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pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank to loan historical paper money collection to HVB Stiftung Geldscheinsammlung

Munich, 18 December 2013 – pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank has made available a collection with historical paper money of Württemberg on permanent loan to HVB Stiftung Geldscheinsammlung (HVB Paper Money Collection Foundation). It is considered to be the largest and most significant specialist collection of paper money of Württemberg. In the paper money collection of the HVB foundation, the collection of pbb will be retained in its entirety and will be accessible for the interested general public.

The collection of pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank comprises approximately 8,000 bank notes from all periods of the money history of Württemberg, and ranges from government paper money from the years 1849-1871, the issues of the Württembergische Notenbank 1871-1935, the emergency money of the years 1914-1924 right through the emergency issues of 1945-1948. The collection of pbb can be traced back to the private collection of Klaus Karau which has been put together over a period of more than 40 years. Klaus Karau had sold the collection in 2000 to a predecessor of pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank, namely Württembergische Hypothekenbank in Stuttgart, and has since been looking after the collection.

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Notes to Editors:

pbb Deutsche Pfandbriefbank (www.pfandbriefbank.com) is a specialist bank for commercial real estate finance and public investment finance. The regional focus is on Germany as well as Great Britain, France and Scandinavia plus other selected European countries. The bank plays an important role in supplying credit to the real estate industry and supports the public sector with financing for projects and measures designed to improve public infrastructure.

HVB Stiftung Geldscheinsammlung

HVB Stiftung Geldscheinsammlung (HVB Paper Money Collection Foundation) (www.geldscheinsammlung.de) was founded in 2003 by Bayerische Hypo- und Vereinsbank AG. The objective of the foundation is to support probably the largest collection in the world in the field of paper money. This can be traced back to the private collection Albert Pick, who in the 1930's started to collect bank notes and emergency money. He contributed his collection to Bayerische Hypotheken- und Wechsel-Bank in 1964, and continued to expand the collection continuously until his retirement in 1985. On 10 May 2010, the collection was recorded in the register of nationally significant cultural assets. HVB Stiftung Geldscheinsammlung now aims to maintain these cultural assets, to perform a scientific evaluation of the assets and to make them available to the general public.