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**PRESS RELEASE**

### **NOVA KBM – Final allocation of offer shares**

**Maribor, Slovenia, 26 April 2011 – Nova KBM, the second-largest banking group in Slovenia, announced the final allocation of shares in the public offering carried out this month. As planned, the company has allocated 13,040,989 ordinary shares and raised EUR 104.3 million in gross proceeds.**

**Existing shareholders of Nova KBM exercised their pre-emptive rights for a total of 8,056,622 shares. The remaining shares were allocated to Polish institutional investors (2,718,000 shares), institutional investors in other countries in Europe (1,978,568 shares), as well as Polish and Slovenian retail investors (59,454 and 228,345 shares, respectively). All retail shareholders were allocated the number of shares that they subscribed for.**

**The proceeds from the issue will be used to finance implementation of the Group's growth strategy, calling for reinforcement of its market position, further international expansion, optimisation of management and governance within the Group, and development of innovative distribution channels. A portion of the proceeds will also be used to meet potential new capital adequacy requirements for the banking markets.**

**Shareholders with pre-emptive rights, as well as retail investors in Slovenia, will be informed about allocation by post in the second week of May. Trading of the new shares on the LJSE as well as trading on the WSE will commence once all official procedures regarding the issue and registration of the new shares have been completed and these procedures are currently expected to be completed in mid May.**



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**About Nova KBM**

The Nova KBM Group is the second-largest banking group operating in Slovenia, as measured by total assets, loans and deposits, according to the Bank of Slovenia as at 31 December 2010. It provides mainstream banking services, investment banking services, modern banking channels as well as other financial services and advice to individual and corporate customers. Nova KBM also operates through its subsidiaries and affiliates in Austria, Serbia and Croatia. Its Austrian subsidiary bank is also present in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Montenegro and the Republic of Macedonia.

The branch network in Slovenia is composed of 96 branch offices (including 6 PBS branches) and over 550 post office branches through Poštna Banka Slovenije, a subsidiary of Nova KBM. Nova KBM has over 350,000 retail clients and over 11,000 corporate clients.

The Group's assets as at 31 December 2010 were EUR 5.9 billion.

In recent years Nova KBM has received the title "Bank of the Year" in Slovenia (*The Bankers, Financial Times*) and many other professional awards.

Nova KBM shares have been listed on the Ljubljana Stock Exchange since December 2007.

**More information available at [www.nkbm.si](http://www.nkbm.si)**

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*On 31 March 2011 the Prospectus was approved by Agencija za trg vrednostnih papirjev, the Slovenian Securities Market Agency („SMA“), and was made available to the public once all the conditions provided under Art. 72 of the Slovenian Market in Financial Instruments Act and Art. 37 of the Polish Public Offering Act dated 29 July 2005 were met, i.e. once the SMA approved the Prospectus and once the Polish Financial Supervision Authority had been notified by the SMA of the approval of the Prospectus and received a certificate of the approval of the Prospectus along with the Prospectus, a translation of the Prospectus into English and a translation of its summary into Polish.*

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*The Prospectus is available in electronic form at the websites of the Company ([www.nkbm.si](http://www.nkbm.si)), the WSE ([www.gpw.pl](http://www.gpw.pl)), and the LJSE ([seonet.ljse.si](http://seonet.ljse.si)). Hard copies of the Prospectus are also available free of charge upon request from the Company, ING Securities S.A. or Silkroute Securities (Polska) sp. z o.o. (institutional investors only).*