



**Equatorial Energia S.A.**  
Publicly-held Company  
Corporate Taxpayer's ID (CNPJ/MF) nº 03.220.438/0001-73

## **NOTICE TO THE MARKET**

Equatorial Energia S.A. ("Company"), pursuant article 12 of CVM Instruction 358, from January 3, 2002, and as required by Credit Suisse Hedging-Griffo Asset Management S.A., CNPJ/MF number 68.328.632/0001-12 and by Credit Suisse Hedging-Griffo Serviços Internacionais, CNPJ/MF number 06.073.922/0001-05 (jointly "CSHG"), dated February 23, 2012, informs the market the following:

The non-resident investors and investment funds managed by CSHG reached the stake of 6.39% (six point thirty-nine percent) of the total common shares issued by the Company, corresponding to 6,980,900 (six million, nine hundred eighty thousand, nine hundred) shares.

Additionally, CSHG informs that it does not intend, with this acquisition, to change the Company's controlling structure, and that the opportunity and convenience to exercise its right to appoint a Fiscal Council Member or Board of Directors Member separately, granted by Law 6,404/76, will be studied by CSHG.

Rio de Janeiro, February 23, 2012

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