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Vandaag heeft KBC Bank NV zijn deelneming van 16,17% in Bank Zachodni WBK in de markt geplaatst via een secundair aanbod. Het boekbuildingproces begon op 18 maart en was voorbehouden aan in aanmerking komende institutionele beleggers. De verkoop van de 15 125 964 door KBC aangeboden aandelen (goed voor 16,17% van de uitstaande aandelen van BZ WBK) tegen de finale biedprijs van 245 PLN per aandeel leverde KBC 37,1 miljard PLN (0,9 miljard EUR) op en versterkt de reeds stevige solvabiliteitspositie van KBC met 0,6%. De pro forma Tier-1 ratio zal dus per einde kwartaal 14,7% bedragen. Voor KBC is deze verkoop een van de laatste belangrijke stappen in de uitvoering van het strategische plan dat in 2009 werd afgesproken met de Europese Commissie.

Als verkopende aandeelhouders hebben KBC en Santander met het oog op stabilisering een 'reverse greenshoe option' van 10% van de finale biedprijs verleend, waarbij het Londense filiaal van Deutsche Bank AG werd aangewezen als stabilising manager voor de onderwriters.

Na afsluiting van de aanbieding zullen KBC en Santander een lock-up van 90 dagen in acht nemen en BZ WBK een lock-up van 180 dagen. Daarop gelden bepaalde uitzonderingen, met name uitzonderingen opgelegd door de toezichhouders of door tot nu toe aangegane engagementen.

Met deze aandelentransactie sluit KBC de desinvestering van Kredyt Bank en van zijn aanwezigheid als bank in Polen af. Door de desinvestering van Kredyt Bank komt voor KBC 1,0 miljard euro aan kapitaal vrij onder Basel II, waarvan bijna 0,6 miljard euro in het eerste kwartaal van 2013. De totale (pro-forma) totale Tier 1-impact van de desinvestering van Kredyt Bank (met inbegrip van de verkoop van deze participatie van 16,17%) op de geconsolideerde cijfers van de KBC-groep bedraagt ongeveer +1,3% waarvan bijna +0,8% in het laatste kwartaal van 2012 en +0,6% in het eerste kwartaal van 2013.

Johan Thijs, CEO van de KBC-groep: “Voor KBC was het geen gemakkelijke beslissing Kredyt Bank te desinvesteren en zich terug te trekken uit de Poolse bankenmarkt, die volgens ons absoluut potentieel heeft. Maar de verkoop van onze participatie in BZ WBK is weer een belangrijke stap, een van de laatste trouwens, in de uitvoering van het strategische plan dat we hebben afgesproken met de Europese Commissie. Deze geslaagde transactie maakt een aanzienlijk kapitaalbedrag vrij en heeft een positief effect op het resultaat van KBC en op onze Tier 1-ratio.”

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