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PRESS RELEASE

“The Covered Bond Label Welcomes Pekao Bank Hipoteczny S.A.”

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The **Covered Bond Label Foundation (CBLF)** is pleased to announce that [Pekao Bank Hipoteczny S.A.](#) has joined the Covered Bond Label.

Currently, the total number of cover pools under the Covered Bond Label stands at 120 across 18 jurisdictions globally.

Luca Bertalot, Covered Bond Label Foundation Administrator, said:

“We are delighted to welcome [Pekao Bank Hipoteczny S.A.](#) to the Covered Bond Label family. As the 3rd issuer to join the Label from the rapidly growing Polish covered bond market, this is a clear statement of the market’s commitment to achieving the highest standards of investor transparency. Together we are taking another significant step forward towards the implementation of the Capital Markets Union as 100% of the Polish covered bond market now has a Covered Bond Label.”

Rafał Litwińczuk, Member of the Board, CFO of Pekao Bank Hipoteczny S.A., said:

“By joining The Covered Bond Label we boost transparency and confidence among market participants for both of our programs: Mortgage Covered Bonds and Public Covered Bonds.”

The Covered Bond Label is a quality label, the purpose of which is to highlight the security and quality of covered bonds to investors and to further enhance recognition of and trust in the covered bond asset class.

The Covered Bond Label is open to all covered bond programmes that are compliant with [the Covered Bond Label Convention](#) and disclose their data by publishing the [Harmonised Transparency Template](#) (HTT).

More information on all labelled issuers and the Label itself can be found on the Covered Bond Label website at www.coveredbondlabel.com.

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Notes to the Editor:

- The **Covered Bond Label Foundation (CBLF)** was established in 2012 by the EMF-ECBC. The Covered Bond Label [website](#) became fully operational on the 1st of January 2013, with the first Labels being effective since then. As of August 2018, the website features the Harmonised Transparency Template and 14 National Transparency Templates, 103 issuer profiles and information on 120 labelled cover pools. The Covered Bond Label website currently provides issuance data around 5,000 covered bonds, amounting to a total face value of over 1.5 trillion EUR, out of which over 2,700 covered bonds already include information on the Liquidity Coverage Requirement (LCR).
- Established in 1967, the **European Mortgage Federation (EMF)** is the voice of the European mortgage industry, representing the interests of mortgage lenders and covered bond issuers at European level. The EMF provides data and information on European mortgage markets, which were worth c. 7.0 trillion EUR at the end of 2017. As of August 2018, the EMF has 16 members across 13 EU Member States as well as a number of observer members.
- In 2004 the EMF founded the **European Covered Bond Council (ECBC)**, a platform bringing together covered bond issuers, analysts, investment bankers, rating agencies and a wide range of interested stakeholders. As of August 2018, the ECBC has 122 members across 30 active covered bond jurisdictions and many different market segments. ECBC members represent over 95% of covered bonds outstanding, which were worth c. 2.5 trillion EUR at the end of 2017.
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