This document constitutes a supplement (the "Third Supplement") for the purpose of Article 13 of the Loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières, as amended, (the "Luxembourg Law") which implements the Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and the Council of 4 November 2003, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive"), into Luxembourg Law to two base prospectuses of Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg — Girozentrale —: (i) the base prospectus in respect of non-equity securities ("Non-Equity Securities") within the meaning of Art. 22 No. 6 (4) of the Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 of 29 April 2004, as amended (the "Commission Regulation") and (ii) the base prospectus in respect of Pfandbriefe within the meaning of Article 22 No. 6 (3) of the Commission Regulation, as amended (together, the "Debt Issuance Programme Prospectus").

This Third Supplement is supplemental to and should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus as supplemented by the first supplement dated 22 May 2015 (the "First Supplement") and the second supplement dated 9 September 2015 (the "Second Supplement" and together with the Prospectus, the "Supplemented Prospectus").



Third Supplement dated 11 May 2016 to the Debt Issuance Programme Prospectus dated 12 May 2015 as supplemented by the First Supplement dated 22 May 2015 and the Second Supplement dated 9 September 2015

#### BREMER LANDESBANK KREDITANSTALT OLDENBURG – GIROZENTRALE –

(established under Public Law in the Federal Republic of Germany)

EUR 30,000,000,000

Debt Issuance Programme

(the "Programme")

The Issuer (as defined below) has requested the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (the "CSSF") in its capacity as competent authority under the Luxembourg Law, to provide the competent authority in the Federal Republic of Germany with a certificate of approval attesting that this Third Supplement has been drawn up in accordance with the Luxembourg Law on Prospectuses (the "Notification"). The Issuer may request the CSSF to provide competent authorities in additional host Member States within the European Economic Area with a Notification.

This Third Supplement has been approved by the CSSF, has been filed with said authority and will be published in electronic form on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) and on the website of the Issuer (www.bremerlandesbank.de).

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale – (the "Bank" or the "Issuer" or "Bremer LB") with its registered office in Bremen, is solely responsible for the information given in this Third Supplement. The Issuer hereby declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Third Supplement is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Terms defined or otherwise attributed meanings in the Supplemented Prospectus have the same meaning when used in this Third Supplement.

This Third Supplement shall only be distributed in connection with the Supplemented Prospectus. It should only be read in conjunction with the Supplemented Prospectus.

To the extent that there is any inconsistency between any statement in this Third Supplement and any other statement in or incorporated by reference in the Supplemented Prospectus, the statements in this Third Supplement will prevail.

Save as disclosed in this Third Supplement, there has been no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Supplemented Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of Notes issued under the Programme since the publication of the Supplemented Prospectus.

The Issuer has confirmed to the Dealers that the Supplemented Prospectus and this Third Supplement contain all information with regard to the Issuer and the Notes which is material in the context of the Programme and the issue and offering of Notes thereunder, the information contained therein with respect to the Issuer and the Notes is accurate in all material respects and is not misleading, the opinions and intentions expressed therein with respect to the Issuer and the Notes are honestly held, there are no other facts with respect to the Issuer or the Notes the omission of which would make the Supplemented Prospectus as further supplemented by this Third Supplement misleading in any material respect; and that all reasonable enquiries have been made to ascertain all facts and to verify the accuracy of all statements contained therein.

No person has been authorised to give any information which is not contained in or not consistent with the Supplemented Prospectus as further supplemented by this Third Supplement or any other document entered into in relation to the Programme or any information supplied by the Issuer or such other information as in the public domain and, if given or made, such information must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Dealers or any of them.

To the extent permitted by the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, neither the Arranger nor any Dealer nor any other person mentioned in the Supplemented Prospectus as further supplemented by this Third Supplement, excluding the Issuer, is responsible for the information contained in the Supplemented Prospectus as further supplemented by this Third Supplement or any Final Terms or any document incorporated therein by reference, and accordingly, and to the extent permitted by the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, none of these persons accepts any responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the information contained in any of these documents.

#### **RIGHT TO WITHDRAW**

In accordance with Article 13 paragraph 2 of the Luxembourg Law on Prospectuses, investors who have already agreed to purchase or subscribe for Notes before this Third Supplement is published have the right, exercisable within a time limit of two working days after the publication of this Third Supplement, to withdraw their acceptances provided that the new factor, mistake or inaccuracy referred to in Article 13 paragraph 1 of the Luxembourg Law on Prospectuses arose before the final closing of the offer to the public and the delivery of the Notes. The final date of withdrawal is 13 May 2016.

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The purpose of this Third Supplement is to update the description of Bremer LB and the risk factors regarding Bremer LB included in the Supplemented Prospectus due to the publication of the consolidated financial statements of Bremer LB for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2015. The amended parts in comparison to the Debt Issuance Programme Prospectus dated 12 May 2015 contained in the Supplemental information below are underlined.

#### Supplemental information

Elements A.1 and A.2 under the heading "SUMMARY – SECTION A – INTRODUCTION AND WARNINGS" on pages 7 - 8 of the Supplemented Prospectus shall be replaced by the following:

Element	SECT	ION A – INTRODUCTION AND WARNINGS
A.1	Warnings	Warning that:
		<ul> <li>this Summary should be read as an introduction to the Prospectus;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>any decision to invest in the Notes should be based on consideration of the Prospectus as a whole by the investor;</li> </ul>
		where a claim relating to the information contained in the Prospectus is brought before a court, the plaintiff investor might, under the national legislation of the Member States, have to bear the costs of translating the Prospectus, before the legal proceedings are initiated; and
		civil liability attaches only to the Issuer which has tabled the Summary including any translation thereof, but only if the Summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of the Prospectus or it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of the Prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in the Notes.
A.2	Consent to the use of the Prospectus	[Each Dealer and/or each further financial intermediary subsequently reselling or finally placing the Notes is entitled to use the Prospectus for the subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes during the offer period for the subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes from [●] to [●], provided however, that the Prospectus is still valid in accordance with Article 11(2) of the Luxembourg Law relating to prospectuses for securities ( <i>Loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières</i> ), as amended from time to time, which implements Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 (as amended).
		Such consent for the subsequent resale or final placement of the Notes by the Dealer and/or financial intermediary is given in relation to public offers in Luxembourg and Germany only.
		The Prospectus may only be delivered to potential investors together with all supplements published before such delivery. Any supplement to the Prospectus is available for viewing in electronic form on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) and on the website of Bremer LB (www.bremerlandesbank.de/investor-relations/basisprospekt-emissionsbedingungen/).
		When using the Prospectus, each Dealer and/or relevant further financial intermediary must make certain that it complies with all

applicable laws and regulations in force in the respective jurisdictions.

In the event of an offer being made by a Dealer and/or a further financial intermediary the Dealer and/or the further financial intermediary shall provide information to investors on the terms and conditions of the Notes at the time of that offer.]

[Not applicable. No consent has been given.]

Elements B.1 - B.17 under the heading "SUMMARY - SECTION B - BREMER LANDESBANK KREDITANSTALT OLDENBURG - GIROZENTRALE -" on pages 8 - 11 of the Supplemented Prospectus shall be replaced by the following:

Element	SECTION B – BREMER LANDESBANK KREDITANSTALT OLDENBURG – GIROZENTRALE –	
B.1	Legal and commercial name	Legal name: Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale – (the "Bank" or the "Issuer" or "Bremer LB").  Commercial name: Bremer Landesbank.
B.2	Domicile / Legal form / Legislation / Country of incorporation	Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany / institution of public law (rechtsfähige Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts, AöR) / German law / Federal Republic of Germany
B.4b	Known trends affecting the Issuer and the industries in which it operates	In the view of the Bank, the requirements for risk provisioning in 2016 will even more than before be defined by the significant difficulties in the shipping markets. Since 2010, risk provisioning at Bremer LB has been determined largely by developments in the commercial shipping sector. Other than expected in the previous fiscal year, a sustainable recovery of the shipping sector in the next two years is meanwhile very unlikely due to the continued high levels of overcapacity accompanied by an economic development with low dynamic.  Also because of a potential deterioration of the global economic environment depressive factors in the shipping segment on a continued high level are assumed. Deviations from the valuation parameters assumed and to be verified for the shipping sector (e.g. a further delay in the recovery of the market) as well as the sale or reduction of non-performing ship loans could have a significant impact on the level of risk provisioning. The development of Bremer LB is currently materially dependent on the uncertain development of the shipping markets.  The level of risk provisioning has a significant impact on the Bank's future income. In addition, the Bank's income is influenced by the current low interest rates. In view of the reassessment strategy in the Bank's ship portfolio and the associated risk provisioning negative results are expected for the current fiscal year.  Given that a significant part of the commercial ship portfolio is
		Given that a significant part of the commercial ship portfolio is financed in U.S. dollar, together with the increased probability of default in the portfolio and the already occurred loan defaults, there exists a tight dependency between the development of the

		Euro/U.S. Dollar exchange rate and the development of the capital ratios as well as the risk-bearing capacity of Bremer LB.
		The pressure on the risk-bearing capacity and the capital ratio will remain in 2016 and 2017. Given the incrementally increasing minimum requirements under CRR (Capital Requirements Regulation), the measures introduced as part of the risk bearing capacity and capital management will be pursued, implemented and complemented by further measures (e.g. by risk relieve securitisation transactions). Among others, the ship portfolio will be further adjusted in the primarily non-strategic customer area. Non-performing loans that cannot realistically be recovered are wound up in the course of risk provisioning and active portfolio management.
B.5	Description of the Group and the Issuer's position within the	Norddeutsche Landesbank – Girozentrale – ("NORD/LB") is the direct and ultimate parent company of Bremer LB and holds 54.8343 per cent. of Bremer LB's issued capital.
	Group	NORD/LB is an institution of public law (rechtsfähige Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts); its home market is Lower Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt.
		Bremer LB is included and consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of the NORD/LB Group and is a significant part of the latter.
B.9	Profit forecast or estimate	Not applicable. The Issuer has chosen not to include a profit forecast or estimate in the Prospectus.
B.10	Nature of any qualifications in the audit report on historical financial information	Not applicable. The audit reports regarding the consolidated financial statement of Bremer LB for the financial years ending on 31 December 2014 and on 31 December 2015 do not include any qualifications.
B.12	Selected historical key fir	nancial information
	-	ncial statements and group management report of Bremer LB as of
	in EUR million	<u>31 December 2015</u> <u>31 December 2014</u>
	Total liabilities and equity	29,971 32,139
	Liabilities to banks	10,603 11,186
	Liabilities to customers	9,892 9,027
	Securitized liabilities	5,295 7,355
	Reported equity  Net interest income	1,904 1,691 413 437
	Consolidated profit	5 31
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	Outlook	Since 31 December 2015, the date of Bremer LB's last published audited financial statements, due to the current looming developments in the shipping markets, in particular the continued absence of the expected recovery of the market situation in the charter segment and the global economy, the necessity became visible to review the parameters used so far in the models to determine risk provisioning. As this leads to higher than previously calculated risk provisioning requirements, negative results of the Bank are expected.

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	Significant change in the financial or trading position	Not applicable. Since 31 December 2015, the date of Bremer LB's last published audited financial statements, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of Bremer LB which is material in the context of the Notes or the Programme.
B.13	Recent Events	The Bank's risk position will more than before be significantly influenced by the uncertain developments of the shipping markets. The only moderate growth in world trade is having a negative effect on the ship finance portfolio. In addition, the performance of the U.S. dollar exchange rate through the impact on the risk weighted assets (RWA) and the shortfall has had a significant influence on the capital ratios and the risk-bearing capacity. The Bank's risk-bearing capacity was substantially improved in 2015 due to a range of measures. The issue of long-term subordinated bearer debt securities (AT1 bonds) for €150 million strengthened Tier 1 capital. Additionally, an initial synthetic securitisation transaction was implemented to effect a general reduction of risk. Further, ships of defaulting ship financings were transferred to a new structure as part of investor solutions. The goal of the new structure is a sustainable transfer of the relevant ship financings from a default rating to a rating that frees up capital and simultaneously plays a significant role in the potential for value appreciation. In addition, the ship portfolio should be adjusted in the primarily non-strategic customer area and further reduced by the winding-up of non-performing loans that cannot realistically be recovered.
B.14	Statement of Dependency	Please read Element B.5 together with the information below.  Bremer LB is part of the consolidated group of NORD/LB which is a parent company of the Issuer as defined by sections 10a, 25a paragraph 3 of the German Banking Act (Gesetz über das
B.15	Principal activities	Kreditwesen, KWG).  Bremer LB's tasks are those of a regional bank (Landesbank), a central savings bank (Sparkassenzentralbank) and a commercial bank. It may also operate other transactions of any kind that serve the purpose of the Bank and its owners.  The Issuer is entitled to issue Mortgage Pfandbriefe
		(Hypothekenpfandbriefe), Public Sector Pfandbriefe (Öffentliche Pfandbriefe) and Ship Pfandbriefe (Schiffspfandbriefe) as well as other bonds and also to operate a building-society business through independent associate companies.
		Bremer LB's business model incorporates five strategic business segments: - Corporate Customers - Private Customers - Special Finance - Ship Finance and - Financial Markets.
B.16	Ownership	Owners of Bremer LB and their stake in its issued capital:  NORD/LB  Free Hanseatic City of Bremen Savings Banks Association of Lower Saxony  54.8343 per cent. 41.2000 per cent. 3.9657 per cent.

B.17	Credit ratings of the	Credit ratings <sup>1</sup> of the Issuer:		
		Issuer or its debt securities	a. Long Term Issuer Default Rating:	
			A-, outlook stable (Fitch Ratings Ltd.) <sup>2,3</sup>	
			b. Short Term Issuer Default Rating:	
		F1 (Fitch Ratings Ltd.)		
			[In case of Notes other than Pfandbriefe. Fitch Ratings Ltd. is expected to assign the following rating to the Notes: A] [In case of Pfandbriefe. The Notes are not rated.]	

Elements D.2 – D.3 under the heading "SUMMARY – SECTION D – RISKS" on pages 14 - 17 of the Supplemented Prospectus shall be replaced by the following:

Element	SECTION D - RISKS	
	Risks specific to Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale –	
D.2	Key information on the key risks that are specific to the Issuer	The risks described in this section relate to Bremer LB in its capacity as Issuer. Like other market participants, Bremer LB is exposed to certain risks in connection with its business activities. The realisation of any such risk might ultimately lead to Bremer LB's default which subsequently might lead to Bremer LB's inability to fulfil its obligations, at all or in due time, under any Notes issued under the Programme. The major risks for Bremer LB are counterparty risk (credit and investment risk), market risk, liquidity risk and operational risk.
		Counterparty Risk
		Credit Risk
		Bremer LB is exposed to the risk stemming from a borrower's or counterparty's failure to pay or deterioration in a borrower's or counterparty's credit rating. While Bremer LB is monitoring its credit risks and relevant collateral regularly and will continue to do so, it cannot be excluded that a realisation of unforeseen, unavoidable or unidentified risks will result in credit defaults. Such a default could, if hedging provisions made to cover the amount of credit in default prove insufficient, have a material negative impact on Bremer LB's ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes issued under this Programme.
		Investment Risk
		Bremer LB is exposed to the risk of loss resulting from making equity available to third parties. The occurrence of an investment risk may negatively impact Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and ultimately impair its ability to fulfil its obligations to investors under the Notes issued under

A credit rating assesses the creditworthiness of an entity and informs an investor therefore about the probability of the entity being able to redeem invested capital. It is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

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Fitch is established in the European Community and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "CRA Regulation").

The European Securities and Markets Authority publishes on its website (http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs) a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation. That list is updated within five working days following the adoption of a decision under Article 16, 17 or 20 CRA Regulation. The European Commission shall publish that updated list in the Official Journal of the European Union within 30 days following such update.

the Programme.

#### Market Risk

Market risk describes the potential loss arising from changes in market parameters. Bremer LB could potentially suffer from negative valuation effects resulting from market fluctuations and inaccurate estimates and prognoses of market developments impacting its trade and investment activities. Any market disturbances resulting in distortions in the money and capital markets, which are not expected or foreseen by Bremer LB, could negatively impact the net assets, financial position and results of operations of Bremer LB and ultimately impair its ability to fulfil its obligations to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risks are risks which may arise from disruptions to the liquidity of individual market segments, unexpected events in lending, deposit or issue business or deterioration in Bremer LB's own refinancing conditions. High volatility and disruption of the capital and credit markets could have an adverse effect on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

Widening credit spreads in the capital markets may affect Bremer LB's funding costs.

There is a possibility of tense market conditions leading to further liquidity constraints. This could limit Bremer LB's funding abilities, which would in turn have an impact on its profitability and ultimately impair its ability to fulfil its obligations to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

#### Rating of the Issuer

Rating agencies perform creditworthiness assessments to determine whether a potential borrower will be in a position to meet its contractually agreed credit obligations in the future. A key element of the assigned rating is the assessment of the borrower's net assets, financial position and results of operations. A downgrade of Bremer LB's rating could impair the operating businesses of Bremer LB, would have a negative impact on the cost of Bremer LB's refinancing and could result in the materialisation of new liabilities or the acceleration of repayment obligations under existing liabilities that depend on the maintenance of a specific rating.

Furthermore, it is possible that, following any further downgrade, Bremer LB might no longer be considered as a suitable counterparty for derivative transactions.

#### **Operational Risk**

As a commercial enterprise, Bremer LB is exposed to operational risks, *i.e.* possible and from Bremer LB's point of view unintended incidents incurred either as a result of inadequate or failed internal processes, employees and technology or as a result of external events which both could lead to a loss or could have a significant negative impact on Bremer LB. This definition includes legal risk, change-of-law risk, compliance risk, outsourcing risk, misconduct risk, dilution risk, fraud risk, model risk, IT risk and vulnerability in the context of contingency and crisis management.

The occurrence of an operational risk may negatively impact

Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and ultimately impair its ability to fulfil its obligations to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

#### Reform of regulatory framework for financial institutions

Regulatory authorities and the European Union, among others, have made proposals to reform the regulatory framework of financial institutions and continue to accelerate the change of regulatory structures, in particular in response to the financial crisis and sovereign debt crisis. The variety of regulatory reforms as well as their extent in conjunction with the degree of discretion conferred to regulatory authorities, whether the implementation by the respective credit institutions deemed to be adequate, may complicate Bremer LB's ability to implement its business and strategic plans. Such reforms could also impede certain of Bremer LB's business activities and render them less attractive. All this, together with the increased administrative expenses, may negatively affect Bremer LB's business, financial position and results of operations and hence the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### **New capital requirements**

The legislative package on the capital adequacy framework within the European Union, which consists of the Capital Requirement Regulation ("CRR") and the Capital Requirement Directive ("CRD 4", together with CRR the "CRD 4 Package"), provides, among other things, for minimum capital requirements and additional capital buffers, which may lead to higher liquidity and own fund requirements as well as a more stringent large exposure regime and additional risk management requirements and which may have a material adverse effect on Bremer LB's business and profitability. An actual or perceived non-fulfilment of these requirements by Bremer LB could cause regulatory interventions, such as required changes to the business strategy, restrictions on the pay-out of dividends and other distributions and discretionary compensation payments. This may have adverse effects on Bremer LB's business, financial situation and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### Capital ratios in excess of own funds requirements

In the context of the Pillar 2 requirements under the Basel 3 framework, the ECB has issued decisions (the "SREP **Decisions**") for most of the directly supervised institutions pursuant to which the relevant institution or group of institutions is required to maintain certain capital ratios in excess of the requirements following from the CRD 4 Package under Pillar 1 (CET 1 capital ratio and a total capital ratio). These additional requirements are set by the ECB on the basis of the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process ("SREP"). Bremer LB expects the ECB to issue a SREP Decision addressed to Bremer LB. It cannot be ruled out that the SREP Decision results in capital requirements higher than the current capital ratios of Bremer LB. This could for example be the case if, on the basis of the assessment of the ECB, the credit risk in Bremer LB's credit portfolio is not adequately reflected by loan loss provisions. Further, it is expected that the ECB will periodically review its SREP Decisions and impose additional requirements in respect of directly supervised institutions on an annual basis to ensure that risks identified by the SREP are adequately covered by regulatory capital. The ECB may impose higher capital requirements also outside a SREP at any time if the ECB determines that risks identified by it, e.g. in the course of special audits as regularly performed by the ECB and recently undertaken in respect of Bremer LB's ship portfolio, are not adequately covered by the regulatory capital maintained under the Pillar 1 framework.

Should Bremer LB become subject to capital requirements higher than its current capital ratios, Bremer LB could be forced to raise additional regulatory capital at unfavourable terms and could be unable to raise such capital at all. Any failure to comply with any additional capital requirements to which Bremer LB is or may become subject (including also buffer requirements) could result, among other things, in the imposition of further requirements and early intervention measures by authorities. Any of these requirements and measures may adversely affect Bremer LB's reputation, results of operations, financial position or credit rating and hence increase its refinancing costs or affect its ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### Stress tests

It cannot be ruled out that future stress test results for Bremer LB may not meet certain legal requirements or expectations by supervisory authorities, market participants or rating agencies. This could result, for example, in higher capital requirements for Bremer LB or require Bremer LB to increase its liquidity to be maintained. Such requirements may have a negative impact on Bremer LB's results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

## Audits, inspections and similar proceedings conducted by regulators

Audits, inspections and similar proceedings conducted by regulators which focus on Bremer LB's compliance with regulations applicable to the financial sector may lead in the case of findings of deficiencies to additional requirements for Bremer LB and thereby to increasing administrative expenses or might adversely affect its reputation. Subsequently Bremer LB's ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes could be affected.

#### Deposit guarantee schemes

The EU Directive on Deposit Guarantee Schemes ("DSGS") further harmonizes the regulation of deposit protection schemes in the EU and obliges each credit institution to contribute to a statutory or legally recognized guarantee scheme. The Joint Liability Scheme of the German Savings Banks Finance Group was amended with effect as of 3 July 2015 to implement the DSGS. As contributions of each bank thereto are determined on the basis of the individual risk profile and as such determinations are reviewed regularly, it is possible that Bremer LB's contributions will increase. This case may reduce Bremer LB's otherwise available capital and, hence, negatively affect its business, financial position and earnings.

Intervention rights under the Single Resolution Mechanism and the national law implementing the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive; contributions to the Single

#### **Resolution Fund**

Bremer LB may become subject to intervention measures pursuant to the Single Resolution Mechanism ("SRM") and the national law implementing the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (the "BRRD"). The tools of the SRM include the potential sale of businesses, a bridge institution tool, an asset separation tool, and a "bail-in" tool. Under the SRM, Bremer LB is also subject to minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities ("MREL"). This could require Bremer LB to issue additional capital with sufficient loss absorbing quality. Also, the SRM provides for the establishment of a Single Resolution Fund (the "SRF") which is funded by contributions of banks. The amount of contributions to be paid by Bremer LB over the next years is not yet clear and may negatively affect Bremer LB's reputation, financial position and results of operations and hence the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### Reputational risk

In general, each of the facts and circumstances described above entails reputational risks and could have a material negative impact on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

Any of the aforementioned risks could have a material negative impact on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

#### Risks specific to the Notes

## D.3 Key information on the key risks that are specific to the securities

#### Notes may not be a suitable Investment for all Investors

Each potential investor in Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

There can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market for the Notes will develop or, if it does develop, that it will continue. In an illiquid market, an investor might not be able to sell his Notes at any time at fair market prices. The possibility to sell the Notes might additionally be restricted by country specific reasons.

#### **Market Price Risk**

The Holder of Notes is exposed to the risk of an unfavourable development of market prices of its Notes, which materialises if the Holder sells the Notes prior to the final maturity of such Notes.

#### [Risk of Early Redemption

A Holder of Notes is exposed to the risk that due to early redemption his investment will have a lower than expected yield. Also, the Holder may only be able to reinvest on less favourable conditions as compared to the original investment.]

#### **Rating of Notes**

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Any change in the rating could adversely affect the trading price of the Notes. In the event of a sale of the Notes prior to maturity, a Holder would then incur a loss compared to the capital

invested.

#### **Provisions and Fees**

Provisions, fees and other costs may reduce any return on the investment in the Notes.

#### Change of Law Risk

The terms and conditions of the Notes are governed by German law. No assurance can be given as to the impact of possible judicial decisions or changes to German law or administrative practice after the date of the Prospectus.

#### [Currency Risk

A Holder of Notes denominated in a foreign currency is exposed to the risk, that changes in currency exchange rates may affect the yield of such Notes.]

#### [Fixed Rate Notes

A Holder of Fixed Rate Notes is exposed to the risk that the price of such Notes falls as a result of changes in the market interest rate.

In cases where an investor purchases Notes at an issue price that is higher than the sum of the redemption amount and all remaining interest payments on the Notes, potential investors may also face the risk of a negative yield in relation to the Notes.]

#### [Floating Rate Notes

A Holder of Floating Rate Notes is exposed to the risk of fluctuating interest rate levels and uncertain interest income. Fluctuating interest rate levels make it impossible to determine the profitability of Floating Rate Notes in advance. In case of negative reference rates, such negative reference rate will reduce the margin (if any) which could have the result that no interest payments are due at all.

A Holder of Floating Rate Notes is exposed to the risk that changes to the reference rates as a result of the regulation and reform of reference rates could have a material adverse effect on the market value of and the yield on any Notes linked to such a reference rate.]

#### [Subordinated Notes

In the event of the liquidation or insolvency of the Issuer, such obligations will be subordinated to the claims of all third party creditors in respect of unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer so that in any such event no amounts will be payable under such obligations until the claims of all third party creditors in respect of unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer will have been satisfied in full.]

#### [Bail-in-tool

Among other resolution actions and subject to certain conditions and exemptions, the Single Resolution Board ("SRB") may, in accordance with Articles 18, 22, 23 and 27 of Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014 establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund ("SRM Regulation"), instruct the German resolution authority to order in accordance with Article 29 SRM Regulation, by exercising its powers under the German

Act of 10 December 2014 on the Recovery and Resolution of Credit Institutions and Groups of Credit Institutions, as amended, (Gesetz zur Sanierung und Abwicklung von Instituten und Finanzgruppen vom 10. Dezember 2014, in der jeweils gültigen Fassung, (Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz – "SAG")) – in particular §§ 90 and 91 SAG (but subject to the SRM Regulation) – that eligible liabilities (as defined in Article 3(1)(49) SRM Regulation) of the Issuer including liabilities under the Notes be converted to equity or reduced in their principal amount ("Bail-in tool"). In this case the Holder of the Notes might lose the entire or a substantial part of its investment.]

#### [Risk arising from the ranking of the Notes

The Resolution Mechanism Act (Abwicklungsmechanismusgesetz) of 2 November 2015 introduces a new provision into the German Banking Act (Gesetz über das Kreditwesen) according to which claims under unsecured liabilities of a bank would be senior to claims under unsecured debt instruments, as the Notes, in an insolvency proceeding. This results in an application of the Bail-in tool to the unsecured debt instruments, as the Notes, prior to the application of this resolution measure to unsecured liabilities.]

#### U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance withholding

Under certain circumstances, the Issuer, the Clearing System, any Paying Agent or custodian or any other financial intermediary may be required to withhold 30 per cent. withholding tax in respect of Notes issued after 1 July 2014 or materially modified on or after the later of 1 July 2014 and the date that is six months after the date of publication of final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term "foreign passthru payment" pursuant to certain provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (commonly referred to as "FATCA") and associated therewith, pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement dated 31 May 2013 between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United States of America. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Notes, Holders will not receive any gross-up payments in compensation of FATCA withholdings. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the application of FATCA to an investment in the Notes and their ability to obtain a refund of any amounts withheld under FATCA.

Elements A.1 and A.2 under the heading "GERMAN TRANSLATION OF THE SUMMARY – ABSCHNITT A – EINLEITUNG UND WARNHINWEISE" on pages 19 - 20 of the Supplemented Prospectus shall be replaced by the following:

Punkt	ABSCHNI	TT A – EINLEITUNG UND WARNHINWEISE
A.1	Warnhinweise	Warnhinweis, dass
		<ul> <li>die Zusammenfassung als Einleitung zum Prospekt verstanden werden sollte;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>sich der Anleger bei jeder Entscheidung in die Schuldverschreibungen zu investieren, auf den Prospekt als Ganzen stützen sollte;</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>ein Anleger, der wegen der in dem Prospekt enthaltenen Angaben Klage einreichen will, nach den nationalen Rechtsvorschriften der Mitgliedstaaten möglicherweise für die Übersetzung des Prospekts aufkommen muss, bevor das Verfahren eingeleitet werden kann; und</li> </ul>
		■ zivilrechtlich nur die Emittentin haftet, die die Zusammenfassung samt etwaiger Übersetzungen vorgelegt und übermittelt hat, und dies auch nur für den Fall, dass die Zusammenfassung verglichen mit den anderen Teilen des Prospekts irreführend, unrichtig oder inkohärent ist oder verglichen mit den anderen Teilen des Prospekts wesentliche Angaben, die in Bezug auf Anlagen in die betreffenden Wertpapiere für die Anleger eine Entscheidungshilfe darstellen, vermissen lässt.
A.2	Zustimmung zur Verwendung des Prospektes	[Jeder Platzeur und/oder jeder weitere Finanzintermediär, der die emittierten Schuldverschreibungen nachfolgend weiter verkauft oder endgültig platziert, ist berechtigt, den Prospekt für den späteren Weiterverkauf oder die endgültige Platzierung der Schuldverschreibungen während der Angebotsperiode für den späteren Weiterverkauf oder die endgültige Platzierung vom [•] bis [•] zu verwenden, vorausgesetzt jedoch, dass der Prospekt in Übereinstimmung mit Artikel 11 Absatz 2 des Luxemburger Wertpapierprospektgesetzes (Loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières), wie von Zeit zu Zeit geändert, welches die Richtlinie 2003/71/EG des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 4. November 2003 (in der jeweils geltenden Fassung) umsetzt, noch gültig ist.
		Die Zustimmung für die Zwecke der späteren Weiterveräußerung oder der endgültigen Platzierung der Schuldverschreibungen durch den Platzeur und/oder Finanzintermediär wird nur in Bezug auf öffentliche Angebote in Luxemburg und Deutschland erteilt.
		Der Prospekt darf potentiellen Investoren nur zusammen mit sämtlichen bis zur Übergabe veröffentlichten Nachträgen übergeben werden. Jeder Nachtrag zum Prospekt kann in elektronischer Form auf der Internetseite der Wertpapierbörse Luxemburg (www.bourse.lu) und der Internetseite der Bremer Landesbank (www.bremerlandesbank.de/investor-rela tions/basisprospekt-emissionsbedingungen/) eingesehen werden.
		Bei der Nutzung des Prospektes hat jeder Platzeur und/oder jeweiliger weiterer Finanzintermediär sicherzustellen, dass er alle anwendbaren, in den jeweiligen Jurisdiktionen geltenden Gesetze und Rechtsvorschriften beachtet.

Für den Fall, dass ein Platzeur und/oder weiterer Finanzintermediär ein Angebot macht, informiert dieser Platzeur und/oder weiterer Finanzintermediär die Anleger zum Zeitpunkt der Angebotsvorlage über die Angebotsbedingungen der Schuldverschreibungen.]
[Nicht anwendbar. Die Zustimmung wurde nicht erteilt.]

Elements B.1 – B.17 under the heading "GERMAN TRANSLATION OF THE SUMMARY – ABSCHNITT B – BREMER LANDESBANK KREDITANSTALT OLDENBURG – GIROZENTRALE – " on pages 20 - 23 of the Prospectus shall be replaced by the following:

Punkt	ABSCHNITT B – BREMER LANDESBANK KREDITANSTALT OLDENBURG – GIROZENTRALE –	
B.1	Gesetzliche und kommerzielle Bezeichnung	Gesetzlicher Name: Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale – (die "Bank" oder die "Emittentin" oder "Bremer LB").
		Kommerzieller Name: Bremer Landesbank
B.2	Sitz / Rechtsform / geltendes Recht / Land der Gründung	Bremen, Deutschland / rechtsfähige Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts (AöR) / deutsches Recht / Bundesrepublik Deutschland
B.4b	Bereits bekannte Trends, die sich auf den Emittenten und die Branchen, in denen er tätig ist, auswirken	Der Risikovorsorgebedarf im Jahr 2016 wird nach den Einschätzungen der Bank noch stärker als bisher durch die erheblichen Schwierigkeiten an den Schifffahrtsmärkten geprägt sein. Seit 2010 wird die Höhe der Risikovorsorge in der Bremer LB insbesondere durch die Entwicklungen in der Handelsschifffahrt bestimmt. Anders als noch im abgelaufenen Geschäftsjahr erwartet, ist mittlerweile eine nachhaltige Erholung des Schifffahrtssektors in den nächsten beiden Jahren aufgrund hoher Überkapazitäten bei einer wenig dynamischen konjunkturellen Entwicklung wenig wahrscheinlich.
		Auch aufgrund eines sich möglicherweise verschlechternden weltwirtschaftlichen Umfelds wird von sich weiter auf hohem Niveau bewegenden Belastungen aus dem Schifffahrtssegment ausgegangen. Abweichungen von den im Schifffahrtsbereich unterstellten und zu überprüfenden Bewertungsparametern (z. B. eine weitere Verzögerung der Markterholung) sowie die Verwertung bzw. der Abbau von notleidenden Schiffsfinanzierungen können erhebliche Auswirkungen auf die Höhe der Risikovorsorge bewirken. So ist die Entwicklung der Bremer LB in erheblichem Umfang von der unsicheren Entwicklung auf den Schiffsmärkten abhängig.
		Die Höhe der Risikovorsorge hat maßgebliche Auswirkung auf das zukünftige Ergebnis der Bank. Darüber hinaus ist es von dem gegenwärtigen niedrigen Zinsniveau beeinflusst. Für das laufende Geschäftsjahr ist im Hinblick auf die Bereinigungsstrategie der Bank im Schiffsportfolio und der damit verbundenen Risikovorsorge mit negativen Ergebnissen zu rechnen.
		Da ein wesentlicher Teil des Portfolios der Handelsschifffahrt in USD finanziert ist, führt dies in Verbindung mit einer

		erhöhten Ausfallwahrscheinlichkeit im Portfolio und den bereits
		eingetretenen Ausfällen zu einer starken Abhängigkeit zwischen der Entwicklung des Euro/US-Dollar-Wechselkurses und der Entwicklung der Kapitalquoten sowie der Risikotragfähigkeit der Bremer LB.
		In 2016 und 2017 wird der Druck auf die Risikotragfähigkeit und die Kapitalquote weiter bestehen bleiben. Angesichts der sukzessive weiter steigenden Mindestanforderungen gemäß CRR (capital requirement regulation – Kapitaladäquanzverordnung) werden die im Rahmen des Risikotragfähigkeits- und Kapitalmanagements eingeleiteten Maßnahmen weiterverfolgt, umgesetzt und durch weitere Maßnahmen ergänzt (wie etwa durch risikoentlastende Verbriefungstransaktionen). Unter anderem soll das Schiffsportfolio im primär nicht strategischen Kundenbereich weiter bereinigt werden. Im Rahmen der Risikovorsorge und des aktiven Portfoliomanagements werden notleidende Finanzierungen ohne realistisches Wertaufholungspotenzial abgewickelt.
B.5	Beschreibung der Gruppe und der Stellung des Emittenten innerhalb	Die Norddeutsche Landesbank – Girozentrale – ("NORD/LB") ist unmittelbares und oberstes Mutterunternehmen der Bremer LB und an ihrem Stammkapital mit 54,8343 v. H. beteiligt.
	dieser Gruppe	Die NORD/LB ist eine rechtsfähige Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts mit Hauptgeschäftsgebiet in Niedersachsen und Sachsen-Anhalt.
		Als ein wichtiger Teil der NORD/LB-Gruppe wird die Bremer LB in deren Konzernabschluss einbezogen und konsolidiert.
B.9	Gewinnprognosen oder -schätzungen	Nicht anwendbar. Die Emittentin hat entschieden, keine Gewinnprognosen oder –schätzungen in den Prospekt aufzunehmen.
B.10	Art etwaiger Einschränkungen im Bestätigungsvermerk zu den historischen Finanzinformationen	Nicht anwendbar. Die Bestätigungsvermerke in Bezug auf die Konzernabschlüsse der Bremer LB zum 31. Dezember 2014 und zum 31. Dezember 2015 enthalten keine Einschränkungen.
B.12	Ausgewählte wesentliche h	istorische Finanzinformationen
	Quelle: Konzernabschluss 31. Dezember 2015	und Konzernlagebericht der Bremer LB nach IFRS per
	in Mio. EUR	31. Dezember 2015 31. Dezember 2014
	Summe Aktiva und Passiva	29.971 32.139
	Verbindlichkeiten gegenüber Kreditinstituten	10.603 11.186
	Verbindlichkeiten gegenüber	Kunden 9.892 9.027
	Verbriefte Verbindlichkeiten	5.295 7.355
	Bilanzielles Eigenkapital	1.904 1.691
	Zinsüberschuss	413 437
	Konzernergebnis	5 31
	Ausblick	Seit dem 31. Dezember 2015, dem Tag des letzten veröffentlichten geprüften Jahresabschlusses der Bremer LB, ist durch die sich gegenwärtig abzeichnende Entwicklung auf den Schifffahrtsmärkten, insbesondere das weitere Ausbleiben der

		erwarteten Erholung der Marktsituation im Charterbereich und der Weltkonjunktur, die Notwendigkeit erkennbar geworden, die bisher in den Modellen zur Ermittlung der Risikovorsorge verwendeten Parameter einer Überprüfung zu unterziehen. Da dies zu einem höher als bisher kalkulierten Risikovorsorgebedarf führen wird, sind negative Ergebnisse der Bank zu erwarten.
	Wesentliche Veränderungen in der Finanzlage oder Handelsposition	Nicht anwendbar. Seit dem 31. Dezember 2015, dem Tag des letzten veröffentlichten geprüften Jahresabschlusses der Bremer LB, hat es keine signifikanten Änderungen der Finanz- bzw. Handelsposition der Bremer LB gegeben, die im Hinblick auf die Schuldverschreibungen oder das Programm wesentlich wären.
B.13	Jüngste Ereignisse	Die Risikolage der Bank wird noch stärker als bisher von der unsicheren Entwicklung auf den Schiffsmärkten beeinflusst. Das nur moderate Wachstum des Welthandels wirkt negativ auf das Schiffsfinanzierungsportfolio. Zusätzlich hat die Entwicklung des US-Dollarkurses über die Auswirkungen auf die risikogewichteten Aktiva (RWA) und den Shortfall deutlichen Einfluss auf die Kapitalquoten und die Risikotragfähigkeit. Die Risikotragfähigkeit der Bank konnte in 2015 durch diverse Maßnahmen deutlich verbessert werden. Durch die Emission von langfristigen nachrangigen Inhaberschuldverschreibungen (AT1-Bonds) über EUR 150 Mio. konnte das Kernkapital gestärkt werden. Des Weiteren wurde zur generellen Reduzierung des Risikos eine erste synthetische Verbriefungstransaktion umgesetzt. Ferner wurden im Rahmen von Investorenlösungen Schiffe bei ausgefallenen Schiffsfinanzierungen in eine neue Struktur überführt. Ziel der neuen Struktur ist es, die betreffenden Schiffsfinanzierungen nachhaltig aus dem Ratingausfall in ein kapitalentlastendes Rating zu überführen und gleichzeitig wesentlich am Wertaufholungspotenzial teilzuhaben. Zusätzlich soll das Schiffsportfolio im nicht strategischen Kundenbereich bereinigt und durch Abwicklung notleidender Finanzierungen ohne realistisches Wertaufholungspotenzial weiter abgebaut werden.
B.14	Angabe zur Abhängigkeit von anderen Unternehmen innerhalb der Gruppe	Bitte Punkt B.5 gemeinsam mit den folgenden Informationen lesen.  Die Bremer LB gehört zum Konzernkreis der NORD/LB; diese ist gegenüber der Bank übergeordnetes Unternehmen im Sinne der §§ 10a, 25a Absatz 3 des Gesetzes über das Kreditwesen (KWG).
B.15	Haupttätigkeiten	Aufgaben der Bremer LB sind die einer Landesbank, einer Sparkassenzentralbank und einer Geschäftsbank. Sie kann auch sonstige Geschäfte aller Art betreiben, die den Zwecken der Bank und ihrer Träger dienen.  Die Emittentin ist berechtigt, Hypotheken-, Öffentliche und Schiffspfandbriefe sowie sonstige Schuldverschreibungen auszugeben sowie das Bausparkassengeschäft durch selbstständige Beteiligungsunternehmen zu betreiben.  Ihre Vertriebsaktivitäten konzentriert die Bremer LB auf fünf strategische Geschäftsfelder: - Firmenkunden - Privatkunden - Spezialfinanzierungen - Schiffsfinanzierungen und - Financial Markets.

B.16	Eigentümer	Träger der Bremer LB und ihr Anteil am Stammkap NORD/LB Freie Hansestadt Bremen Niedersächsischer Sparkassen- und Giroverband	54,8343 v. H. 41,2000 v. H.
B.17	Kreditratings der Emittentin oder ihrer Schuldtitel	Kreditratings <sup>4</sup> der Emittentin:  a. Langfrist-Emittentenrating: A-, Ausblick stabil (Fitch Ratings Ltd.) 5, 6  b. Kurzfrist-Emittentenrating: F1 (Fitch Ratings Ltd.)  [Im Fall von anderen Schuldverschreibungen als Fwird erwartet, dass Fitch Ratings Schuldverschreibungen folgendes Rating erteilt: An Pfandbriefen. Die Schuldverschreibungen haben k	Ltd. den ] [ <i>Im Fall von</i>

Elements D.2 – D.3 under the heading "GERMAN TRANSLATION OF THE SUMMARY – ABSCHNITT D – RISIKEN" on pages 26 - 31 of the Supplemented Prospectus shall be replaced by the following:

Punkt	ABSCHNITT D - RISIKEN		
	Risiken, die der Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale – eigen sind		
D.2	Zentrale Angaben zu den zentralen Risiken, die dem Emittenten eigen sind	Die in diesem Abschnitt beschriebenen Risiken beziehen sich auf die Bremer LB in ihrer Eigenschaft als Emittentin. Wie andere Marktteilnehmer auch ist die Bremer LB in Verbindung mit ihren Geschäftsaktivitäten bestimmten Risiken ausgesetzt. Das Eintreten eines jeglichen dieser Risiken könnte letztendlich dazu führen, dass die Bremer LB aufgrund eines möglichen eigenen Ausfalls ihre bestehenden Verpflichtungen aus, unter dem Programm begebenen Schuldverschreibungen überhaupt nicht mehr oder nicht mehr rechtzeitig erfüllen kann. Als für die Bank wesentliche Risiken gelten Adressrisiko (Kredit- und Beteiligungsrisiko), Marktrisiko, Liquiditätsrisiko und operationelles Risiko.	
		Adressrisiko	
		Kreditrisiko	
		Die Bremer LB ist dem Risiko ausgesetzt, dass aufgrund des Ausfalls oder der Bonitätsverschlechterung eines Kreditschuldners bzw. eines Vertragspartners bei Handelsgeschäften ein Verlust eintritt. Obwohl die Bremer LB ihre Kreditrisiken und dazugehörige Sicherheiten regelmäßig überprüft und dies auch weiterhin tun wird, ist nicht auszuschließen, dass unvorhersehbare und unabwendbare	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ein Kreditrating ist eine Einschätzung der Kreditwürdigkeit einer Rechtsperson und informiert den Anleger daher über die Wahrscheinlichkeit mit der die Rechtsperson in der Lage ist, angelegtes Kapital zurückzuzahlen. Es ist keine Empfehlung Wertpapiere zu kaufen, zu verkaufen oder zu halten und kann jederzeit durch die Ratingagentur geändert oder zurückgenommen werden.

Fitch hat seinen Sitz in der Europäischen Gemeinschaft und ist gemäß der Verordnung (EG) Nr. 1060/2009 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 16. September 2009 über Ratingagenturen, in der jeweils geltenden Fassung (die "Ratingagentur-Verordnung") registriert.

Die Europäische Wertpapier und Marktaufsichtsbehörde veröffentlicht auf ihrer Webseite (http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs) ein Verzeichnis der nach der Ratingagentur-Verordnung registrierten Ratingagenturen. Dieses Verzeichnis wird innerhalb von fünf Werktagen nach Annahme eines Beschlusses gemäß Artikel 16, 17 oder 20 der Ratingagentur-Verordnung aktualisiert. Die Europäische Kommission veröffentlicht das aktualisierte Verzeichnis im Amtsblatt der Europäischen Union innerhalb von 30 Tagen nach der Aktualisierung.

Risiken oder nicht erkannte Risiken eintreten, die zu Kreditausfällen führen. Ein solcher Ausfall könnte sich auf die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB, ihre Verpflichtungen im Rahmen der von ihr unter diesem Programm begebenen Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Anlegern zu erfüllen, erheblich nachteilig auswirken falls sich Maßnahmen zur Kreditausfallrisikoabsicherung als nicht ausreichend erweisen.

#### Beteiligungsrisiko

Die Bremer LB ist dem Risiko ausgesetzt, dass aus der Zurverfügungstellung von Eigenkapital an Dritte Verluste entstehen. Der Eintritt eines Beteiligungsrisikos kann negative Auswirkungen auf die Vermögens-, Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB haben und letztlich die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB beeinträchtigen, ihren Verpflichtungen aus den unter dem Programm begebenen Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Anlegern nachzukommen.

#### Marktrisiko

Das Marktrisiko bezeichnet potenzielle Verluste, die sich aus Veränderungen von Marktparametern ergeben können. Marktschwankungen und fehlerhafte Einschätzungen und Prognosen von Marktentwicklungen können zu negativen Bewertungseffekten führen, die sich nachteilig auf die Handelsund Investitionsaktivitäten der Bremer LB auswirken können. Marktstörungen mit Auswirkungen auf den Geld- und Kapitalmarkt, welche von der Bremer LB nicht erwartet oder vorhergesehen wurden, können sich negativ auf die Vermögens-, Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB auswirken und letztendlich die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB beeinträchtigen, ihren Verpflichtungen aus unter dem Programm begebenen Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Anlegern nachzukommen.

#### Liquiditätsrisiko

Das Liquiditätsrisiko umfasst Risiken, die sich aus Störungen in der Liquidität einzelner Marktsegmente, unerwarteten Ereignissen im Kredit-, Einlagen- oder Emissionsgeschäft oder Verschlechterungen der eigenen Refinanzierungsbedingungen ergeben können. Hohe Volatilitäten und Störungen der Kapitalund Kreditmärkte können sich nachteilig auf die Vermögens-, Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB auswirken und letztlich die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB beeinträchtigen, ihren Verpflichtungen aus den unter dem Programm begebenen Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Anlegern nachzukommen.

Eine Ausweitung der Risikoaufschläge (credit spreads) an den Kapitalmärkten könnte sich auch auf die Refinanzierungskosten der Bremer LB auswirken.

Es kann nicht ausgeschlossen werden, dass eine angespannte Marktsituation gegebenenfalls zu Liquiditätsengpässen führt. In der Folge wären Refinanzierungsmöglichkeiten der Emittentin eingeschränkt und könnten eine nachteilige Wirkung auf die Profitabilität haben und letztendlich die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB beeinträchtigen, ihren Verpflichtungen aus unter dem Programm begebenen Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Anlegern nachzukommen.

#### Rating der Emittentin

Ratingagenturen nehmen eine Beurteilung der Kreditwürdigkeit eines potentiellen Schuldners vor, um einzuschätzen, ob dieser

in der Lage sein wird, seinen vertragsmäßig vereinbarten Verpflichtungen zukünftig nachkommen zu können. Ein Kernelement des zugewiesenen Ratings ist die Beurteilung der Vermögens-, Finanz- und Ertragslage des Schuldners. Eine Herunterstufung des Ratings der Bremer LB könnte das operative Geschäft beeinträchtigen und eine nachteilige Wirkung auf die Refinanzierungskosten der Bank haben, was wiederum zum Entstehen neuer Verpflichtungen bzw. bei bestehenden Verbindlichkeiten, die vom Vorhandensein eines Mindestrating abhängig sind, zur vorzeitigen Fälligstellung führen könnte.

Darüber hinaus wäre es möglich, dass die Bremer LB nach einer weiteren Herabstufung nicht länger als geeignete Gegenpartei für Derivate-Transaktionen eingestuft wird.

#### **Operationelles Risiko**

Die Bremer LB ist als Wirtschaftsunternehmen operationellen Risiken, d.h. möglichen und aus Sicht der Bank unbeabsichtigten Ereignissen, die infolge der Unangemessenheit oder des Versagens von internen Abläufen, Mitarbeitern und Technologie oder durch externe Einflüsse eintreten und zu einem Schaden oder einer deutlich negativen Konsequenz für die Bank führen ausgesetzt. Dieser Definition folgend sind Rechts- und Rechtsänderungsrisiken, Compliance Risiken, Outsourcing Risiken, Fehlverhaltensrisiken, Veritätsrisiken, Fraud Risiken, Modellrisiken, IT-Risiken und Verwundbarkeiten im Rahmen des Notfall- und Krisenmanagements im operationellen Risiko enthalten.

Der Eintritt eines operationellen Risikos kann negative Auswirkungen auf die Vermögens-, Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB haben und letztendlich die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB beeinträchtigen, ihren Verpflichtungen aus den unter dem Programm begebenen Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Anlegern nachzukommen.

#### Reform des regulatorischen Rahmens für Kreditinstitute

Aufsichtsbehörden und die Europäische Union haben u.a., insbesondere in Reaktion auf die Finanzmarktkrise und die Vorschläge für Staatsschuldenkrise, die Reform regulatorischen Rahmens für Kreditinstitute unterbreitet und forcieren weiterhin die Veränderung aufsichtsrechtlicher Strukturen. Die Vielzahl der regulatorischen Reformen sowie deren Umfang, in Verbindung mit dem der Aufsicht übertragenen Ermessen, ob die Umsetzung durch die jeweiligen Kreditinstitute als ausreichend erachtet wird, könnte die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB erschweren, ihre Geschäfts- und Strategiepläne umzusetzen. Solche Reformen könnten auch bestimmte Geschäftsaktivitäten der Bremer LB erschweren und ihre Attraktivität schmälern. Dies zusammen mit den gestiegenen Verwaltungskosten könnte das Geschäft sowie die Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB und damit ihre Fähigkeit, die Verbindlichkeiten unter den Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Gläubigern zu erfüllen, beeinträchtigen.

#### Neue Eigenmittelanforderungen

Das Gesetzgebungspaket zum Eigenkapitalrahmen in der Europäischen Union, das aus der CRR (capital requirement regulation – Kapitaladäquanzverordnung) und der CRD 4 (capital requirements directive – Kapitaladäquanzrichtlinie - zusammen mit der CRR das "CRD 4 Paket") besteht, stellt unter anderem

Regeln für die Mindestanforderung an Eigenmittel und zusätzliche Eigenkapitalpuffer auf, die zu höheren Liquiditätsund Eigenmittelanforderungen sowie zu einer Verschärfung der Großkreditvorschriften und zusätzlichen Anforderungen an das Risikomanagement führen und die nachteilige Auswirkungen auf das Geschäft und die Profitabilität der Bremer LB haben können. Ein tatsächliches oder vermeintliches Nichterfüllen dieser Anforderungen durch die Bremer LB könnte regulatorische Maßnahmen wie die Änderungen der Geschäftsstrategie, die Begrenzung der Ausschüttung von Dividenden, sonstigen Ausschüttungen sowie von freiwilligen Vergütungszahlungen nach sich ziehen. Dies könnte das Geschäft sowie die Finanzund Ertragslage der Bremer LB und damit die Fähigkeit, ihre gegenüber den Gläubigern unter Verpflichtungen Schuldverschreibungen zu erfüllen, negativ beeinflussen.

#### Über die Eigenmittelanforderungen hinausgehende Kapitalquoten

Im Kontext der Anforderungen der Säule 2 im Basel 3-Rahmenwerk hat die EZB Beschlüsse (die "SREP-Beschlüsse") für die meisten der von ihr direkt überwachten Institute veröffentlicht, welche die relevanten Institute oder Gruppen von Instituten verpflichten, eine bestimmte Kapitalquote aufrecht zu erhalten, die über die aus dem CRD 4 Paket unter Säule 1 folgenden Eigenmittelanforderungen (CET 1 Kapitalguote und eine Gesamtkapitalquote) hinausgehen. Diese zusätzlichen Anforderungen werden von der EZB auf Basis des aufsichtsrechtlichen Überprüfungs- und Bewertungsprozesses ("SREP") festgelegt. Die Bremer LB erwartet, daß die EZB einen an sie adressierten SREP Beschluß erlassen wird. Es kann nicht ausgeschlossen werden, daß sich aus dem SREP-Beschluß höhere Kapitalanforderungen als die derzeitigen Kapitalquoten der Bremer LB ergeben. Das könnte z.B. der Fall sein, wenn auf Basis der Einschätzung der EZB das Kreditrisiko im Kreditportfolio der Bremer LB nicht angemessen durch Wertberichtigungen widergespiegelt ist. Zudem wird erwartet, daß die EZB ihren SREP-Beschluß regelmäßig überprüfen und ggf. zusätzliche Anforderungen bezüglich der direkt überwachten Institute auf jährlicher Basis stellen wird, um sicherzustellen, daß die durch SREP identifizierten Risiken angemessen durch regulatorisches Eigenkapital gedeckt sind. Die EZB kann höhere Kapitalanforderungen auch jederzeit außerhalb eines SREP stellen, falls die EZB zu der Auffassung gelangt, daß von ihr identifizierte Risiken, z.B. im Rahmen von regelmäßig durchgeführten Sonderprüfungen wie kürzlich in Bezug auf das Schiffsportfolio der Bremer LB, nicht angemessen durch regulatorisches Eigenkapital gemäß des Säule 1-Rahmenwerks aedeckt sind.

Sollte die Bremer LB Kapitalanforderungen unterliegen, die höher sind als ihre derzeitigen Kapitalquoten, könnte die Bremer LB gezwungen sein, zusätzliches regulatorisches Eigenkapital zu ungünstigen Bedingungen aufzunehmen bzw. könnte nicht in der Lage sein, solches Eigenkapital überhaupt aufzunehmen. Jedes Versäumnis, zusätzliche Kapitalanforderungen, denen die Bremer LB unterliegt oder unterliegen wird (einschließlich auch der Kapitalpufferanforderungen), einzuhalten, kann u.a. zur Auferlegung weiterer Anforderungen und zu frühzeitigen Eingriffsmaßnahmen der Behörden führen. Jede dieser

Anforderungen und Maßnahmen kann die Reputation, die Geschäftsergebnisse, die Finanzlage oder das Kreditrating der Bremer LB negativ beeinflussen und somit ihre Refinanzierungskosten erhöhen oder ihre Fähigkeit, den Verpflichtungen unter den Schuldverschreibungen Investoren gegenüber nachzukommen, beeinflussen.

#### **Stresstests**

Es kann nicht ausgeschlossen werden, dass zukünftige Stresstestergebnisse der Bremer LB bestimmte rechtliche Anforderungen oder Erwartungen der Aufsichtsbehörden, Marktteilnehmer oder Ratingagenturen nicht erfüllen. Dies kann beispielsweise zu höheren Kapitalanforderungen an die Bremer LB führen oder von der Bremer LB eine Erhöhung der vorzuhaltenden Liquidität erfordern. Solche Anforderungen können einen negativen Einfluss auf die Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB haben und können folglich ihre Fähigkeit, die Verbindlichkeiten unter den Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Gläubigern zu erfüllen, beeinträchtigen.

## Prüfungen, Inspektionen und vergleichbare von den Behörden durchgeführte Verfahren

Prüfungen, Inspektionen und vergleichbare von den Behörden durchgeführte Verfahren, die die Einhaltung der für den Finanzsektor anwendbaren Vorschriften durch die Bremer LB zum Gegenstand haben, können im Fall von Prüfungsfeststellungen zu zusätzlichen Anforderungen an die Bremer LB und damit zu steigenden Verwaltungskosten führen oder ihre Reputation negativ beeinflussen. In der Folge kann die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB, die Verbindlichkeiten unter den Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Gläubigern zu erfüllen, beeinträchtigt werden.

#### Einlagensicherungssysteme

Die EU Richtlinie über DSGS (deposit guarantee schemes -Einlagensicherungssysteme) harmonisiert die Regulierung von Einlagensicherungssystemen in der EU und verpflichtet jedes Kreditinstitut, zu einem gesetzlich oder rechtlich anerkannten Einlagensicherungssystem Beiträge zu Sicherungssystem der Deutschen Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe wurde mit Wirkung zum 3. Juli 2015 abgeändert, um die DSGS umzusetzen. Da die Beiträge einer jeden Bank zu dem Sicherungssystem auf Grundlage der individuellen Risikoprofile bestimmt werden und solche Berechnungen regelmäßig überprüft werden, ist es möglich, dass sich die Beiträge der Bremer LB erhöhen. Dieses Szenario kann das ansonsten verfügbare Kapital der Bremer LB reduzieren und kann folglich einen negativen Einfluss auf das Geschäft sowie die Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB haben.

Interventionsbefugnisse unter dem einheitlichen Abwicklungsmechanismus und dem die Richtlinie zur Sanierung und Abwicklung von Kreditinstituten umsetzenden nationalen Recht; Beiträge zum gemeinsamen Abwicklungsfonds

Die Bremer LB könnte infolge des SRM (single resolution mechanism – einheitlicher Abwicklungsmechanismus) und infolge des die BRRD (bank resolution and recovery directive – Richtlinie zur Sanierung und Abwicklung von Kreditinstituten)

umsetzenden nationalen Rechts Interventionsmaßnahmen ausgesetzt sein. Die Instrumente des SRM sehen die Unternehmensveräußerung, das Instrument eines Brückeninstitutes, die Ausgliederung von Vermögenswerten und das Instrument der Gläubigerbeteiligung ("Bail-In") vor. Unter dem SRM unterliegt die Bremer LB Mindestanforderungen an Eigenmitteln berücksichtigungsfähige Verbindlichkeiten (minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities - MREL). Es könnte für die Bremer LB erforderlich sein, zusätzliche Kapitalinstrumente mit ausreichend Verlustabsorptionsfähigkeit zu begeben. Weiter sieht der SRM die Errichtung eines gemeinsamen Abwicklungsfonds (single resolution fund – SRF) vor, welcher sich durch Bankenbeiträge finanziert. Die Höhe der von der Bremer LB über die nächsten Jahre zu zahlenden Beiträge ist noch unsicher und kann die Reputation sowie die Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB und damit ihre Fähigkeit, Verbindlichkeiten unter den Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Gläubigern zu erfüllen, beeinträchtigen.

#### Reputationsrisiken

Grundsätzlich können alle vorstehend beschriebenen Sachverhalte und Umstände Reputationsrisiken beinhalten und somit die Vermögens-, Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bremer LB und damit ihre Fähigkeit, die Verbindlichkeiten unter den Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Gläubigern zu erfüllen, negativ beeinflussen.

Jeder vorgenannte Fall könnte eine wesentlich nachteilige Wirkung auf die Vermögens-, Finanz- und Ertragslage der Bank haben und letztendlich die Fähigkeit der Bremer LB beeinträchtigen, ihren Verpflichtungen aus unter dem Programm begebenen Schuldverschreibungen gegenüber den Anlegern nachzukommen.

#### Risiken, die den Schuldverschreibungen eigen sind

# D.3 Zentrale Angaben zu den zentralen Risiken, die den Wertpapieren eigen sind

## Schuldverschreibungen als nicht für alle Investoren geeignetes Investment

Jeder potentielle Anleger in Schuldverschreibungen muss die Geeignetheit dieser Investition unter Berücksichtigung seiner eigenen Lebensverhältnisse einschätzen.

#### Liquiditätsrisiko

Es besteht keine Gewissheit, dass ein liquider Sekundärmarkt für Schuldverschreibungen entstehen wird, oder sofern er entsteht, dass er fortbestehen wird. In einem illiquiden Markt könnte es sein, dass ein Anleger seine Schuldverschreibungen nicht jederzeit zu angemessenen Marktpreisen veräußern kann. Die Möglichkeit, Schuldverschreibungen zu veräußern, kann darüber hinaus aus landesspezifischen Gründen eingeschränkt sein.

#### Marktpreisrisiko

Der Gläubiger von Schuldverschreibungen ist dem Risiko nachteiliger Entwicklungen der Marktpreise seiner Schuldverschreibungen ausgesetzt, welches sich verwirklichen kann, wenn der Gläubiger seine Schuldverschreibungen vor Endfälligkeit veräußert.

#### [Risiko der vorzeitigen Rückzahlung

Der Gläubiger von Schuldverschreibungen ist dem Risiko ausgesetzt, dass infolge der vorzeitigen Rückzahlung seine

Kapitalanlage eine geringere Rendite als erwartet aufweisen wird. Außerdem besteht die Möglichkeit, dass der Gläubiger der Schuldverschreibungen eine Wiederanlage nur zu schlechteren als den Bedingungen des ursprünglichen Investments tätigen kann.]

#### Rating der Schuldverschreibungen

Unter dem Programm emittierte Schuldverschreibungen können mit oder ohne Rating ausgestattet sein. Jede Ratingänderung kann den Handelspreis der Schuldverschreibungen ungünstig beeinflussen. Für den Fall des Verkaufes der Schuldverschreibungen vor Fälligkeit würde der Gläubiger im Vergleich zu seinem eingesetzten Kapital dann einen Verlust erleiden.

#### Provisionen und Gebühren

Provisionen, Gebühren und andere Kosten können die Rendite der Schuldverschreibungen reduzieren.

#### Rechtsänderungsrisiko

Die Anleihebedingungen unterliegen deutschem Recht. Es kann keine Zusicherung bezüglich der Auswirkungen möglicher Gerichtsentscheidungen, Änderungen des deutschen Rechts oder Änderungen der Verwaltungspaxis nach dem Tag des Prospekts abgegeben werden.

#### [Währungsrisiko

Der Gläubiger von Schuldverschreibungen, die auf eine fremde Währung lauten ist dem Risiko ausgesetzt, dass Wechselkursschwankungen die Rendite solcher Schuldverschreibungen beeinflussen können.]

#### [Festverzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen

Der Gläubiger von festverzinslichen Schuldverschreibungen ist dem Risiko ausgesetzt, dass der Kurs einer solchen Schuldverschreibung infolge von Veränderungen des aktuellen Marktzinssatzes fällt.

In Fällen, in denen ein Investor die Schuldverschreibungen zu einem Emissionspreis erwirbt, der größer der Summe aus dem Rückzahlungsbetrag und aller verbleibenden Zinszahlungen auf die Schuldverschreibungen ist, sind die Investoren dem Risiko ausgesetzt, dass sie eine negative Rendite in Bezug auf die Schuldverschreibungen erhalten.]

#### [Variabel verzinsliche Schuldverschreibungen

Der Gläubiger von variabel verzinslichen Schuldverschreibungen ist dem Risiko eines schwankenden Zinsniveaus und ungewisser Zinserträge ausgesetzt. Ein schwankendes Zinsniveau macht es unmöglich, die Rendite von variabel verzinslichen Schuldverschreibungen im Voraus zu bestimmen. Im Fall von negativen Referenzzinssätzen reduzieren diese eine Marge (sofern vorhanden) was dazu führen könnte, dass gar keine Zinsen gezahlt werden.

Der Gläubiger von variabel verzinslichen Schuldverschreibungen ist dem Risiko von Änderungen an den Referenzzinssätzen infolge der Regulierung und den Reformbestrebungen bezüglich Referenzsätzen ausgesetzt, die eine wesentliche negative Auswirkung auf den Marktwert und die Rendite dieser Schuldverschreibungen, die an einen solchen Referenzzinssatz geknüpft sind, haben können.]

#### [Nachrangige Schuldverschreibungen

Im Fall der Liquidation oder der Insolvenz der Emittentin, gehen die Verbindlichkeiten aus den Schuldverschreibungen den Ansprüchen dritter Gläubiger der Emittentin aus nicht nachrangigen Verbindlichkeiten im Range nach, so dass Zahlungen auf die Schuldverschreibungen solange nicht erfolgen, wie die Ansprüche dieser dritten Gläubiger der Emittentin aus nicht nachrangigen Verbindlichkeiten nicht vollständig befriedigt sind.]

#### **Bail-in-Instrument**

Neben anderen Abwicklungsmaßnahmen und vorbehaltlich bestimmter Bedingungen und Ausnahmen kann der Einheitliche Abwicklungsausschuss (Single Resolution Board, "SRB") gemäß Artikel 18, Artikel 22, Artikel 23 und Artikel 27 der Verordnung (EU) Nr. 806/2014 des Europäischen Parlaments und des Rates vom 15. Juli 2014 zur Festlegung einheitlicher Vorschriften und eines einheitlichen Verfahrens für die Abwicklung von Kreditinstituten und bestimmten Wertpapierfirmen im Rahmen einheitlichen Abwicklungsmechanismus und einheitlichen Abwicklungsfonds ("SRM-Verordnung") deutsche Abwicklungsbehörde anweisen, gemäß Artikel 29 SRM-Verordnung unter Ausübung der ihr durch das Gesetz zur Sanierung und Abwicklung von Instituten und Finanzgruppen vom 10. Dezember 2014, in der jeweils gültigen Fassung, (Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz - "SAG") übertragenen Befugnisse - insbesondere der §§ 90 und 91 SAG (jedoch im Rahmen der SRM-Verordnung) - anzuordnen, dass die in Artikel Abs. 1 Nr. 49 SRM-Verordnung definierten berücksichtigungsfähigen Verbindlichkeiten der Emittentin. einschließlich jener Verbindlichkeiten unter den Schuldverschreibungen, in Eigenkapital umzuwandeln oder in ihrem Nennwert herabzusetzen sind ("Bail-in-Instrument"); in diesem Fall könnte der Gläubiger der Schuldverschreibungen seine gesamte oder einen wesentlichen Teil seiner Kapitalanlage verlieren.]

#### [Risiko aus der Rangstellung der Schuldverschreibungen

Das Abwicklungsmechanismusgesetz vom 2. November 2015 führt eine neue Bestimmung in das Gesetz über das Kreditwesen ein, wonach Ansprüche aus unbesicherten Verbindlichkeiten einer Bank gegenüber den Ansprüchen aus unbesicherten Schuldtiteln, wie den Schuldverschreibungen, in einem Insolvenzverfahren vorrangig wären. Dies führt dazu, dass das Bail-in Instrument auf unbesicherte Schuldtitel, wie die Schuldverschreibungen, angewendet wird, bevor es auf unbesicherte Verbindlichkeiten angewendet wird.

## US-Quellensteuer nach dem U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

Unter bestimmten Umständen könnten die Emittentin, das Clearing System, jede Zahlstelle oder Depotbank oder jeder andere Finanzintermediär verpflichtet sein, 30% Quellensteuer in Bezug auf Schuldverschreibungen, die nach dem 1 Juli 2014 begeben werden oder, je nach dem, welcher Zeitpunkt später eintritt, am oder nach dem 1. Juli 2014 bzw. dem Tag, der sechs Monate nach der Veröffentlichung der endgültigen U.S. Treasury Regulations, die den Begriff "foreign passthru payment" definieren, wesentlich geändert werden, gemäß bestimmter Regelungen des U.S. Internal Revenue Code (im Allgemeinen als "FATCA" bezeichnet) und in Verbindung mit einem

zwischenstaatlichen Vertrag vom 31. Mai 2013 zwischen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika, einzubehalten. Nach den Anleihebedingungen der Schuldverschreibungen werden Anleihegläubiger keine Ausgleichszahlungen als Kompensation für FATCA Einbehalte erhalten. Anleihegläubiger sollten sich mit ihren Steuerberatern bezüglich der Anwendung von FATCA auf eine Investition in die Schuldverschreibungen und die Möglichkeit eine Rückzahlung für etwaige Beträge, die unter FATCA einbehalten wurden, zu erhalten, beraten.

The paragraphs under the heading "RISK FACTORS" on pages 32 - 39 of the Supplemented Prospectus shall be replaced by the following:

The following is a disclosure of the risk factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

Prospective investors should consider carefully the following specific risk factors before making a decision to invest in Notes issued by Bremer LB. Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks, impairing its ability to meet liabilities to investors under its issued securities. In certain cases the investor may lose all or part of his investment. In addition, investors should be aware that the risks set out below may coincide with, and thus intensify, each other. The risks described below do not represent a conclusive list of risks specific to Bremer LB. Additional risks, which Bremer LB is currently unaware of, or which it currently deems immaterial may also impair its net assets, financial position and results of operations.

The general and specific risk factors given below do not replace the essential individual financial and investment advice from your bank or financial and investment services provider as to the risks associated with, and the consequences of the purchase, the ownership and the disposition of Notes, including the effect of any laws of any country you are resident of prior to any decision to buy. An investment in the Notes offered under this Prospectus should only take place after all the relevant facts pertaining to the Notes in question, in particular the following general risk factors and the product-group specific risk factors have been noticed and carefully examined.

## RISK FACTORS REGARDING BREMER LANDESBANK KREDITANSTALT OLDENBURG - GIROZENTRALE -

The risk factors described in this section relate to Bremer LB in its capacity as Issuer. Like other market participants, Bremer LB is exposed to certain risks in connection with its business activities. The realisation of any such risk might ultimately lead to Bremer LB's default which subsequently might lead to Bremer LB's inability to fulfil its obligations, at all or in due time, under any Notes issued under the Programme. The main risk factors Bremer LB may be subject to are credit and investment risk (counterparty risk), market risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. The selected order is neither a statement of the probability of realisation nor the extent of the economic effects or the significance of the risk factors mentioned below.

#### **Credit Risk**

Bremer LB actively operates as a universal commercial bank in the financing sector. As such it is exposed to the risk stemming from a borrower's or counterparty's failure to pay or deterioration in a borrower's or counterparty's credit rating. Bremer LB's credit portfolio focuses in particular on special finance for shipping, renewable energies, social housing and leasing companies, as well as private and corporate customer business in north-west Lower Saxony and the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen. Bremer LB monitors, and has monitored, its credit risks and relevant collaterals regularly with regard to borrowers, countries and business sectors, and will continue to do so. It is however possible that a realisation of risks that cannot be foreseen or risks that cannot be adverted, or risks which were not identified in the past, will result in credit defaults. Moreover, collaterals given to hedge the credit default risk may prove insufficient

to cover the amount of credit in default, for example due to declining market prices. Any default on the part of borrowers with large loan volumes could have a material negative impact on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes under the Programme.

Bremer LB has in the past made specific loan loss provisions to compensate for expected credit defaults, and will continue to do so. The loan loss provisions have been made in all conscience to the extent necessary according to IAS 39. In the future it is basically possible that Bremer LB will have to increase risk provisions due to higher numbers or higher amounts of defaulted loans in its credit portfolio.

#### **Investment Risk**

Bremer LB is exposed to the risk of loss resulting from making equity available to third parties. The occurrence of an investment risk may negatively impact Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and ultimately impair its ability to fulfil its obligations to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

#### **Market Risk**

Market risk describes the potential loss arising from changes in market parameters. Bremer LB could potentially suffer from negative valuation effects resulting from market fluctuations and inaccurate estimates and prognoses of market developments impacting its trade and investment activities. Bremer LB has in the past been and continues to be active in the securities, currency and derivatives markets, establishing trading portfolios and investment positions, with investment positions representing the predominant volume compared to trading positions. Individual investment decisions are based on estimates and forecasts for future developments in the financial markets, as the success of such transactions depends mainly on market and rate movements. Complex capital market products in particular are created so as to generate income from movements of and differences to market prices. In particular, Bremer LB is exposed to currency risks. For example, a significant part of the commercial ship portfolio is financed in US dollar. Against this backdrop, the development of the Euro/US Dollar exchange rate may have, for example, a negative effect on the regulatory capital ratios as well as the risk-bearing capacity of Bremer LB.

Any market disturbances resulting in distortions in the money and capital markets, which are not expected or foreseen by Bremer LB, could negatively impact the net assets, financial position and results of operations of Bremer LB and ultimately impair its ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

Bremer LB is exposed to the risk of default in the cover pools for Pfandbriefe and to the risk that - for regulatory reasons - an increase of the cover pool is ordered by supervisory authorities.

Assets in the cover pools relating to the different Pfandbriefe issued by Bremer LB include loans and other financings which are exposed to the economic situation of the financed object and/or debtor which can deteriorate. If the risk of default in relation to assets held by Bremer LB materialises in any of the cover pools and if and to the extent Bremer LB is unable to replace the respective assets in the cover pool with adequate new assets, this could also result in the cover assets being insufficient to meet the requirements under the Pfandbrief Act which could have a material negative impact on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

Furthermore, Bremer LB is exposed to the risk that the competent supervisory authority orders with respect to the cover pools of the different Pfandbriefe issued by Bremer LB that, for regulatory reasons, Bremer LB must meet increased cover requirements if and to the extent the recoverability of liabilities arising from outstanding Pfandbriefe and derivative transactions used as cover seems not assured. Any such order could have a material negative impact on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risks are risks which may arise from disruptions to the liquidity of individual market segments, unexpected events in lending, deposit or issue business or deterioration in Bremer LB's own refinancing

conditions. Bremer LB defines placement risk as a component of liquidity risk. Placement risk is the risk that Bremer LB's own issues cannot be placed on the market at the desired conditions or due to a closure of the market a placement may not be possible at all.

Liquidity risk breaks down into traditional liquidity risk, refinancing risk and market-liquidity risk.

Traditional liquidity risk is the risk that payment obligations cannot be met or cannot be met in due time. Such risks may arise due to a general disruption in the liquidity of the money markets affecting individual banks or the entire financial market. Market disruptions can also mean that collateral from significant asset classes can no longer be realised. Alternatively, unexpected events in lending, investment or new issue business may also result in liquidity shortages.

Refinancing risk constitutes potential losses of earnings resulting from the worsening of Bremer LB's own refinancing conditions in the money or capital markets. The most significant cause is a change in the assessment of Bremer LB's credit rating by other market participants, Bremer LB focuses on the entire range of maturities.

Market-liquidity risk describes potential losses to be borne if transactions need to be concluded at conditions which are not in line with the fair market value due to a lack of liquidity in individual market segments. Market-liquidity risks result primarily from securities positions in the trading and banking books.

Bremer LB maintains a buffer of high liquid assets in order to fulfil all its payment obligations should any such event occur. Extraordinary events in this business could nevertheless require measures which could have an adverse effect on Bremer LB's profitability. High volatility and disruption that the capital and credit markets have experienced since mid 2007 have led to the failure of several substantial financial institutions, causing widespread liquidation of assets and further constraining credit markets. These asset sales, along with asset sales by other leveraged investors, including some hedge funds, have rapidly driven down prices and valuations across a wide variety of traded asset classes. Asset price deterioration has a negative effect on the valuation of some of the asset categories represented on Bremer LB's balance sheet, and reduces Bremer LB's ability to sell assets at prices Bremer LB deems acceptable. This could have an adverse effect on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

The crisis has affected almost the entire international financial market. Investors are acting more selective in respect of their investment decisions. As a consequence, credit spreads especially for senior unsecured notes of credit institutions have widened. Such widening of credit spreads in the capital markets may affect Bremer LB's funding costs. There is a possibility of tense market conditions which may lead to liquidity constraints. This could limit Bremer LB's funding abilities, which would in turn impact on profitability and ultimately impair its ability to fulfil its obligations to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

#### Rating of the Issuer

Rating agencies perform creditworthiness assessments to determine whether a potential borrower will be in a position to meet its contractually agreed credit obligations in the future. A key element of the assigned rating is the assessment of the borrower's net assets, financial position and results of operations. A downgrade of Bremer LB's rating could impair the operating businesses of Bremer LB, would have a negative impact on the cost of Bremer LB's refinancing and could result in the materialisation of new liabilities or the acceleration of repayment obligations under existing liabilities that depend on the maintenance of a specific rating. In addition, Bremer LB's rating is also an important comparative element in competition with other banks. A downgrade or the mere possibility of a downgrade of Bremer LB's rating or the rating of Norddeutsche Landesbank-Girozentrale ("NORD/LB"), Bremer LB's majority shareholder, may have a detrimental effect on the respective company's customer relationships and sales of products and services. A downgrade may also have a negative impact on the availability and cost of Bremer LB's refinancing.

Furthermore, it is possible that, following any further downgrade, Bremer LB might no longer be considered as a suitable counterparty for derivative transactions.

Bremer LB is rated by Fitch Ratings Ltd ("Fitch").

Fitch is established in the European Community and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "CRA Regulation"). The European Securities and Markets Authority publishes on its website (www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs) a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation. That list is updated within five working days following the adoption of a decision under Article 16, 17 or 20 CRA Regulation. The European Commission shall publish that

updated list in the Official Journal of the European Union within 30 days following such update.

As of the date of this Prospectus, the ratings assigned by Fitch to Bremer LB were as follows:

Fitch<sup>7</sup>: Long Term Issuer Default Rating: A-, outlook stable

Short Term Issuer Default Rating: F1

#### **Operational Risk**

As commercial enterprise, Bremer LB is exposed to operational risks, *i.e.* possible and from Bremer LB's point of view unintended incidents incurred either as a result of inadequate or failed internal processes, employees and technology or as a result of external events which both could lead to a loss or could have a significant negative impact on Bremer LB. This definition includes legal risk, change-of-law risk, compliance risk, outsourcing risk, misconduct risk, dilution risk, fraud risk, model risk, IT risk and vulnerability in the context of contingency and crisis management.

The occurrence of an operational risk may negatively impact Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and thus its ability to fulfil its obligations to investors in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

## RISK FACTORS REGARDING REGULATORY ASPECTS CONCERNING CREDIT INSTITUTIONS IN GENERAL

#### Reform of regulatory framework for financial institutions

Regulatory authorities and the European Union, among others, have made proposals to reform the regulatory framework of financial institutions and continue to accelerate the change of regulatory structures, in particular in response to the financial crisis and sovereign debt crisis. Many of these proposals have already been implemented and further significant changes are likely. This creates uncertainty for Bremer LB as well as for the financial industry as a whole. The wide range of legislative proposals include provisions for more stringent regulatory capital, liquidity standards, restrictions on compensation practices as well as recovery and resolution powers. The likely effects of some of these laws and regulations, also regarding leverage ratios and capital requirements, as well as their execution by the competent authorities remain uncertain as the drafting and implementation of these laws and regulations are still on-going. Since most of the regulations adopted during the last years allow for and require the drafting of further delegated acts, regulatory and implementing technical standards, guidelines and recommendations, the material effects of many of the new regulatory provisions is still under discussion, and it is likely that the regulatory framework for the financial industry will continue to be subject to fundamental changes and increasing complexity. Compliance with the regulatory framework which is continuously being under review and subject to further modifications and the initial implementation of the new rules as well as their ongoing internal and external supervision may increase the administrative expenses for Bremer LB.

Regulatory authorities have substantial discretion in how to regulate banks. This discretion, and the regulators' powers, has been increasing in recent years. In the context of establishing the European Single Supervisory Mechanism ("SSM"), NORD/LB, Bremer LB's majority shareholder, was identified as a "significant institution". Therefore, the ECB has taken over the direct supervision of NORD/LB and its regulated subsidiaries, including Bremer LB, with effect from 4 November 2014. If and to what extent this change of prudential supervisor will result in significant changes in the application of the regulatory environment in which Bremer LB operates remains uncertain. There are, however, some factors which allow for the conclusion that the administrative burden and costs connected with supervision will increase as a consequence of the establishment of the SSM.

The variety of regulatory reforms as well as their extent in conjunction with the degree of discretion conferred to regulatory authorities, whether the implementation by the respective credit institutions deemed to be adequate, may complicate Bremer LB's ability to implement its business and strategic plans. Such reforms could also impede certain of Bremer LB's business activities and render them less attractive.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The following definitions have been extracted from the internet page of Fitch:

<sup>&</sup>quot;A: High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings. F1: Highest short-term credit quality. Indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature."

All this, together with the increased administrative expenses, may negatively affect Bremer LB's business, financial position and results of operations and hence the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### New capital requirements

The legislative package on the capital adequacy framework within the European Union, which consists of the Capital Requirement Regulation ("CRR") and the Capital Requirement Directive ("CRD 4", together with CRR the "CRD 4 Package"), provides, among other things, for minimum capital requirements and additional capital buffers, expressed in a percentage to the total risk weighted assets. Furthermore, the CRD 4 Package envisages the introduction of the leverage ratio requirement, which is a non-risk based measure designed to act as a supplement to risk based capital requirements. Also, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision of the Bank for International Settlement (BIS) is currently working on revisions to its current framework (known as Basel 3). All this may lead to higher liquidity and own fund requirements as well as a more stringent large exposure regime and additional risk management requirements. As a consequence of the regulatory requirements, Bremer LB's capital calculation, funding activities and its ability to offer loans may be adversely affected. This may have a material adverse effect on Bremer LB's business and profitability.

Additionally, currently valid economic and regulatory indicators may be impacted which may lead to changes regarding capital resources.

An actual or perceived non-fulfilment of these regulatory requirements by Bremer LB could cause regulatory interventions, such as required changes to the business strategy, restrictions on the pay-out of dividends and other distributions and discretionary compensation payments. This may have adverse effects on Bremer LB's business, financial situation and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### Capital ratios in excess of own funds requirements

In the context of the Pillar 2 requirements under the Basel 3 framework, the ECB has issued decisions (the "SREP Decisions") for most of the directly supervised institutions pursuant to which the relevant institution or group of institutions is required to maintain certain capital ratios in excess of the requirements following from the CRD 4 Package under Pillar 1 (CET 1 capital ratio and a total capital ratio). These additional requirements are set by the ECB on the basis of the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process ("SREP"). Bremer LB expects the ECB to issue a SREP Decision addressed to Bremer LB. It cannot be ruled out that the SREP Decision results in capital requirements higher than the current capital ratios of Bremer LB. This could for example be the case if, on the basis of the assessment of the ECB, the credit risk in Bremer LB's credit portfolio is not adequately reflected by loan loss provisions. Further, it is expected that the ECB will periodically review its SREP Decisions and impose additional requirements in respect of directly supervised institutions on an annual basis to ensure that risks identified by the SREP are adequately covered by regulatory capital. The methodology applied in the SREP as a basis for future SREP Decisions may itself be subject to review and change in the future. These revisions and changes may also lead to higher capital requirements. The ECB may impose higher capital requirements also outside a SREP at any time if the ECB determines that risks identified by it, e.g. in the course of a special audit as regularly performed by the ECB and recently undertaken in respect of Bremer LB's ship portfolio. are not adequately covered by the regulatory capital maintained under the Pillar 1 framework.

Should Bremer LB become subject to capital requirements higher than its current capital ratios, Bremer LB could be forced to raise additional regulatory capital at unfavourable terms and could be unable to raise such capital at all. Any failure to comply with any additional capital requirements to which Bremer LB is or may become subject (including also buffer requirements) could result, among other things, in the imposition of further requirements and early intervention measures by authorities. For example, the ECB could require Bremer LB to present a plan to restore compliance with capital requirements, to apply a specific provisioning policy, to restrict or limit its business, operations or network or to divest activities that pose excessive risks. Any of these requirements and measures may adversely affect Bremer LB's reputation, results of operations, financial position or credit rating and hence increase its refinancing costs or affect its ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### Stress tests

Stress tests analysing the robustness of credit institutions are regularly carried out and published by supranational and national supervisory authorities. Any announcement by a supervisory authority that it

will perform a stress test or market perception that any such test is not rigorous enough can increase uncertainty in the banking sector and lead to a loss of confidence in individual institutions, such as Bremer LB, or in the banking sector as a whole.

It cannot be ruled out that future stress test results for Bremer LB may not meet certain legal requirements or expectations by supervisory authorities, market participants or rating agencies. This could result, for example, in higher capital requirements for Bremer LB or require Bremer LB to increase its liquidity to be maintained. Such requirements may have a negative impact on Bremer LB's results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### Audits, inspections and similar proceedings conducted by regulators

Bremer LB has been, and will remain, subject to audits, inspections and similar proceedings conducted by regulators which focus on Bremer LB's compliance with regulations applicable to the financial sector. It cannot be ruled out that any of those audits, inspections and similar proceedings will produce findings of deficiencies. Such findings may lead to (additional) requirements for Bremer LB imposed by the regulator and may thereby lead to increasing administrative expenses or adversely affect Bremer LB's reputation. The realisation of any of these risks could have a material adverse effect on Bremer LB's business, financial position and results of operations and hence the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### Deposit guarantee schemes

The EU Directive on Deposit Guarantee Schemes ("DSGS") further harmonizes the regulation of deposit protection schemes in the EU. The DSGS obliges each credit institution to contribute to a statutory or legally recognised guarantee scheme. Bremer LB is a member of the Security Reserve of the Landesbanken and Girozentralen (Sicherungsreserve der Landesbanken und Girozentralen — the "Security Reserve") which forms, together with other protection schemes of the regional savings banks, the Joint Liability Scheme of the German Savings Banks Finance Group (Sicherungssystem der Deutschen Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe — the "Joint Liability Scheme"). The Joint Liability Scheme was amended with effect as of 3 July 2015 to implement the DSGS. As contributions of each bank thereto are determined on the basis of the individual risk profile and as such determinations are reviewed regularly, it is possible that Bremer LB's contributions will increase. This case may reduce Bremer LB's otherwise available capital and, hence, negatively affect its business, financial position and earnings.

## Intervention rights under the Single Resolution Mechanism and the national law implementing the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive; contributions to the Single Resolution Fund

Bremer LB may become subject to intervention measures pursuant to the Single Resolution Mechanism ("SRM") and the national law implementing the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (the "BRRD"). The tools of the SRM include the potential sale of businesses, a bridge institution tool, an asset separation tool, and a "bail-in" tool. The "bail-in" tool will give resolution authorities the power to write down, including to zero, or convert into equity the claims, including the claims for repayment and payment of outstanding interest, of certain unsecured creditors of institutions (including the Holders) that are failing or likely to fail which means that such creditors (including the Holders) face the risk of a partial or total loss of the investment. These rules may result in higher refinancing costs, in particular in times of a sector wide crisis. In case of a bail-in Holders of subordinated Notes are exposed to a significantly higher risk of losing their investment in whole or in part than the holders of unsubordinated Notes.

Under the SRM, Bremer LB is also subject to minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities ("MREL"). This could require Bremer LB to issue additional capital with sufficient loss absorbing quality. Should Bremer LB not be able to raise the additional capital, it may be subject to regulatory measures and sanctions which could adversely affect Bremer LB's reputation, net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

Also, the SRM provides for the establishment of a Single Resolution Fund (the "SRF") which is funded by contributions of banks. The amount of contributions to be paid by Bremer LB over the next years is not yet clear and may negatively affect Bremer LB's reputation, financial position and results of operations and hence the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

#### Reputational risks

Reputational risks are present in respect of all business incidents that lower confidence in Bremer LB from the public, customers, business partners, investors or rating agencies. In general, each of the facts and

circumstances described above entails reputational risks. As is the case for other non-quantifiable risks, Bremer LB has therefore established processes and responsibilities intended to enable it to identify reputational risks at an early stage and to react to them. However, these procedures may prove to be ineffective. Should this lead to the materialisation of such risks, this could have a material negative impact on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes.

Any of the aforementioned risks could have a material negative impact on Bremer LB's net assets, financial position and results of operations and hence on the ability to meet liabilities to investors under the Notes issued under the Programme.

#### **RISK FACTORS REGARDING THE NOTES**

The following is a disclosure of risk factors that are material to the Notes (including Pfandbriefe) issued under the Programme in order to assess the market risk associated with these Notes. Prospective investors should consider these risk factors before deciding to purchase Notes issued under the Programme.

The following statements are not exhaustive. Prospective investors should consider all information provided in this Prospectus and consult with their own professional advisers (including their financial, accounting, legal and tax advisers) if they consider it necessary. In addition, investors should be aware that the risks described may combine and thus intensify one another.

#### Notes may not be a suitable Investment for all Investors

Each potential investor in Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the relevant Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation and the investment(s) it is considering, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the relevant Notes, including where the currency for principal and interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

#### Liquidity Risk

Application has been made to list Notes to be issued under the Programme on the official list of and to admit to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (Regulated Market "Bourse de Luxembourg"). In addition, the Programme provides that Notes may be listed on the regulated market of the Hamburg Stock Exchange or may not be listed at all. Regardless of whether the Notes are listed or not, there can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market for the Notes will develop or, if it does develop, that it will continue. The fact that the Notes may be listed does not necessarily lead to greater liquidity as compared to unlisted Notes. If the Notes are not listed on any stock exchange, pricing information for such Notes may, however, be more difficult to obtain which may affect the liquidity of the Notes adversely. In an illiquid market, an investor might not be able to sell his Notes at any time at fair market prices. The possibility to sell the Notes might additionally be restricted by country specific reasons.

#### **Market Price Risk**

The development of market prices of the Notes depends on various factors, such as changes of market interest rate levels, the policy of central banks, fluctuation of credit spreads, overall economic developments, inflation rates or the lack of or excess demand for the relevant type of Note. The holder of Notes is therefore exposed to the risk of an unfavourable development of market prices of its Notes which materialises if the holder sells the Notes prior to the final maturity of such Notes. If the holder decides to hold the Notes until final maturity the Notes will be redeemed at the amount set out in the relevant Final Terms.

#### **Risk of Early Redemption**

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether an Issuer may have the right to call the Notes prior to maturity (optional call right) on one or several dates determined beforehand or whether the Notes will be subject to early redemption upon the occurrence of an event specified in the applicable Final Terms (early redemption event). In addition, except in case of Pfandbriefe, the Issuer will always have the right to redeem the Notes if the Issuer is required to pay additional amounts (gross-up payments) on the Notes for reasons of taxation as set out in the Terms and Conditions or for regulatory reasons in the case of subordinated Notes. If the Issuer redeems the Notes prior to maturity or the Notes are subject to early redemption due to an early redemption event, a holder of such Notes is exposed to the risk that due to such early redemption his investment will have a lower than expected yield. The Issuer can be expected to exercise his optional call right if the yield on comparable Notes in the capital market has fallen which means that the investor may only be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in comparable Notes with a lower yield. On the other hand, the Issuer can be expected not to exercise his optional call right if the yield on comparable Notes in the capital market has increased. In this event an investor will not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in comparable Notes with a higher yield. It should be noted, however, that the Issuer may exercise any optional call right irrespective of market interest rates on a call date.

In addition, investors who have purchased the Notes at a price above par are exposed to the risk that they lose part of their investment in the case of an early redemption of the Notes at par.

#### Rating of the Notes

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Rating agencies may assign different ratings to different series or tranches of Notes issued under the Programme. The rating of any specific series or tranche of Notes may also differ from the rating that rating agencies have assigned to the Programme. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency. Any change in the rating could adversely affect the trading price of the Notes. In the event of a sale of the Notes prior to maturity, a holder would then incur a loss compared to the capital invested.

#### **Provisions and Fees**

Provisions, fees and other costs may reduce any return on the investment in the Notes. Potential investors should therefore consult their own financial advisers about any provisions, fees and other costs which are incurred when purchasing or while holding the Notes prior to any investment.

#### **Taxation**

Taxation and its effects depend on the individual circumstances of the relevant holder. Holders of Notes should therefore obtain information from and consult with their tax adviser on the tax consequences applying to their individual situation prior to any investment decision.

#### Change of Law Risk

The terms and conditions of the Notes are governed by German law. Any discussion of German law in this Prospectus is based on the laws and regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany in effect as of the date of this Prospectus and no assurance can be given as to the impact of possible judicial decisions or changes to German law or administrative practice after the date of this Prospectus.

#### **Currency Risk**

A holder of Notes denominated in a foreign currency is exposed to the risk of changes in currency exchange rates which may affect the yield of such Notes. Changes in currency exchange rates result from various factors such as macro-economic factors, speculative transactions and interventions by central banks and governments.

A change in the value of any foreign currency against the Euro, for example, will result in a corresponding change in the Euro value of Notes denominated in a currency other than Euro and a corresponding change in the Euro value of interest and principal payments made in a currency other than in Euro in accordance with the terms of such Notes. If the underlying exchange rate falls and the value of the Euro correspondingly rises, the price of the Notes and the value of interest and principal payments made thereunder expressed in Euro falls.

In addition, government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable currency exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

#### **Fixed Rate Notes**

A holder of Fixed Rate Notes is exposed to the risk that the price of such Notes falls as a result of changes in the market interest rate. While the nominal interest rate of Fixed Rate Notes as specified in the applicable Final Terms is fixed during the life of such Notes, the current interest rate on the capital market for issues of the same maturity ("market interest rate") typically changes on a daily basis. As the market interest rate changes, the price of Fixed Rate Notes also changes, but in the opposite direction. If the market interest rate increases, the price of Fixed Rate Notes typically falls, until the yield of such Notes is approximately equal to the market interest rate. If the market interest rate falls, the price of Fixed Rate Notes typically increases, until the yield of such Notes is approximately equal to the market interest rate. If the holder of Fixed Rate Notes holds such Notes until maturity, changes in the market interest rate are without relevance to such holder as the Notes will be redeemed at a specified redemption amount, usually the principal amount of such Notes. The same risk applies to Step-Up Notes and Step-Down Notes if the market interest rates in respect of comparable Notes are higher than the rates applicable to such Notes.

A Holder of Fixed Rate Notes should also be aware that the Final Terms may provide that the nominal interest rate of Fixed Rate Notes is fixed at 0% until the maturity date. Moreover, the Final Terms may specify an issue price higher than 100% of the principal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes. As a consequence, it is possible that the yield of the Fixed Rate Notes at the time of the issuance is negative, in particular if the interest rate is 0% or close to 0%. As a general rule, the yield at the time of purchase becomes negative if an investor purchases Notes at a price (including any subscription surcharge or any fees or transaction costs in connection with such purchase) that is higher than the sum of the redemption amount of the Notes and all remaining interest (if any) payments on the Notes until the maturity date.

#### **Floating Rate Notes**

Floating Rate Notes tend to be volatile investments. A holder of Floating Rate Notes is exposed to the risk of fluctuating interest rate levels and uncertain interest income. Fluctuating interest rate levels make it impossible to determine the profitability of Floating Rate Notes in advance.

If Floating Rate Notes are structured to include multipliers, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features, the market value may be more volatile than those for Floating Rate Notes that do not include these features. If the amount of interest payable is determined in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one, the effect of changes in the interest rates on interest payable will be increased. The effect of a cap is that the amount of interest will never rise above the predetermined cap, so that the holder will not be able to benefit from any actual favourable development beyond the cap. The yield could therefore be considerably lower than that of similar Floating Rate Notes without a cap.

Neither the current nor the historical value of the relevant floating rate should be taken as an indication of the future development of such floating rate during the term of any Notes.

Reference rates (such as EURIBOR or LIBOR) used to calculate floating interest rates can become negative. In case of negative reference rates, such negative reference rate will reduce the margin (if any), and could result in no interest payments at all.

Furthermore, the LIBOR and the EURIBOR as reference rates are the subject of recent national, international and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform such as the proposed EU Regulation

on indices used as reference rates in certain financial instruments and financial contracts. As a result of these proposals, market participants may be discouraged from continuing to administer or participate certain reference rates, or initiate amendments to the respective rules and methodologies. Hence, these reforms may cause such reference rates to perform differently than in the past, or disappear entirely, or have other consequences which cannot be predicted. Any such consequence or further consequential changes to the LIBOR or the EURIBOR, could have a material adverse effect on the market value of and the yield on any Notes linked to a reference rate.

#### Inverse/Reverse Floating Rate Notes

Inverse Floating Rate Notes (also called Reverse Floating Rate Notes) have an interest rate which is determined as the difference between a fixed interest rate and a floating rate reference rate such as the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR) or the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) which means that interest income on such Notes falls if the reference interest rate increases. Typically, the market value of Inverse Floating Rate Notes is more volatile than the market value of other more conventional floating rate notes based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest payable on the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which may further adversely affect the market value of such Notes.

#### **Subordinated Notes**

The Issuer may issue subordinated Notes. The obligations of the Issuer in case of subordinated Notes constitute unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer ranking pari passu among themselves and pari passu with all other subordinated obligations of the Issuer, with the exception of all those subordinated claims against the Issuer which pursuant to their terms or by virtue of law are subordinated to the claims under the Notes or which are expressed to rank junior to the Notes. In the event of the liquidation or insolvency of the Issuer, such obligations will be subordinated to the claims of all third party creditors in respect of unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer so that in any such event no amounts will be payable under such obligations until the claims of all third party creditors in respect of unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer will have been satisfied in full. No holder may set off his claims arising under the Notes against any claims of the Issuer. No security of whatever kind or guarantee is, or will at any time be, provided by the Issuer or any other person securing rights of the holders under such Notes, which enhances the seniority of the claims under the subordinated Notes and the subordinated Notes are not, or shall not at any time be, subject to any arrangement that otherwise enhances the seniority of the claims under the subordinated Notes. No subsequent agreement may limit the subordination or amend the maturity date in respect of the Notes to any earlier date or shorten any applicable notice period (Kündigungsfrist).

The subordinated Notes may in any case only be called, redeemed or repurchased or repaid before the relevant maturity date where the conditions laid down in Article 77 of Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 64/2012 ("CRR") are met, and not before five years after the date of issuance, except where the conditions laid down in Article 78(4) CRR are met. Amounts redeemed, repaid or paid without any consideration of these conditions must be returned to the Issuer irrespective of any agreement to the contrary. The aforementioned references to the CRR shall include the CRR as amended from time to time as well as all applicable capital requirements provisions, which may supersede or supplement the provisions of the CRR referred to above.

It should be noted that prior to any insolvency or liquidation of the Issuer, all respective claims, rights and duties under, or arising out of, the subordinated Notes will be subject to the Bail-in tool as described in more detail in the risk factor "Bail-in tool" referred to below.

#### Risk of potential Conflicts of Interest

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions and may perform services for the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

#### Bail-in tool

Among other resolution actions and subject to certain conditions and exemptions, the Single Resolution Board ("SRB") may, in accordance with Articles 18, 22, 23 and 27 of Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014 establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund ("SRM Regulation"), instruct the German resolution authority to order in accordance with Article 29 SRM Regulation, by exercising its powers under the German Act of 10 December 2014 on the Recovery and Resolution of Credit Institutions and Groups of Credit Institutions, as amended, (Gesetz zur Sanierung und Abwicklung von Instituten und Finanzgruppen vom 10. Dezember 2014, in der jeweils gültigen Fassung, (Sanierungs- und Abwicklungsgesetz – "SAG")) - in particular §§ 90 and 91 SAG (but subject to the SRM Regulation) - that eligible liabilities (as defined in Article 3(1)(49) SRM Regulation) of the Issuer including liabilities under the Notes be converted to equity or reduced in their principal amount ("Bail-in tool"). In this case the Holder of the Notes might lose the entire or a substantial part of its investment. The SRB may only so instruct the German resolution authority in accordance with the procedure set out in Article 18 SRM Regulation if the following conditions are met: (a) the Issuer is failing or likely to fail, (b) there is no reasonable prospect that any alternative private sector measures would prevent the failure of the Issuer within a reasonable timeframe and (c) a resolution action is necessary in the public interest. In accordance with the SRM Regulation and the SAG, Pfandbriefe are excluded from the scope of the Bail-in tool as secured liabilities ("covered bonds").

In addition to the SRM Regulation and the SAG, the German Bank Restructuring Act (*Gesetz zur Reorganisation von Kreditinstituten* (*Kreditinstitute-Reorganisationsgesetz* – "**KredReorgG**")) of 9 December 2010, as amended, as well as §§ 45 et seq. of the German Banking Act (*Kreditwesengesetz* – "**KWG**") provide for a comprehensive set of measures to strengthen crisis prevention and to create incentives for credit institutions to restructure themselves independently well in advance of an insolvency occurring.

The described regulatory measures may severely affect the rights of the Holders of the Notes including the loss of the entire or a substantial part of its investment and may have a negative impact on the market value of the Notes also prior to non-viability or resolution.

#### Risk arising from the ranking of the unsubordinated Notes

The Resolution Mechanism Act (Abwicklungsmechanismusgesetz) of 2 November 2015 introduces a new section into the German Banking Act (Gesetz über das Kreditwesen) according to which claims under unsecured liabilities of a bank would be senior to claims under unsecured debt instruments, as the unsubordinated Notes, in an insolvency proceeding in respect of a credit institution in accordance with the provisions of the Capital Requirements Regulation (Kapitaladäquanzverordnung). The relevant provisions will become effective as of 1 January 2017 and will be applicable to all outstanding liabilities of the bank (for insolvency proceedings initiated prior to 1 January 2017, the provisions applicable by then shall continue to be applied). Pfandbriefe are not affected by these provisions. As a consequence of the ranking of the unsubordinated Notes, the Bail-in tool will be applied to the unsecured debt instruments, as the unsubordinated Notes, prior to the application of this resolution measure to unsecured liabilities in the context of a resolution scenario. Such ranking of the unsubordinated Notes may therefore materially adversely affect the rights of the Holders of the unsubordinated Notes and may result in the loss of the entire or substantial part of its investment. It may also negatively impact the market value of the unsubordinated Notes prior to any insolvency proceedings.

In addition, any indication or hint that the Issuer would become or is likely to become subject to resolution (or the perception of market participants in this regard) could have an adverse effect on the market price of the Notes.

## U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance withholding

Under certain provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (commonly referred to as "FATCA"), the Issuer and its non-U.S. subsidiaries will generally become subject to a 30 *per cent*. withholding tax on certain payments they receive unless they enter into an agreement (a "FATCA agreement") with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") pursuant to which they agree to report to the IRS information about their "United States accounts" and comply with certain procedures to be further determined by the IRS. However, on 31 May 2013 the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany concluded an intergovernmental agreement to "Improve International Tax Compliance and with respect to the United States Information and Reporting Provisions Commonly Known as the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act" (the "German IGA"). Under the German IGA, the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany

have agreed to implement FATCA through domestic reporting duties for financial institutions, an automatic exchange of account information between the public authorities of the two countries and on the basis of existing bilateral tax treaties. Pursuant to Article 4 of the German IGA the Issuer and its German subsidiaries are treated as FATCA compliant provided that they comply with the requirements under the German IGA ("deemed-compliant FFI"). In order to retain their status as deemed-compliant FFI the Issuer and its German subsidiaries would have to report to the German tax authorities (and thus, indirectly, to the IRS) accountholders that are U.S. persons for purposes of U.S. federal income taxation. In addition, the Issuer (or if payments on the Notes are made through an intermediary such as a clearing system or broker that is a deemed-compliant FFI pursuant to an applicable intergovernmental agreement or that has entered into a FATCA-agreement with the IRS, such deemed-compliant FFI) may be required, pursuant to the German IGA (or if payments on the Notes are made through an intermediary pursuant to the intermediary's FATCA agreement or an applicable intergovernmental agreement), to apply a 30 per cent. withholding tax (a "FATCA Witholding") to any "foreign passthru payment" made on the Notes (i) to a foreign financial institution that is not a deemed-compliant FFI, (ii) to accountholders who have not identified themselves as not being U.S. persons for purposes of U.S. federal income taxation, or (iii) to accountholders who have not consented, where necessary, to have their information disclosed to the IRS. Under current guidance, the term "foreign passthru payment" is not defined (although conceptually the term refers to the portion of each payment made by a deemed-compliant FFI in the same ratio that such deemed-compliant FFI's U.S source income bears to its overall income). This guidance is subject to change and it is not yet clear whether or to what extent payments by the Issuer (including payments on the Notes) will be treated as foreign passthru payments.

However, provided the Notes are not treated as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and unless the Notes are issued or materially modified on or after the later of 1 July 2014 and the date that is six months after the date of publication of final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term "foreign passthru payment", no payment on a Note issued before that date will be subject to FATCA Withholding. With respect to Notes that are treated as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes or are issued, or materially modified, on or after the later of 1 July 2014 and the date that is six months after the date of publication of final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term "foreign passthru payment" ("non-grandfathered Notes"), payment in respect of such non-grandfathered Notes may become subject to FATCA Withholding. Nevertheless no FATCA Withholding will be required on non-grandfathered Notes before the later of 1 January 2019 and the date of publication of final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term "foreign passthru payment".

The U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS recently issued final regulations that implement certain provisions of FATCA. The Treasury Department and the IRS may issue additional guidance and regulations that may alter the application of FATCA to the Issuer and the Notes. Further, it is not yet clear whether or to what extent payments on non-grandfathered Notes will be subject to FATCA under the rules of the German IGA.

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Notes, holders of the Notes will not receive any gross-up payments in compensation of FATCA Withholdings. Holders of the Notes should consult their tax advisers regarding the application of FATCA to an investment in the Notes and their ability to obtain a refund of any amount withheld under FATCA.

The paragraphs under the heading "BREMER LANDESBANK KREDITANSTALT OLDENBURG – GIROZENTRALE –" on pages 40 - 49 of the Supplemented Prospectus shall be replaced by the following:

#### Name, registered office, history and financial year

The Issuer's legal name is Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale –, the name used for commercial purposes is Bremer Landesbank.

Bremer LB is registered with the commercial register at the Local Court (Amtsgericht) of Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany, under no. HRA 22159.

With effect from 26 April 1983 the predecessor institutions Staatliche Kreditanstalt Oldenburg-Bremen (established 1 November 1883) and the Bremer Landesbank – Girozentrale – (established 1 January 1938) were merged to form Bremer LB in its current form through a state treaty between the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and the State of Lower Saxony as most recently amended on 18 June 2012.

Bremer LB is an institution of public law (rechtsfähige Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts). Its registered head office is located at Domshof 26, 28195 Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany, Phone +49 421 332 0, Facsimile +49 421 332 2322; governing law is German law.

The financial year of Bremer LB is the calendar year.

Bremer LB is a member of the Security Reserve of the Landesbanken and Girozentralen (Sicherungsreserve der Landesbanken und Girozentralen) established by and for the mutual assistance of all regional banks (Landesbanken) in Germany. Pursuant to its statute, the Security Reserve of the Landesbanken and Girozentralen serves to protect its member institutions and, in particular, to ensure their liquidity and solvency. This forms, together with other protection schemes of the regional savings banks, the Joint Liability Scheme of the German Savings Banks Finance Group (Sicherungssystem der Deutschen Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe).

# **Business Overview**

#### Main Activities of the Issuer

Bremer LB's tasks are those of a regional bank (*Landesbank*), a central savings bank (*Sparkassenzentralbank*) for the 13 savings banks in its region and a commercial bank providing a full range of banking services both nationally and internationally. In its capacity as a central bank for savings banks Bremer LB receives deposits from and provides loans to the savings banks, offers a wide range of financial services, conducts their foreign business and grants joint loans to industry and trade. Additionally, Bremer LB offers other banking services such as portfolio management, corporate finance, advisory services and, through subsidiaries, leasing and factoring services.

Bremer LB may also operate other transactions of any kind that serve the purposes of the Bank and its owners. Bremer LB is entitled to issue Mortgage Pfandbriefe (*Hypothekenpfandbriefe*), Public Sector Pfandbriefe (*Öffentliche Pfandbriefe*) and Ship Pfandbriefe (*Schiffspfandbriefe*) as well as other bonds and also to operate a building-society business through independent associate companies. Bremer LB's business model incorporates five strategic business segments (Corporate Customers, Special Finance, Ship Finance, Financial Markets and Private Customers), covering customers and their requirements in its business region.

## **Corporate Customers**

Bremer LB considers Corporate Customers to be one of its core competencies and operates with a specific focus on the business sectors of commerce, ports /logistic, construction/residential, industry/service and financing of social housing.

Furthermore, Bremer LB sees its function in this sector as that of a partner for the enterprises in the north-western region of the Federal Republic of Germany. Additionally, in certain business sectors customer relationships are maintained and expanded throughout Germany.

Consultancy services for medium sized enterprises focus on tailor made solutions for payment transactions and financial management as well as individual services for international business. The range

of services extends from a structured analysis of client's annual accounts to structure customised financing for the Bank's corporate clients.

# **Special Finance**

The Special Finance division incorporates the following areas:

- a) Renewable energy;
- b) Refinancing of leasing companies and the refinancing of factoring companies business.

In these areas, Bremer LB operates domestically and in selected individual cases Europe-wide.

a) Renewable energy

Bremer LB is a major provider of finance for onshore wind farms, with a more than 10 *per cent*. share in the German market. Wind energy has by now become a significant factor for regional employment in Bremer LB's main operational area. This initially regionally oriented sub-segment has developed into a leading, globally recognised high-tech industry and service segment, due to beneficial parameter conditions during the past decade.

In this area Bremer LB is also active in the sub-segments biogas and photovoltaics/solar energy.

b) Refinancing of leasing companies and the refinancing of factoring companies business

Bremer LB is one of the leading banks in the Federal Republic of Germany for the refinancing of leasing companies. The main focus is currently on targeted support for and new acquisition of medium-sized companies. The other major part of the portfolio are manufacturer leasing companies, bank-related leasing companies and domestic factoring companies.

Additionally, BLB-Leasing GmbH, a 100 *per cent*. subsidiary of Bremer LB, acts as a competent partner for the financing of mobile equipment to corporate clients in the north-western region of the Federal Republic of Germany on a leasing basis.

#### **Ship Finance**

The spectrum of services for ship finance ranges from ship construction worldwide to advance finance for lengthy and cost intensive freight contracts for special transport projects. As a universal bank, Bremer LB is able to offer comprehensive support to its clients worldwide, beginning at the conceptual stage and continuing through delivery of a ship all the way to providing solutions for all aspects of finance throughout the operational life of the vessel.

The current main strategic focus of the business area Ship Finance is the ongoing restructuring work and the significant reduction of the portfolio.

#### **Financial Markets**

The Financial Markets division of Bremer LB provides access to the national and international financial markets for private and institutional customer groups. On the financial trading floor in Bremen, equities, bonds, money market products, foreign currencies, derivatives and commodities are being traded. Refinancing measures carried out by Bremer LB are also conducted by the Financial Markets division.

The main objective is to systematically develop the regional market in close cooperation with the associated savings banks, who are chiefly in charge of sales and customer contacts. To ensure swift and targeted integration of the mutually developed sales and product profile, the strategic orientation of Bremer LB's business model entails bundling of all sales activities with the associated savings banks within a single responsibility. In addition to support for their everyday customer business requirements, comprehensive support for savings banks is one of Bremer LB's core functions.

Being an Issuer of unsecured bonds, Pfandbriefe within the framework of the German Pfandbrief Act (*Pfandbriefgesetz*) and registered bonds as well as commercial paper and medium term notes, Bremer LB has a broad, well diversified refinancing base.

The product and consultancy expertise of the Financial Markets division is also used for direct business with, among others, customers of the divisions Corporate Customers and Special Finance. This allows Bremer LB to consolidate its current position in money, foreign exchange and capital markets in the region

and beyond, aiming to further expand the joint market share of the Savings Banks Finance Group (*Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe*) in the north-western region of the Federal Republic of Germany.

#### **Private Customers**

The activities of the Private Customers division are divided into the departments Private Banking and Retail Banking. The following services are offered to private customers:

#### a) Private Banking:

Bremer LB acts as partner for wealthy private clients in the Bremen and Oldenburg region, advising on all issues relating to sophisticated Private Banking. The Private Banking range comprises high-quality products and tailored consultancy concepts in the segments financial planning, portfolio management, investment management, real estate management, risk management, estate and trust fund management and financing. Additionally, Bremer LB has complemented its range with marketable products developed in-house.

Bremer LB's Private Banking division ranks among the leading addresses in the north-western region of the Federal Republic of Germany. Within the German-speaking area Bremer LB is recognized as high quality provider of private banking which is evidenced by numerous awards.

The target customers of these segments include wealthy private clients, so-called high net and ultra-high net worth individuals.

# b) Retail Banking:

Bremer LB attaches great importance to its business with private customers in the north-western region of the Federal Republic of Germany. Bremer LB consistently offers suitable and cost-effective finance solutions at the most up-to-date standards for the areas construction and residences, planning and investment, money and service as well as insurance and retirement arrangements for sophisticated private customers.

Continuing the history of the Bank's predecessor, Staatliche Kreditanstalt Oldenburg-Bremen, residential construction finance represents Bremer LB's longstanding core competence in its Retail Banking department.

In addition, Bremer LB offers its private customers – in the sense of an integrated consultation – a range of attractive products provided by its associated partners within the Savings Banks Finance Group (*Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe*), the savings banks' network.

# **Principal Markets**

Bremer LB is a regional commercial bank. The core business region of Bremer LB is located in the Federal Republic of Germany in the north-western part of Lower Saxony and in the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen.

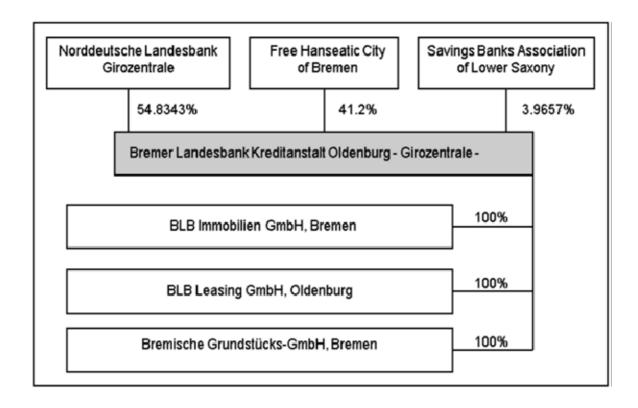
In particular areas of business where Bremer LB has special expertise, services are offered in the Federal Republic of Germany (*i.e.* financing of social housing, renewable energies) and in selected individual cases abroad.

## **Organisational Structure**

Bremer LB is included and consolidated in the consolidated financial statements of the NORD/LB Group and is a significant part of the latter. NORD/LB is a parent company of the Bremer LB as defined by sections 10a, 25a paragraph 3 of the German Banking Act (Gesetz über das Kreditwesen, KWG).

NORD/LB is an institution of public law (rechtsfähige Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts); its home market is Lower Saxony and Saxony-Anhalt.

#### **Organisation Chart**



#### Main Subsidiaries of Bremer LB in the consolidated financial statements

# **BLB Immobilien GmbH**

The present BLB Immobilien GmbH, a 100 *per cent*. subsidiary of Bremer LB, was founded in 1977 under the name Bremer Fondsverwaltung GmbH. Since a large part of the real estate holding was located in Bonn, a branch was established in that city at the same time.

Following the decision to further expand project development as well as traditional real estate brokerage, the company name was changed to BLB Immobilien GmbH in the summer of 2000.

Today, the operational area is focused mainly on Bremer LB's two locations, Bremen and Oldenburg. However, business activities extend far beyond these locations.

Business segments comprise project development, real estate management and facility management. For project development, BLB Immobilien GmbH focuses mainly on commercially used projects. As a traditional real estate broker, BLB Immobilien GmbH markets predominantly commercial properties as well as residential properties in the medium to high price range. Its clients include both capital investors and occupying owners. Facility management completes BLB Immobilien GmbH's range of products.

BLB Immobilien GmbH holds its real estate directly as well as indirectly via subsidiaries. Such subsidiaries being property companies in the legal form of a private limited partnership according to German law are entirely funded by equity and shareholder loans and do not directly employ any of its own employees.

# **BLB Leasing GmbH**

BLB Leasing GmbH is a 100 *per cent*. subsidiary of Bremer LB. It was founded in 1998 as an independent partner for commercial and self-employed lessees. The business activity consists of leasing mobile equipment. Clients range from medium sized commercial and industrial enterprises to the self-employed.

The area of operation is the same as that of Bremer LB.

The company is a member of the "Bundesverband Deutscher Leasing-Unternehmen e. V.".

#### **Bremische Grundstücks-GmbH**

Bremische Grundstücks-GmbH is also a 100 *per cent.* subsidiary of Bremer LB. It holds the shares of Bremische Wohnungsbaubeteiligungsgesellschaft mbH, Ammerländer Wohnungsbau-Gesellschaft mbH and Gemeinnützige Nordenhamer Siedlungsgesellschaft mbH (each housing societies in Northern Germany).

#### **Recent Events and Outlook**

The Bank's risk position will more than before be significantly influenced by the uncertain developments of the shipping markets. The only moderate growth in world trade is having a negative effect on the ship finance portfolio. In addition, the performance of the U.S. dollar exchange rate through the impact on the risk weighted assets (RWA) and the shortfall has had a significant influence on the capital ratios and the risk-bearing capacity. The Bank's risk-bearing capacity was substantially improved in 2015 due to a range of measures. The issue of long-term subordinated bearer debt securities (AT1 bonds) for €150 million strengthened Tier 1 capital. Additionally, an initial synthetic securitisation transaction was implemented to effect a general reduction of risk. Further, ships of defaulting ship financings were transferred to a new structure as part of investor solutions. The goal of the new structure is a sustainable transfer of the relevant ship financings from a default rating to a rating that frees up capital and simultaneously plays a significant role in the potential for value appreciation.

The ship portfolio will be further adjusted in the primarily non-strategic customer area. Non-performing loans that cannot realistically be recovered are wound up in the course of risk provisioning and active portfolio management.

Given that a significant part of the commercial ship portfolio is financed in U.S. dollar, together with the increased probability of default in the portfolio and the already occurred loan defaults, there exists a tight dependency between the development of the Euro/U.S. Dollar exchange rate and the development of the capital ratios as well as the risk-bearing capacity of Bremer LB.

The pressure on the risk-bearing capacity and the capital ratio will remain in 2016 and 2017. Given the incrementally increasing minimum requirements under CRR (Capital Requirements Regulation), the measures introduced as part of the risk bearing capacity and capital management will be pursued, implemented and complemented by further measures (e.g. by risk relieve securitisation transactions).

In the view of the Bank, the requirements for risk provisioning in 2016 will even more than before be defined by the significant difficulties in the shipping markets. Since 2010, risk provisioning at Bremer LB has been determined largely by developments in the commercial shipping sector. Other than expected in the previous fiscal year, a sustainable recovery of the shipping sector in the next two years is meanwhile very unlikely due to the continued high levels of overcapacity accompanied by an economic development with low dynamic. Due to this current looming developments in the shipping markets, in particular the continued absence of the expected recovery of the market situation in the charter segment and the global economy, the necessity became visible to review the parameters used so far in the models to determine risk provisioning. As this leads to higher than previously calculated risk provisioning requirements, negative results of the Bank are expected.

Also because of a potential deterioration of the global economic environment depressive factors in the shipping segment on a continued high level are assumed. Deviations from the valuation parameters assumed and to be verified for the shipping sector (e.g. a further delay in the recovery of the market) as well as the sale or reduction of non-performing ship loans could have a significant impact on the level of risk provisioning. The development of Bremer LB is currently materially dependent on the uncertain development of the shipping markets.

The level of risk provisioning has a significant impact on the Bank's future income. In addition, the Bank's income is influenced by the current low interest rates. In view of the reassessment strategy in the Bank's ship portfolio and the associated risk provisioning negative results are expected for the current fiscal year.

#### Administrative, Management and Supervisory Bodies

## **Managing Board**

The Managing Board represents Bremer LB and is responsible for its management. Members of the Managing Board are appointed by the Supervisory Board. Current other mandates in supervisory boards

within the meaning of § 340a (4) No.1 of the German Commercial Code (*Handelsgesetzbuch*) as of the date of the approval of this Prospectus are as follows:

Members	Company
Dr. Stephan-Andreas Kaulvers, Chairman of the Managing Board	BREMER LAGERHAUS GESELLSCHAFT –Aktiengesellschaft von 1877–, Bremen
	EWE Aktiengesellschaft, Oldenburg
	EUROGATE Geschäftsführungs-GmbH & Co. KGaA, Bremen
Heinrich Engelken, Deputy Chairman of the Managing Board	GSG OLDENBURG Bau- und Wohngesellschaft mbH, Oldenburg
	BREBAU GmbH, Bremen
	GEWOBA Aktiengesellschaft Wohnen und Bauen, Bremen
Dr. Guido Brune	BREBAU GmbH, Bremen
	DEUTSCHE FACTORING BANK Deutsche Factoring GmbH & Co. KG, Bremen
	LBS Norddeutsche Landesbausparkasse, Berlin- Hannover, Hanover
Björn Nullmeyer	

As of the date of the approval of this Prospectus the responsibilities within the Managing Board are as follows:

Dr. Stephan-Andreas Kaulvers, Chairman
Finance
Internal Audit
Secretary's Office to the Managing Board
Communications and Marketing
Risk Controlling

Heinrich Engelken, Deputy Chairman Credit Risk Management Compliance / Money Laundering Prevention Operations

Dr. Guido Brune
Financial Markets
Private Customers
BLB Immobilien GmbH

Björn Nullmeyer
Special Finance
Ship Finance
Human Resources Management
Corporate Customers
BLB Leasing GmbH

The business address of all members of the Managing Board is c/o Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale –, Domshof 26, 28195 Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany.

#### **Supervisory Board**

The primary responsibilities of the Supervisory Board are to supervise and advise the Managing Board of Bremer LB. The Supervisory Board resolves in particular on

- the appointment and removal of the members of the Managing Board and their terms of employment, and the proposal to the Owners' Meeting for the ratification of the acts of the Managing Board,
- 2. the general rules governing the Bank's business,
- 3. the proposal on corporate planning to be prepared by the Managing Board for the Owners' Meeting pursuant to clause 15 paragraph 4 sentence 1 no. 9 of the Statute of the Issuer,
- 4. the outsourcing of operations to NORD/LB,
- 5. the rules of procedure for the Managing Board,
- 6. the principles for the terms of employment of employees,
- 7. the selection and appointment of the auditor,
- 8. the approval of the annual financial statements,
- 9. the acquisition and sale of shareholdings as defined in section 271 German Commercial Code (*Handelsgesetzbuch*, *HGB*),
- 10. the proposal of the Owners' Meeting for the approval for the establishment and dissolution of branch offices and branches.

The members of the Supervisory Board are appointed for a four-year term. Chairman of the Supervisory Board is the Senator of Finance of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen.

As of the date of the approval of this Prospectus the Supervisory Board consists of

- 1. Senator of Finance of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, Mayor Karoline Linnert, Bremen, Chairman of the Supervisory Board,
- 2. the President of the Savings Banks Association of Lower Saxony, Thomas Mang, Hanover, Deputy Chairman of the Supervisory Board,
- 3. Minister of Finance of the State of Lower Saxony, Peter-Jürgen Schneider, Hanover,
- 4. the Chairman of the Managing Board of NORD/LB, Dr. Gunter Dunkel, Hanover,
- 5. five further members appointed by NORD/LB:

Heinz Feldmann, Chairman of the Board of Sparkasse LeerWittmund, Leer,

Frank Doods, State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance of the State of Lower Saxony, Hanover,

Bernhard Reuter, District Commissioner, Göttingen District, Göttingen,

Thomas Stephan Bürkle, Member of the Managing Board of NORD/LB, Hanover,

Doris Wesjohann, Member of the Managing Board of Lohmann & Co AG, Visbek,

6. three further members appointed by the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen:

Ursula Carl, managing director of ATLANTIC Grand Hotel Bremen, Bremen,

Prof. Matthias Stauch, Senate Councillor of the Senator of Justice and Constitution of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, Bremen

Dr. Olaf Joachim, Privy Council, Senate Chambers, Bremen,

7. six staff representatives who, in accordance with the Bremen personnel representation legislation, are directly elected by the Bremer LB's staff:

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Däubler, Bremen,

Markus Westermann, Hanover,

Jörg Walde, Bremer LB,

Michael Schlüter, Bremer LB,

Andreas Klarmann, Bremer LB,

Eike Westermann, Bremer LB.

Members referred to under no. 5, 6 and 7 may resign at any time.

Members according to no. 5 and 6 may be asked by the owner, who has appointed them, to retire prematurely when there is significant reason for doing so. When a member retires prematurely a successor must be appointed for the remainder of the period of office.

The business address of all members of the Supervisory Board is c/o Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale –, Domshof 26, 28195 Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany.

## **Owners' Meeting**

In addition to the other matters stated in the Statute, the Owners' Meeting (*Trägerversammlung*) shall resolve on

- 1. the general principles of commercial policy (overall banking strategy),
- 2. amendments to the Statute,
- 3. the fixing and alteration of the issued capital, including the distribution and conversion of reserves,
- 4. amendment to the participating interests,
- 5. the uptake and setting of the level and conditions of the other liable equity capital,
- 6. the conclusion, amendment and termination of profit transfer and controlling agreements and other company agreements,
- 7. the ratification of the acts of the Managing Board,
- 8. the approval of the establishment and dissolution of branch offices and branches,
- 9. at the suggestion of the Supervisory Board corporate planning for the coming financial year and multi-year planning,
- 10. the fixing of the remuneration for the members of the Supervisory Board, the committees and advisory boards,
- 11. disposal over the stake in the Bank or a part thereof
- 12. the dissolution of the Bank,
- 13. the merger, division, transfer of assets and change of legal form of the Bank,
- 14. the ratification of the acts of the Supervisory Board.

Each of NORD/LB, the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and the Savings Banks Association of Lower Saxony may send up to three representatives for the Owners' Meeting. Voting rights shall be exercised in accordance with the proportion of issued capital held by each owner. As of the date of the approval of this Prospectus the members of the Owners' Meeting are:

Representatives of NORD/LB:

Dr. Gunter Dunkel, Chairman of the Managing Board of NORD/LB

Thomas Stephan Bürkle, Member of the Managing Board of NORD/LB

Peter-Jürgen Schneider, Minister of Finance of the State of Lower Saxony

Representatives of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen:

Mayor Karoline Linnert, Senator of Finance of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen

Dr. Anke Saebetzki, Senate Director to the Senator of Finance of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen

Arne Schneider, Director of Expenditure of the Senator of Finance of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen

Representatives of Savings Banks Association of Lower Saxony

Thomas Mang, President of Savings Banks Association of Lower Saxony, Hanover

Gerhard Fiand, Chairman of the Managing Board of the Landessparkasse zu Oldenburg, Oldenburg

Harm-Uwe Weber, Chief Administrative Officer of Aurich, Aurich

The business address of all representatives of the Owners' Meeting is c/o Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale –, Domshof 26, 28195 Bremen, Federal Republic of Germany.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Issuer is not aware of any potential conflicts of interests between any duties of the members of the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board and the Owners' Meeting and their private interests and/or other duties.

#### **Major Shareholders**

The majority of Bremer LB's issued capital, 54.8343 *per cent.*, is held by NORD/LB which is the direct and ultimate parent company of Bremer LB. Further 41.2 *per cent.* of the issued capital is held by the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and 3.9657 *per cent.* is held by the Savings Banks Association of Lower Saxony.

The legal basis for this structure is formed by the amended state treaty between the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen and the State of Lower Saxony (*Staatsvertrag zwischen der Freien Hansestadt Bremen und dem Land Niedersachsen über die Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg – Girozentrale –*) which was signed on 18 June 2012 and came into force on 14 August 2012 and the Statute of Bremer LB.

If an owner intends to sell his shares in the Bank in full or in part, the shares are to be offered to the other owners at the proportionate value of the company. NORD/LB is also obliged to offer its shares in Bremer LB to the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen at the business value, e.g. if the state of Lower Saxony and/or the Association of the Savings Banks Association of Lower Saxony dispose of their majority in the share capital of NORD/LB.

# Financial Information concerning the Issuer's Assets and Liabilities, Financial Position and Profits and Losses

#### **Historical Financial Information**

The consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the fiscal years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2015 (both according to IFRS, as adopted by the EU, and the additional requirements of German commercial law pursuant to § 315a (1) of the German Commercial Code (*HGB*)) are incorporated by reference into this Prospectus, see "*Documents incorporated by reference*".

# Governmental, Legal and Arbitration Proceedings

Bremer LB is not and has not been involved in any governmental, legal and arbitration proceedings, which might have or have had during the 12 months preceding the date of this Prospectus a significant effect on the financial position or the operations of Bremer LB, nor is Bremer LB aware of any such proceedings being threatened.

## Significant Change in the Issuer's Financial Position

There has been no significant change in the financial position of Bremer LB including its consolidated subsidiaries since 31 December 2015.

## **Auditors**

The independent auditor of Bremer LB for the fiscal years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014 was KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Am Weser-Terminal 10, 28217 Bremen ("KPMG").

KPMG is a member of the Chamber of Public Accountants (*Wirtschaftsprüferkammer*). KPMG audited the consolidated financial statements of Bremer LB for the fiscal years ended 31 December 2015 and 31 December 2014 both in accordance with § 317 of the German Commercial Code (*HGB*) and issued, in each case, an unqualified audit opinion. The audit opinion refers to the respective German language version of the consolidated financial statements and group management report of Bremer LB as a whole and not solely to the consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The German language version of the audit opinion is the sole authoritative version.

#### **Ratings**

Credit ratings<sup>8</sup> of the Issuer:

- 1. Long Term Issuer Default Rating: A-, outlook stable (Fitch Ratings Ltd.) 9, 10
- 2. Short Term Issuer Default Rating: F1 (Fitch Ratings Ltd.)

The following definitions have been extracted from the internet page of Fitch:

"A: High credit quality. 'A' ratings denote expectations of low default risk. The capacity for payment of financial commitments is considered strong. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings.

F1: Highest short-term credit quality. Indicates the strongest intrinsic capacity for timely payment of financial commitments; may have an added "+" to denote any exceptionally strong credit feature."

# The section "DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE" on pages 220 - 221 of the Supplemented Prospectus shall be supplemented by the following:

The following documents which have previously been published or which are published simultaneously with this Prospectus and which have been filed with the CSSF shall be incorporated by reference in, and form part of, this Prospectus:

- (4) English version of the consolidated financial statements of Bremer LB for the fiscal year ended 31 December 2015 (according to IFRS, as adopted by the EU, and the additional requirements of German commercial law pursuant to § 315a (1) of the German Commercial Code (*HGB*)) and the respective audit opinion (English translations from the German language):
  - a) Consolidated Income Statement, page 101
  - b) Statement of Comprehensive Income, page 102
  - c) Consolidated Balance Sheet, page 103
  - d) Statement of Changes in Equity, page 104
  - e) Cash Flow Statement, page 105
  - f) Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, pages 106 to 224
  - g) Audit Opinion, pages 226 and 227

A credit rating assesses the creditworthiness of an entity and informs an investor therefore about the probability of the entity being able to redeem invested capital. It is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

<sup>9</sup> Fitch is established in the European Community and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "CRA Regulation").

The European Securities and Markets Authority publishes on its website (http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs) a list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation. That list is updated within five working days following the adoption of a decision under Article 16, 17 or 20 CRA Regulation. The European Commission shall publish that updated list in the Official Journal of the European Union within 30 days following such update.

#### Issuer

## Bremer Landesbank Kreditanstalt Oldenburg - Girozentrale -

Domshof 26 28195 Bremen Federal Republic of Germany

#### **Fiscal Agent**

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in the case of Notes initially deposited with CBF

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