

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(This Auditors' Report is the English translation of that originally issued in Spanish)

To the President and Directors of
Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires
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Taxpayer Registration Code No.: 33-99924210-9

Report on Financial Statements

We have reviewed the attached consolidated financial statements of Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires (the "Bank"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2021, the consolidated statements of income, other comprehensive income, changes in net worth and cash flows for the fiscal year ended as of that date, Exhibits and the selected explanatory notes.

The balances and other information corresponding to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 are an integral part of the aforementioned consolidated financial statements and should therefore be considered in relation to those financial statements.

Responsibility of the Bank's Board of Directors and General Management

The Bank's Board of Directors and General Management are responsible for the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting framework established by the Argentine Central Bank ("BCRA"), which, as stated in note 2 to the attached consolidated financial statements, is based on the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), approved by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and adopted by the Argentine Federation of Professional Councils in Economic Sciences (*Federación Argentina de Consejos Profesionales de Ciencias Económicas* – FACPCE), with the exceptions described in note 2 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements. The Bank's Board of Directors and General Management are also responsible for the internal controls deemed necessary to allow for the preparation of financial information free from significant misstatements due to errors or irregularities.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We have conducted our review in accordance with the auditing standards established in the Technical Resolution No. 37 of the Argentine Federation of Professional Councils in Economic Sciences as approved by Resolution CD No. 3518 of the Professional Council in Economic Sciences of the Province of Buenos Aires (*Consejo Profesional de Ciencias Económicas de la Provincia de Buenos Aires* – CPCEBA) and the "Minimum Requirements on External Audits" issued by the BCRA applicable to the review of financial statements. Those standards require us to comply with ethical requirements and to plan and perform the audit so as to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material errors. An audit involves performing procedures based on selected data to obtain audit evidence about the figures and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material errors in the financial statements. In making this risk assessment, we consider the existing internal control relevant to the Bank's preparation and presentation of the financial statements in order to select audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Bank's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the accounting policies used, the significant estimates made by the Bank's Board of Directors and the General Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our professional opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires and its controlled companies at December 31, 2021, as well as the results of operations, changes in net worth and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting framework established by the BCRA as detailed in note 2 to those financial statements.

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Emphasis on certain matters disclosed in the financial statements

Without modifying our opinion, we draw the attention of the users of this report to the following matters disclosed in the accompanying financial statements, which must be considered for their interpretation:

- a) as mentioned in note 2 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, they have been prepared by the Bank's Board of Directors and General Management in conformity with the financial reporting framework established by the BCRA. Such framework differs from the IFRS as follows:
- i. through Resolution No. 277/18 dated June 15, 2018, the BCRA instructed Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires to maintain the criterion to charge all contributions made to the Retirement and Pension Fund for Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires Personnel (*Caja de Jubilaciones, Subsidios y Pensiones del Personal del Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires*) against income/(loss) when becoming effective, as long as the circumstances regarding the regulation of Provincial Law No. 15008, the implementation of the mechanism stated in section 11, paragraph L) therein, and the possibility to quantify the potential impact on the Bank remain the same. The criterion applied implies a deviation from IAS 19 and, even though the Bank is unable to fairly quantify its impact, it may have a significant effect and must be taken into account by the users of the accompanying financial statements;
 - ii. in accordance with Communication "A" 6847 issued by the BCRA, the Bank has applied the expected losses model set forth in section 5.5 of IFRS 9, excluding from its scope debt instruments of the non-financial public sector; the possible application of this rule to this type of exposure would cause a significant increase in the expected credit losses;
 - iii. as regards the investment held in Prisma Medios de Pago SA recorded under "Non-current assets held for sale" at December 31, 2021, it should be recognized at fair value determined pursuant to IFRS 9. As explained in note 2.c) to the consolidated financial statements at December 31, 2021, the BCRA, through its Memorandum No. 142 dated April 30, 2019, prescribed the accounting treatment to be applied to such remaining investment;
 - iv. according to BCRA Communication "A" 7014, debt instruments issued by the public sector received in exchange for other instruments should be measured upon initial recognition at the book value as of that date of the instruments delivered in replacement thereof. According to IFRS 9, the debt instruments received should have been measured at their fair value upon initial recognition.
- b) as stated in note 1.3 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, on June 15, 2018, the BCRA issued Resolution No. 277/18 restating the Regularization and Reorganization Plan according to the provisions of section 34 of the Law of Financial Institutions No. 21526, as amended. By such Resolution, the BCRA granted the Bank certain facilities and exemptions mainly linked to prudential regulations on minimum capital requirements, credit risk diversification, and to the issue mentioned in a)i) of this paragraph, the validity of which was extended up to September 30, 2021. On that date, the Bank submitted a report to the BCRA indicating the compliance status with the aforementioned Resolution and requesting an extension as provided in item 5 thereof and considering its consequent impact on the public sector credit risk diversification. On October 15, 2021, the BCRA took knowledge of the situation, making no remarks on the proposal made by the Bank, which should be submitted within 180 days.
- c) as described in note 35.1 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, at December 31, 2021 Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires and its controlled companies (hereinafter, the "Group") have a considerable exposure to the Argentine public sector through interests, government securities, loans and other financial assistance. Accordingly, the future evolution of the provincial and national economies and the honoring of obligations, in the context described in note 1.2 to the attached consolidated financial statements, are of significant importance to the financial condition of the Group;
- d) as stated in Note 35.1 and as a result of the situation mentioned in the previous paragraph, at December 31, 2021, the Bank shows an excess in the national public sector risk diversification of \$15,208,938 at a consolidated level, as indicated in note 1.3 to the accompanying financial statements;

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- e) Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires holds a 99.97% interest in Grupo Banco Provincia SA, which has been consolidated in the consolidated financial statements. Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the information included in:
- I. note 39.2.b to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, which describes that Provincia ART S.A. manages the self-insurance contract of the Government of the Province of Buenos Aires and therefore, significant receivable amounts have been accrued from it related party. At December 31, 2021, the pertinent balance in favor of Provincia ART S.A. amounted to \$1,724,522 thousand.
 - II. note 39.2.c. to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, which states that it is not possible to assess the final effect that the various judicial interpretations on aspects regulated by the present rules on workers compensation insurance may have on the activity of Provincia ART S.A. As a result of such interpretations, significant differences may arise between the system's actual compensations and the estimates made by the Company when setting up its provision for insurance claims at December 31, 2021, and
 - III. note 39.2.d to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, which states that it is not possible to assess the impact that financing of the monetary and in kind compensations of the COVID-19 related claims and the balances to be recovered by the Company at December 31, 2021 may have on its financial condition, which will depend on the evolution of the pandemic extension and duration and the supplementary regulations issued accordingly.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In compliance with prevailing regulations, we report that:

1. the accompanying consolidated financial statements are pending transcription into the "Inventory and Balance Sheet" book;
2. at December 31, 2021, the accrued debt for employee withholdings and employer contributions towards the Argentine Integrated Social Security System (*Sistema Integrado Previsional Argentino*), as recorded in the Bank's books, amounts to \$409,160 thousand, no amount being due as of that date;
3. at December 31, 2021, as mentioned in note 47 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements, the Bank's net worth and counterbalance entry in eligible assets exceed the minimum amounts required by the CNV; and
4. for validation purposes, the Professional Council of the Province of Buenos Aires must certify the signature of the undersigning accountant pursuant to the terms of section 166 of Law No. 10620, which governs the professional practice of graduates in economic sciences in this jurisdiction.

La Plata, Province of Buenos Aires, March 10, 2022.