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GDB SIGNS DEED OF TRUST WITH THE MUNICIPAL REVENUE COLLECTION CENTER

SAN JUAN, P.R.- Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico (“GDB”) President Melba Acosta Febo and Municipal Revenue Collection Center (“CRIM”, Spanish acronym) Executive Director Víctor Falcón Dávila signed a deed of trust yesterday in order to comply with the applicable law and for the CRIM to resume the deposits of property taxes in the GDB.

“Yesterday afternoon the CRIM signed the deed of trust with the GDB establishing that the funds in the general trust will be distributed by the GDB pursuant to the applicable law. The GDB, in its capacity as Fiscal Agent for the Government of Puerto Rico, its instrumentalities, public corporations and municipalities (townships), is authorized to render the fiduciary services required by the CRIM pursuant to Law No. 80. Again, it is important to clarify that the GDB always remained in full compliance with the agreement executed between the GDB and the CRIM, which was the governing instrument up until now. We are pleased that the GDB and the CRIM have reached a reasonable agreement, which takes into consideration all the legal provisions of the current system of law. We continue working hand in hand with the CRIM to continue providing it with the same service,” Febo Acosta pointed out.

Mr. Víctor Falcón Dávila explained that “by executing this Deed of Trust we have guaranteed the safety of the municipal resources in the event the GDB might face any situation, because through this deed, the GDB, as fiduciary, is bound to keep the funds separate from any other deposits. Any concerns or risks over the management of municipal funds are dispelled by the establishment of this Trust. From now on, the manner in which these funds may be invested and disbursed is clearly established.” Falcón Dávila stated.

In addition, Municipal Affairs Commissioner Carlos Santini Rodríguez indicated he was pleased with the execution of the Trust. “I know the President of the GDB and all the members of the Board, and I know they are committed to Puerto Rico. It’s always a good day whenever an agreement is reached that translates into benefits for the municipalities, which serve thousands of Puerto Rican families. Without a doubt, the municipalities will be steadier as they search for an improved fiscal stability.

The initial transfer to this Trust will include \$290 million that is currently deposited in the GDB and \$155 million that is deposited in private banks, part of which will go to the GDB and another part will be placed in short-term investments outside the GDB.

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