

PRESS RELEASE

SIF Banat-Crișana announces the persons entitled to receive the dividends distributed by the company for 1997-2005 financial years that in case they did not collect the due dividends, these amounts are put at their disposal and are paid by the company.

The persons entitled to receive dividends are the registered shareholders at the reference/record date of the shareholders general meeting that approved the dividend, respectively their legal successors.

Dividend payment is performed as follows:

- **in cash** for holders of less than 200 shares – The payment is made to the entitled persons, at their request, at the cashier desks of SIF Banat-Crișana's headquarters and branch offices at the addresses specified below;
- **by postal order** for holders of 200 up to 5,000 shares – The payment is made to the entitled persons at the mail addresses specified in the application submitted or sent to SIF Banat-Crișana's headquarters - Shareholders Relation Office or branch offices;
- **by bank transfer** for holders of more than 5,000 shares - The payment is made to the entitled persons who demand in written the payment by bank transfer at SIF Banat-Crișana's headquarters - Shareholders Relation Office or by e-mail at the address conturi@banat-crisana.com. The bank account number should be mentioned in the application.

The applications regarding the dividend payment for the shares inherited will be accompanied by copies of the following documents:

- Successor Certificate (where the number of shares inherited should be mentioned explicitly), the death certificate of the share owner, the successor's identity card – in case the share transfer is not recorded in the shareholders register maintained by S.C.Depozitarul Central S.A. Bucuresti;
- Account statement issued by the registrar – in case the share transfer is made in the shareholders register;
- Written statements signed by the successors with their consent given to the applicant to collect the dividends (if applicable)

Further information is available at SIF Banat-Crișana's headquarters in Arad, 35A Calea Victoriei, 310158, phone 0040 257 255 046, e-mail conturi@banat-crisana.com, web site: www.banat-crisana.com or any of company's branches at the following addresses: Alba-Iulia office, 1 Regele Carol Blvd., phone 0258-812842; Baia Mare office, 3 Traian Blvd, phone 0262-223362; Bistrița office, 23 General Grigore Bălan St., phone 0263-218551; Bucharest office, 54 Regina Elisabeta Blvd, ap.2, Sector 5, phone 021-3111647; Cluj-Napoca office, 1 Muzeului Square, ap. 2/1, phone 0264-593400; Deva office, 37-A 22 Decembrie St., phone. 0254-233537; Oradea office, 44 Independenței Square, bl. A.2, phone 0259-437706; Reșița office, Păcii St., bl.1, sc. 2, ap.1, phone 0255-213987; Satu Mare office, 3 Mareșal Averescu St., ap.37, phone 0261-710756; Timișoara office, 36 Gh. Lazăr St., phone 0256-497154; Zalău office, 7 1 Decembrie 1918 Square, phone 0260-616580.

SIF Banat-Crișana also informs its shareholders that beginning with January 3, 2007 the register of company's shareholders is maintained by S.C.Depozitarul Central S.A. - 25 Făgăraș street, sector 1 Bucharest.

SIF Banat-Crișana shareholders are advised to contact S.C.Depozitarul Central S.A for services such as:

- issuance of account statements, account history, account summary, or shareholder information;
- issuance of lists of confidential code number;
- making changes in personal data;
- making share transfer in death cases.

According to the regulations in force, these activities are performed only by S.C.Depozitarul Central S.A

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer
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