



PRESS RELEASE

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Statement by the Banco de España

The Banco de España wishes to deny categorically the veracity of the news in certain media today claiming that the “senior management” or “upper echelons” of the Banco de España had encouraged a collection of signatures in support of and solidarity with the Bank staff members who have stood down from their posts and are to face questioning in connection with potential charges in the National High Court proceedings relating to the stock market launch of Bankia in 2011.

In this – admittedly understandable – initiative by certain members of the Directorate General Banking Supervision, neither the Governing Bodies of the Bank nor its Senior Management participated in any form or fashion. Their position was expressed in the public statement issued yesterday by the Executive Commission itself.