

ESPIRITO SANTO FINANCIAL GROUP SA

Under Bankruptcy

PRESS RELEASE

To whom it may concern:

1. On 10 October 2014 the Luxembourg Court of Commerce (Court), declared the bankruptcy of ESPIRITO SANTO FINANCIAL GROUP (ESFG), a Luxembourg company that holds, directly and indirectly a stake of 20,05% in Banco Espírito Santo, SA (BES).
2. The Court appointed as bankruptcy receiver Mrs. Laurence Jacques, lawyer, admitted in Luxembourg Bar Association, (Receiver). The Receiver's mission, under the controlling power of the Court, is to retain, recover and seek compensation in respect of the assets held or formerly held by ESFG, or their value, by all legal means and, as required in the jurisdictions of those assets, to protect exclusively the interests of ESFG creditors.
3. In Portugal, ESFG is presently the legal owner of the above-referred stake in BES, as well as, indirectly, of 100% of the capital of the insurance company Companhia de Seguros Tranquilidade, SA.
4. Further to obtaining proper legal advice in Portugal and, after thorough analysis, the Receiver believes that the Bank of Portugal decision to resolve BES, taken on 3 August 2014, is illegal, on the grounds that, among other laws, it violates the Portuguese Constitution and EU law and, most clearly, the Bank of Portugal decision is unlawfully detrimental to ESFG as shareholder of BES and to its creditors.
5. In this context, the Receiver informs that, on this date, ESFG has filed two lawsuits with the Lisbon Administrative Court.

The lawsuits filed today have two main goals:

- (i) to declare null and void the decision to resolve BES adopted by the Bank of Portugal on 3 August 2014 and consequently to extinguish Novo Banco, SA (NB) and have all opening assets and liabilities of NB (or their value) transferred back to BES;
 - (ii) to annul the decision adopted by the Bank of Portugal on 30 July 2014 that suspended the voting rights of ESFG in BES and recover the unrestricted exercise of ESFG direct and indirect shareholding rights in BES.
6. The Receiver has mandated the Portuguese law firm, PLMJ – Sociedade de Advogados, RL to represent ESFG in the above proceedings.

Luxembourg, 30 November 2014