



MATERIAL FACT

Further to the relevant fact communication dated October 14, 2016 (registry number 243,688), Banco Santander, S.A. ("**Banco Santander**") informs that the trading period for the bonus share rights corresponding to the free-of-charge capital increase by means of which the "Santander Dividendo Elección" scheme is carried out ended on November 1, 2016.

The holders of 89.11% of the bonus share rights have chosen to receive new shares. Thus, the definitive number of ordinary shares of 0.5 Euros of face value issued in the free-of-charge capital increase is 147,848,122, corresponding to 1.02% of the share capital, and the amount of the capital increase is 73,924,061 Euros. After the free-of-charge capital increase, the share capital amounts to 7,291,170,350.50 Euros represented by 14,582,340,701 ordinary shares of 0.5 Euros of face value each. The value of the compensation corresponding to the holders of bonus share rights who have requested new shares amounts to 578,825,397.63 Euros.

The shareholders holding the remaining 10.89% of the bonus share rights have accepted the irrevocable commitment to purchase bonus share rights assumed by Banco Santander. Consequently, Banco Santander has acquired 1,571,705,815 rights for a total gross consideration of 70,726,761.68 Euros. Banco Santander has waived the bonus share rights so acquired.

It is envisaged that the relevant authorisations for the admission to listing of the new shares in the Spanish Stock Exchanges will be granted on November 11, 2016, so that ordinary trading of such shares in Spain will commence on November 14¹. The authorisation for the admission to listing of those shares will also be requested on all other stock exchanges on which Banco Santander is listed.

Boadilla del Monte (Madrid), November 4, 2016

¹ Estimated date. Subject to the granting of the relevant authorisations.