## INFORMATION FOR BKT WEBSITE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

**Updated as at 31 December 2024** 

## 1. Profit distribution policy

The decision-making mechanism of the profit distribution at Banka Kombetare Tregtare ('BKT' or 'the Bank') consists of the recommendation made by the Board of Directors and approval taken by the General Meeting of Shareholders.

The General Meeting of Shareholders in BKT is held at least once in a year, aiming to approve the financial statements of the Bank and decide on the allocation of the profit for the last financial year ended.

Based on the decisions of General Meeting of Shareholders, all the profits realized by BKT during 2000-2015 financial years are capitalized to equity and are used by the Bank to maintain the continuous expansion of balance sheet and boost the profitability.

On 30 March 2017 the Bank performed the first dividend payment to its Shareholders.

The General Meeting of Shareholders held on 27 March 2024 approved the resolution no.2 as follows:

"That the statutory and IFRS financial statements audited by "Forvis Mazars" ltd, for the financial year ended December 31, 2023 be approved".

That, as per the recommendation of the Board of Directors, the statutory net profit of BKT for year 2023: Lek 7,861,575,600 and accumulated retained earnings from year 2022: Lek 6,358,631,748 be allocated as follows:

- a) Part of the net profit: Lek 393,078,780 will be used for creating obligatory reserve, as per the Law No. 9901, dated 14.04.2008 "On traders and commercial companies";
- b) Part of the accumulated retained earnings from year 2022: Lek 4,826,000,004.83 an equivalent of USD 50,000,000.05 by the Bank of Albania exchange rate of today, USD 1.00 = Lek 96.52, will be used for increasing the authorised and paid-in capital of BKT, via emission of the new shares.
- c) The remaining part of the accumulated retained earnings from year 2022: Lek 1,532,631,743.17 and part of the net profit of year 2023: Lek 3,293,368,256.83, totalling Lek 4,826,000,000 an equivalent of USD 50,000,000 by the Bank of Albania exchange rate as of today, USD 1.00 = Lek 96.52, will be used to distribute as dividends to Çalik Holding A.Ş., as sole Shareholder of BKT.
- d) The remaining part of the net profit of year 2023: Lek 4,175,128,563 will be kept as retained earnings.

According to the resolution no.9 "FORVIS MAZARS" sh.p.k. was appointed as the external auditor of the Bank for the financial year ending 31 December 2024.