*To:* Financial Supervision Commission Supervision of Investment Activities Division Sofia, 16 Budapest Str.

*CC:* Bulgarian Stock Exchange Sofia, 6, Tri Ushi Str.

30 January 2019, Sofia

<u>Re:</u> Notification pursuant to Art. 27(2), item 1 of Ordinance No. 2 of the Financial Supervision Commission on the prospectuses to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market and on disclosure of information

Dear Sirs,

We hereby inform you that First Investment Bank has made a financial lease transaction with an international investor for a significant portion of the site of the former Kremikovtsi steel plant.

The investor is a subsidiary of Soravia Real Estate Developers GmbH and part of the Austrian economic group Soravia. The transaction is an element of First Investment Bank's long-term strategy for decreasing non-interest bearing assets and further improves the Bank's balance-sheet positions and its financial ratios.

Regards,

(signed) Nedelcho Nedelchev Chief Executive Officer *(signed)* Svetozar Popov Executive Director