

## Ad-hoc Announcement pursuant to § 15 WpHG: IKB returns SoFFin guarantee of € 2 billion

[Düsseldorf, 9 February 2010] At the request of IKB Deutsche Industriebank AG on 4 February 2010, the Special Fund for the Stabilisation of the Financial Market (*Sonderfonds Finanzmarktstabilisierung* – SoFFin) today ruled to reduce IKB's guarantee from a total of € 12 billion to € 10 billion effective from 17 February 2010. IKB had filed for the reduction as the Bank's liquidity situation has now stabilised.

### Explanation

The guarantees being returned relate to the extension of the guarantee of originally € 5 billion to € 12 billion, which had been granted to IKB by SoFFin on 18 August 2009. Under this expanded guarantee frame, the state-guaranteed bonds were permitted to have a maturity of up to 36 months for a maximum of € 4 billion and a maturity of up to 60 months for a maximum of € 3 billion. Of this frame, IKB used guarantees of € 2 billion with a maturity of three years in September 2009. State-guaranteed securities of € 2 billion with a maturity of five years and € 1 billion with a maturity of three years were issued in February 2010.

The reduction of assets and the accumulation of customer deposits have positively affected the liquidity situation at IKB.

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