

## KARDAN ACQUIRES BULGARIAN BANK TO BENEFIT FROM SYNERGIES

Amsterdam, April 5, 2011 - Kardan N.V. ("Kardan"), active in Real Estate, Water Infrastructure and Financial Services in emerging markets announces that TBIF Financial Services BV ("TBIF"), the retail lending subsidiary of Kardan, has signed an agreement yesterday to acquire the Bulgarian bank NLB Banka Sofia AD ("Banka Sofia") from the Slovenian banks Nova Ljubljanska Banka and Factor Banka (the "Sellers").

This acquisition is in line with Kardan's strategy, as recently announced in its press release on the 2010 Kardan results, to further strengthen its existing investments in Bulgaria and Romania and to seek new synergetic investments in these two countries.

TBIF, a 90% subsidiary of Kardan's fully owned holding company Kardan Financial Services B.V, is active in Russia through its 50% stake in Sovcom Bank, and in consumer credit services and leasing in Bulgaria and Romania. The operations in Bulgaria and Romania are currently licensed as non-banking financial institutions. Consequently, they are limited in comparison to banks in their product array and in access to diversified funding possibilities. With the purchase of Banka Sofia, TBIF plans to upgrade its operation in Bulgaria into a full banking operation. TBIF plans to leverage on its vast experience and expertise with regard to branding, loan origination and underwriting as well as with deposit taking, to create an efficient banking operation focused on retail and SME banking.

As of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010, Banka Sofia had total assets of EUR 101 million, of which a loan portfolio of EUR 91 million and equity of EUR 12 million.

The consideration for the acquisition is EUR 15 million. One of the Sellers will maintain funding lines of up to EUR 15million with Banka Sofia, for periods ranging from 3 months to 5 years.

The acquisition of Banka Sofia is subject to certain conditions precedent, such as approval of the Bulgarian National Bank and the Bulgarian Competition Authority.

Closing of the transaction is expected before September 30, 2011.

As at December 31, 2010, the Bulgarian operations of TBIF had an equity/asset ratio of 15%, total assets of EUR 119 million and a gross loan portfolio of EUR 131 million. The accounting implications are under consideration.

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Kardan identifies and develops assets in promising emerging markets, mainly in the CEE, CIS and China. Its activities are mainly focused on three sectors that benefit from the rising middle class: Real Estate, Water Infrastructure and Retail Lending. In addition, the company has some investment activities in Israel. Company headquarters are in the Netherlands. Kardan aims at holding controlling interests in its investments and, through the development of local business platforms, is actively involved in the definition and implementation of their strategy. Total assets as of December 31, 2010 amounted to EUR 6.0 billion; revenues totalled EUR 667 million in 2010. Kardan is listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam and the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange

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