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Subject: Termination of Agreement with the audit firm.

Management Board of ING Bank Hipoteczny S.A. ("Bank") informs about the termination of the Agreement of July 15, 2022 for audit services ("Agreement") concluded with the audit company BDO Spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością sp. k. ("BDO"), covering the review and audit of the Bank's financial statements for the periods from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 and from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in the scope of the audit of the statutory financial statements for the financial year 2023.

In connection with the proposal sent by BDO, on December 20, 2023, the Agreement was terminated by mutual consent of the Parties.

The reason for terminating the Agreement is the risk of qualification of services provided in the Q3 2023 by a company from the network to which BDO belongs to a branch of the Bank's parent company: ING Bank N.V. Sydney Branch, as prohibited within the meaning of Art. 5 of EU Regulation 537/2014 of April 16, 2014 on detailed requirements for statutory audits of the financial statements of public interest entities, as a result of which, in connection with Art. 66 section 6 of the Accounting Act, BDO's audit of the Bank's statutory financial statements for 2023 would be subject to the risk of invalidity. Moreover, the Audit and Risk Committee did not consent to the services in question.

At the same time, the Bank's Management Board emphasizes that the above circumstances and the resulting termination of the Agreement occurred before the statutory audit of the Bank's financial statements for the current financial year. The decision to terminate the Agreement on the Bank's side was made by the Bank's Management Board based on the decision of the Audit and Risk Committee and the positive opinion of the Bank's Supervisory Board.

Attached is a letter from the BDO auditing company addressed to the Polish Financial Supervision Authority, explaining the reasons for terminating the Agreement.

Legal basis: § 5 point 3) and § 8 of the Regulation of the Minister of Finance of March 29, 2018 on current and periodic information provided by issuers of securities and the conditions for recognizing as equivalent information required by the laws of a non-member state (Journal of Laws, item .757)

Signatures of company representatives:

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Marek Byczek - Vice President of the Management Board