obtaining all consents and approvals related to the Merger, including:

- (a) the Financial Supervision Authority’s permit for the Merger, pursuant to the provisions of Article 124 Section 1 of the Banking Law;
- (b) the Financial Supervision Authority’s permit for the amendments to the Articles of Association of BGŻ S.A., pursuant to the provisions of Article 34 Section 2 in conjunction with Article 31 Section 3 of the Banking Law;
- (c) the decision on non-objection of the Financial Supervision Authority to the acquisition by BGŻ S.A. of shares in Towarzystwo Funduszy Inwestycyjnych BNP Paribas Polska Spółka Akcyjna with its registered office in Warsaw (pursuant to the provisions of Article 54 Section 1 of the Act of May 27, 2004 on investment funds) or when the statutory time period for the Financial Supervision Authority to deliver the abovementioned decision has lapsed;
- (d) the decision of the competent regulatory authority within the framework of the Single Supervisory Mechanism on non-objection to the strategic decision of BNP Paribas Fortis SA/NV underlying the Merger or the lapse of the statutory time period for the

competent regulatory authority to deliver a decision raising objections to that strategic decision;

- (e) the decision on the approval by the Financial Supervision Authority of the information memorandum of BGŻ S.A. pursuant to Article 38b Section 1 in conjunction with Article 7 Section 7 item 1) and Article 7 Section 14 item 1) of the Act on Public Offers and the Conditions for Introducing Financial Instruments to the Organized Trading System, and on Public Companies dated July 29, 2005;
- (f) the Financial Supervision Authority's permit for BGŻ S.A. to carry out the brokerage activity consisting in managing portfolios including one or more financial instruments, pursuant to the provisions of Article 69 Section 1 and Section 2 item 4) of the Act of July 29, 2005 on trading in financial instruments.