

PRESS RELEASE

**SUPERVISORY BOARD OF NOVA KBM GAVE ITS CONSENT TO THE BUSINESS POLICY AND FINANCIAL PLAN OF THE BANK AND THE GROUP FOR 2010, AND RE-APPOINTED MATJAZH KOVAČIČ AS THE MANAGEMENT BOARD PRESIDENT**

**Maribor, 23 December 2009 – At today's meeting, the Supervisory Board of Nova KBM discussed the Bank's current operations and endorsed the 2010 business policy and financial plan of the Bank and the Group. Supervisory Board members re-appointed Matjaž Kovačič as the Bank's Management Board President for the next five-year period.**

At this year's last regular session, the Supervisory Board of Nova KBM discussed the Bank's current operations and endorsed the financial plan and business policy of Nova KBM and the Nova KBM Group for the coming year.

The Nova KBM Group targets the **total assets** to reach €5,953,665 thousand by the end of 2010. The Group's **profit from continuing operations** is planned to amount to €41,656 thousand in 2010, **net profit** is to amount to €34,774 thousand, and **net profit of equity holders** is set at €29,666 thousand.

By the end of 2010, the **total assets** of Nova KBM are to increase to €4,886,584 thousand, and the **Bank's profit from continuing operations** is to reach €21,022 thousand, or €17,238 thousand after tax.

Supervisory Board members today also decided upon the re-appointment of the present President of the Management Board, **Matjaž Kovačič**, and approved his term of office to be extended by a further five years.

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