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Final dividend announcement for 2018 and the first Quarter Actual results for 2019

Sir Kostas Constantinou OBE, Chairman of Bank of South Pacific Limited (BSP) today announced the final dividend for the year ending 2018.

Sir Kostas noted that notwithstanding some macroeconomic challenges in PNG and other Pacific countries in which BSP operates; the BSP Group again delivered a successful financial result in 2018 with a net profit after tax of K844m, an increase of K87m on the 2017 result. The directors therefore have determined a final dividend of 101 toea for 2018. With this final dividend and the 36 toea interim dividend paid in October 2018, the total dividend payment is K1.37 (2017 =K1.23) per share, giving a yield of 12.73% on the current share price of K10.76 (as at 3rd of May 2019). The payout ratio for 2018 of 75.84% is similar to 2017's ratio of 75.93% and aligns to BSP dividend policy.

Capital adequacy ratios will remain above BPNG guidelines after payment of the final dividend.

The planned processing dates for the 2018 final dividend are:

Ex-date: Friday 31st of May 2019
Record date: Friday 07th of June 2019
Payment date: Friday 21st of June 2019

In announcing the dividend Sir Kostas stated that the full year dividend represents a distribution to shareholders of K640.125M. (2017 K574.798M). Over the past 6 years BSP has returned to shareholders over K2.754b in dividends.

Sir Kostas also announced the Group's unaudited results for the first quarter of 2019. The quarter 1 2019 profit after tax is K218.813m, which is K16.9m above the same quarter in 2018.

BSP's Balance Sheet reflected a generally stable market share in PNG and an expectation of continued subdued business conditions in the short term. Capital adequacy has improved to 24.1% (2018=22.9%) at the end of March 2019.

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