

## COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BÁSICO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO -**SABESP**

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### NOTICE TO THE MARKET

Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo - Sabesp ("Company" or "Sabesp") hereby informs its shareholders and the market in general that, on August 03, 2023, it received Official Letter 230/2023/CVM/SEP/GEA-2 ("Official Letter"), issued by the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission (CVM), as transcribed as follows:

"Official Letter 230/2023/CVM/SEP/GEA-2

Rio de Janeiro, August 3, 2023.

Att. to Mrs. Catia Cristina Teixeira Pereira Investor Relations Officer of

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Subject: Request for clarification - News article disclosed in the media

Dear Officer.

1. We refer to the news article published on the website of the Valor Econômico newspaper on 07/31/2023, at 7:40 p.m., entitled "Sabesp's privatization will be carried out through follow-on, with a reference investor, says Tarcísio de Freitas", with the following content:

## Sabesp's privatization will be carried out through follow-on, with a reference investor, says Tarcísio de Freitas

The model is more flexible than that of Eletrobras, which dispersed capital; the initiative foresees investments of R\$ 66 billion until 2029

By Taís Hirata, Valor — São Paulo

07/31/2023 7:40 p.m.

Sabesp's privatization will be carried out through follow-on, where the São Paulo State's stake of 50.3% will be diluted — the final stake has not been defined yet. The idea is to diversify the company's capital but with the possibility of having



<u>reference shareholders</u>, i.e. investors who could have increased control over the business, thus ensuring a long-term direction for the company.

This model was announced late Monday afternoon (31), right after a meeting of the Investment Partnerships Program (PPI).

The model chosen for Sabesp is similar to that of Eletrobras but with increased flexibility to allow shareholders to have greater control over the business. This format was selected among three others that underwent studies with the IFC: a follow-on with total dilution of capital, with no defined control, similar to what happened with Eletrobras; the partial sale of the company; and the total sale of the company.

The model proposed by the State foresees investments of R\$ 66 billion until 2029, which is R\$ 10 billion more than Sabesp's current investment plan, and acceleration of the universalization goal - from 2033 to 2029.

Investments include, in addition to universalization of services, water desalination projects, investments in the cleaning of the Tietê and Pinheiros rivers, and interventions to address climate change.

No definition of golden share yet

The State will continue as Sabesp's minority shareholder but the exact stake is yet to be defined, said the governor.

The São Paulo government has not decided yet whether or not to have a golden share in Sabesp once the company is privatized. This decision will be made in the future, according to Natalia Resente, Secretary of Environment, Infrastructure, and Logistics.

"The State will stay to ensure the acceleration of the universalization goals and the objectives brought about by the privatization. The State will stay to monitor the company's growth but the matter regarding the golden share will be analyzed", she said.

Sabesp's privatization should also include clauses for the participation of private shareholders but the idea is to have reference investors, i.e. shareholders with greater control to direct the company with a long-term vision, says Rafael Benini, Secretary of Investment Partnerships. The idea is not to have majority shareholders or necessarily create a controlling block, he says.

The reference shareholder could have slightly larger shareholding and guaranteed seats on the board of directors, Benini explains.

However, these definitions are yet to be detailed. "The idea is not to have anyone controlling the company, but a few shareholders with seats on the board to direct the company. But we are still not certain about having a controlling block. We currently want to prevent that while having shareholders capable of directing the company", he said.

- 2. Concerning the content of the news article, especially the <u>highlighted excerpts</u>, we hereby request that you state whether the information contained in said news article is true, and if so, we request that you provide additional clarification on the matter and **state** the reasons why the topics addressed in the highlighted excerpts were not included in the Material Fact disclosed by the Company on the same day 07/31/2023, at 11:05 p.m.
- 3. We also request that you inform us if, as indicated in the news article, the public announcement of the guidelines of the Company's privatization process model, as defined by the Executive Board of the State Privatization Program (CDPED), was indeed



made late Monday afternoon (31), right after that body's meeting, and, therefore, before the disclosure of a Material Fact by the Company, and if affirmative, the reasons why you believe such announcement would comply with the provisions of CVM Resolution 44/21.

- 4. The clarification must include a copy of this Official Letter and be forwarded through the Empresas.NET System, under the "Comunicado ao Mercado" category, type "Esclarecimentos sobre questionamentos da CVM/B3". Compliance with this request for clarification through a Notice to the Market does not exempt the Company from the responsibility for the untimely disclosure of a Material Fact, according to CVM Resolution 44/21.
- 5. It is worth noting that according to article 3 of CVM Resolution 44/21, the Investor Relations Officer is responsible for disclosing and informing the CVM and, if applicable, the stock exchange and the organized over-the-counter market entity where the company's securities are traded, of any material act or fact occurred or related to its business, as well as for ensuring its wide and immediate dissemination, simultaneously in all the markets in which such securities are traded.
- 6. We would also like to remind the Company that it is obliged to question management, the controlling shareholders, as well as all other persons with access to material acts or facts, to ascertain whether they are aware of any information that must be disclosed to the market, as provided for in the sole paragraph of article 4 of CVM Resolution 44/21.
- 7. According to the sole paragraph of article 6 of CVM Resolution 44/21, it is the responsibility of controlling shareholders or management of publicly-held companies to directly or represented by the Investor Relations Officer immediately disclose any pending material act or fact to the market in the event of the information is out of the Company's control, or if there is atypical fluctuation in the price or traded amount of securities issued by publicly-held companies, or referenced thereto. Therefore, if any relevant information is leaked (i.e. it has been disclosed by the press), a Material Fact must be disclosed to the market no matter if said information arises or not from clarification provided by the company's representatives.
- 8. We also emphasize that article 8 of CVM Resolution 44/21 sets forth that it is the responsibility of controlling shareholders, executive officers, members of the board of directors, the fiscal council, and any other bodies with technical or advisory roles created under statutory provisions, as well as company employees to maintain the confidentiality of information on material acts or facts of which they have insider knowledge because of the position they hold at the company until these acts or facts are disclosed to the market, as well as to ensure that their subordinates and third parties in whom they trust will also maintain the confidentiality of said acts or facts, willfully accepting the consequences for noncompliance (our highlight).
- 9. As determined by the Corporate Relations Department, we inform you that, in the exercise of its legal duties, said administrative authority, under item II of article 9 of Law 6,385/76, and articles 7 and 8 of CVM Resolution 47/21, will impose, **by August 4, 2023**, a punitive fine of R\$1,000.00 (one thousand reais) on the Company, due to noncompliance with the required regulations, without prejudice to other administrative sanctions.



#### Clarification:

The Company emphasizes that the studies on the potential privatization are conducted by the Executive Board of the Privatization Program – CDPED, a body of the São Paulo State Government, the Company's controlling shareholder ("Controlling Shareholder").

In this regard, based on the resolutions taken in the Joint Ordinary Meeting of the Executive Board of the State Privatization Program and the Board of the State Public-Private Partnerships Program, held on July 31, 2023 ("CDPED Meeting"), in which Mr. André Salcedo, CEO of Sabesp, participated as a guest, the Company disclosed a material fact on the same date ("Material Fact"), after the closing of trading on B3 S.A. – Brasil, Bolsa, Balcão ("B3") and New York Stock Exchange – NYSE. The Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Investment Partnerships Program of the São Paulo State (PPI-SP), referring to the 39th Joint Ordinary Meeting, concerning the 275th Ordinary Meeting of the Executive Board of the State Privatization Program, established by State Law 9,361, of 07/05/1996, and the 122nd Ordinary Meeting of the Board of the State Public-Private Partnerships Program, established by State Law 11,688, of 05/19/2004, can be found in the edition of the Official Gazette of the State of August 1.

The information contained in the Material Fact reproduces the investments taken into consideration in the study to approve the Company's economic and financial capacity, sent in December 2021 to São Paulo State Utility Services Regulatory Agency – Arsesp, updated by the IPCA, and the decision taken at the CDPED Meeting, notably the approval of the approach to conducting a public offering of Sabesp's shares, from which specialized studies will continue to detail the model to be chosen so that non-definitive, unapproved, or potentially speculative information was not disclosed.

Regarding the chronology of events, the Company highlights:

- (i) the CDPED Meeting to decide on the privatization model to be adopted was held on July 31, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., and was concluded after the closing of the markets in which the Company's securities are traded;
- (ii) after the CDPED Meeting, around 6:50 p.m., a press conference on the matter was held, during which the Controlling Shareholder informed the public about the decision and responded to journalists' questions; and
- (iii) subsequently, on the same date, Sabesp promptly disclosed the Material Fact.

Considering that the decisions regarding the privatization studies are made by the Controlling Shareholder and subsequently informed to the Company, Sabesp considers that the disclosure of the Material Fact is timely and appropriate, according to CVM Resolution 44, as it occurred after the CDPED Meeting and after the trading hours on B3 and NYSE.

The Company also clarifies that it has sought pertinent clarification from its Controlling Shareholder. In response, through the State Capital Defense Council - CODEC, the São



Paulo State Government issued CODEC Letter 166/2023-SFP-12091, which is attached hereto.

The Company will keep the market duly informed of any information that should be disclosed under the applicable regulation.

São Paulo, August 4, 2023.

Catia Cristina Teixeira Pereira
Chief Economic, Financial, and Investor Relations Officer



# São Paulo State Government Treasury and Planning Department Codec - State Capital Defense Council

## CODEC Letter 166/2023-SFP-12091

São Paulo, on the date of the digital signature.

Dear Mrs.,

We refer to the email from this Company, received on 08/03/2023, which forwards Official Letter 230//2023/CVM/SEP/GEA-2, of 08/03/2023, from the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission/B3, requesting clarifications on the news article published on 07/31/2023, in the Valor Econômico newspaper, under the title "Sabesp's privatization will be carried out through follow-on, with a reference investor, says Tarcísio de Freitas".

Presently, as informed by the Investments Partnerships Secretariat and the Secretariat of Environment, Infrastructure, and Logistics, the Board members, during the 3rd meeting of the Investment Partnerships Program (PPI) referring to the 39th Joint Ordinary Meeting, concerning the 275th Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Directors of the State Privatization Program and the 122nd Ordinary Meeting of the Board of the State Public-Private Partnerships Program, agreed with the approach suggested at the initial phase of studies, namely: the potential benefits of the Company's privatization, whether in adding and accelerating investments to achieve universalization goals or in reducing tariffs by using part of the resources generated in the transaction involving a public offering of company shares.

The PPI Board members also agreed with the continuation of the next phase of specialized studies for a more in-depth

detailing of the model chosen, under the responsibility of the Investment Partnerships Secretariat. Finally, it was recommended that the matter be brought back to the Decision-Making Board after the conclusion of the next phase for analysis and decision regarding the next steps.

Regarding all the specificities of the public offering model mentioned in the news article, mainly the provision for reference investors, we clarify that, as shown by the position of the PPI Board, these matters will still be subject to analysis after the conclusion of the next phase of the studies and, therefore, subject to future resolutions of that Board.

Finally, we would like to emphasize that the public disclosure of the PPI's Board position was made after market closing. Both the public disclosure of the Board's position and the material fact published by the Company occurred during the non-trading period, thus complying with article 5 of CVM Resolution 44/2021.

It is worth noting that the Company will be readily informed of all material acts and facts relating to this process so that it can adequately disclose any information to the market in compliance with common rules.

Sincerely,

## ARTHUR LUIS PINHO DE LIMA

Chief of Staff
President of CODEC

To Mrs.

# CATIA CRISTINA TEIXEIRA PEREIRA

Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer of COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BÁSICO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO - SABESP



Document electronically signed by **Arthur Luis Pinho de Lima**, **Chief of Staff**, on 08/04/2023, at 11:20 a.m., (Brasília official time), based on <u>State Decree 67,641</u>, of <u>April 10</u>, 2023.



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