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## **OPINION OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

*To the General Meeting of Bank Polska Kasa Opieki Spółka Akcyjna*

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Bank Polska Kasa Opieki Spółka Akcyjna Group seated in Warsaw, ul. Grzybowska 53/57, (“the Group”), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2008, with total assets and total liabilities and equity of PLN 131 940 762 thousand, the consolidated profit and loss account for the year then ended with a net profit of PLN 3 540 936 thousand, the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended with an increase in equity of PLN 1 289 143 thousand, the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended with a decrease in cash amounting to PLN 4 591 526 thousand and notes to the consolidated financial statements, comprising of a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

### *Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management of the parent entity is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by European Union and with other applicable regulations. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### *Auditor’s Responsibility*

Our responsibility, based on our audit, is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements. We conducted our audit in accordance with section 7 of the Accounting Act dated 29 September 1994 (Official Journal from 2002, No. 76, item 694 with amendments) (“the Accounting Act”), the professional standards established by the Polish National Council of Certified Auditors and International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.



An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Bank Polska Kasa Opieki Spółka Akcyjna Group have been prepared and present fairly in all material respects the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2008 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union, and are in compliance with the respective regulations that apply to the consolidated financial statements, applicable to the Group.

#### *Emphasis of matter*

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 8 to the consolidated financial statements which describe management's assessment of the Group's loan exposure in Ukraine. As the management stated the assessment of this exposure is of a particularly complex nature in light of the current market conditions and the resulting difficulties when forecasting future earnings. In addition, the parameters and the information used to assess the carrying value of the Group's loan portfolio in Ukraine are heavily influenced by the macroeconomic and market environment, which could be rapidly affected, as it has been in the past few months, by unforeseeable developments.



*Other Matters*

As required under the Accounting Act we also report that the Report on the Group's activities includes, in all material respects, the information required by Art. 49 of the Accounting Act and by the Decree of the Ministry of Finance dated 19 October 2005 on current and periodic information provided by issuers of securities (Official Journal from 2005, No 209, item 1744) and the information is consistent with the consolidated financial statements.

*Signed on the Polish original*

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