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- *Standard & Poor’s Global Ratings has revised Shinhan Bank’s outlook from ‘Stable’ to ‘Positive’ in 2021.*

- *Affirm the sustainable development and tremendous potential of Shinhan Bank in Vietnam market*

Ho Chi Minh City, 23rd May 2021 - Shinhan Bank Vietnam Ltd. ("Shinhan Bank Vietnam")’s outlook has been revised from ‘Stable’ to ‘Positive’ and affirmed the ‘BB’ long-term issuer credit ratings by Standard & Poor’s ("S&P").

Accordingly, Shinhan Bank Vietnam plays an integral role for the global business expansion goal of Shinhan Financial Group (SFG) and will maintain its highly strategic importance to the SFG, at least in the next 18-24 months. In addition, Shinhan Bank Vietnam has also strengthened the group’s presence in Vietnam through its tremendous development. On the other hand, SFG has a strong commitment to support Shinhan Bank Vietnam’s capitalization as well as business growth in Vietnam.

S&P expects Shinhan Bank Vietnam’s risk profile to remain broadly stable based on the bank’s positive figures over the years. In 2020, Shinhan Bank Vietnam’s return on average assets was about 2.1%, lower than approximately 2.4% in 2019 due to margin contraction, amid low interest rates, but largely on par with average return on average assets over the past 5 years.

The ratings on Shinhan Bank Vietnam are effectively constrained by the Creditworthiness of Vietnam (BB/Positive/B). If the ratings were not constrained, the Shinhan Bank Vietnam’s issuer credit rating would be one notch lower than the Shinhan Financial Group (SFG) credit profile of (a+).