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Grupo Security Reports 45.6% Growth in Profit

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Grupo Security Profit Grows 45.6% in the First Half of the Year

Between January and June of this year, the group posted profit of Ch\$ 37,121 million and Banco Security posted profit of Ch \$33,135 million, representing an increase of 137.5%.

Ebitda rose 46.3% with respect to 2013, reaching Ch\$ 56,849 million in the six-month period ended June 30, 2014. These favorable figures were driven mainly by the strong performance of Banco Security.

The CEO of Grupo Security, Renato Peñafiel, confirmed that "the results for the first two quarters reflect Banco Security's strong performance and soundness, as well as the favorable development of our diverse business areas."

During the first half of 2013, Grupo Security announced an agreement to acquire the Cruz del Sur companies from the Angelini group. As a result, Vida Security and Compañía de Seguros de Vida Cruz del Sur S.A. were legally merged on March 31, 2014. Regarding the transaction, Peñafiel emphasized that "the objectives are being met successfully and we have achieved the planned cost synergies."

Banco Security performed exceptionally well in the first half of 2014, posting profit of Ch\$ 33,135 million, representing an increase of 137.5% over the same period in 2013. This growth was mainly in response to greater interest and indexation income; a strong performance by the treasury area due to higher inflation than the prior year; and improved results from the retail banking division primarily attributable to growth in consumer loans (+26.6%).

The fund management subsidiary, Administradora General de Fondos Security, reported profit of Ch\$ 2,353 million for the six month period ended June 2014, which is a 15.9% increase over the prior year. This is in response to the subsidiary's 29.4% growth in average assets under management in comparison to June 2013, totaling Ch\$1,198,321 million as of June 2014.

In pro forma terms, assets under management by AGF Security and Cruz del Sur totaled Ch \$1,650 billion as of June 2014, with a pro forma market share of 6.5%, ranking fourth among local fund managers.

The performance of Factoring Security also deserves mention, posting profit of Ch\$ 3,529 million, up 4.2% from the prior year.

In the insurance area, Vida Security reported profit of Ch\$ 15,473 million during the first half of the year. This figure includes the performance of Cruz del Sur Seguros de Vida only for the second quarter of the year, since its profit for the first quarter of 2014 was credited against Vida Security's equity directly.

Lastly, for the first half of 2014, Grupo Security's stock reported a return of 10.1%, exceeding the returns for the IPSA (+4.8%) and the banking sector index (+10.9%).