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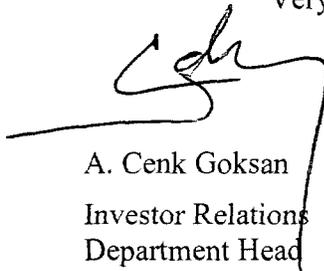
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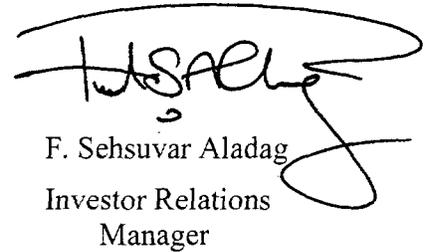
Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed press release is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on behalf of Akbank T.A.S. (the "Company") pursuant to the exemption from the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") afforded by Rule 12g3-2(b) thereunder.

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Very truly yours,


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To the Investment Community;

Sabancı Family will sell **1.40%** of Akbank shares to international investors responding to a demand from these investors. Accordingly, the free-float of Akbank shares will increase to **33.65%**.

The new ownership structure of the bank will be as follows;

Sabancı Family : 23.29 %

H.Ö. Sabancı Holding and Subsidiaries : 43.06 %

H.Ö. Sabancı Holding : 34.23 %

Aksigorta : 6.62 %

Exsa : 2.21 %

Free Float : 33.65 %

