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**GRUPO FINANCIERO GALICIA S.A. REPORTS FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR ITS
 FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2005**

- (Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 12, 2005) – Grupo Financiero Galicia S.A. (“Grupo Galicia”, “GFG”) (Buenos Aires Stock Exchange: GGAL /NASDAQ: GGAL) today announced its consolidated financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2005, ended March 31, 2005.

NET INCOME FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2005

- Net income for the first quarter ended March 31, 2005, was Ps. 20.2 million, or Ps. 0.016 per share, equivalent to Ps. 0.16 per ADS. This result was mainly generated by our participation in Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A. (“the Bank”).
- The Bank’s net income was Ps. 17,0 million mainly as a result of the improvement in the operating income and in the quality of its loan portfolio.
- The Bank showed a Ps.78.8 million adjusted net income, excluding the adjustment to the valuation of public sector assets in accordance with Argentine Central Bank rules and the amortization of amparo claims, in the first quarter of FY 2005.
- The table below shows results per share information, based on Grupo Galicia’s financial statements.

Earnings per Share	In pesos		
	FY 2004	FY 2004	
	1 Q 03/31/05	4 Q 12/31/04	1 Q 03/31/04
Total Average Shares (in thousands)	1.241.407	1.241.407	1.092.407
Total Shares Outstanding (in thousands)	1.241.407	1.241.407	1.092.407
Book Value per Share	1,240	1,224	1,220
Book Value per ADS (*)	12,400	12,240	12,200
Earnings per Share	0,016	(0,029)	(0,079)
Earnings per ADS (*)	0,160	(0,290)	(0,790)

(*) 1 ADS = 10 ordinary shares

- Grupo Galicia's first quarter net income represents an annualized return of 0.46% on average assets and 5.28% on average shareholders' equity.

Profitability	FY 2005	FY 2004	
	1 Q %	4 Q %	1 Q %
Return on Average Assets (*)	0,46	(0,58)	(1,57)
Return on Average Shareholders Equity (*)	5,28	(9,32)	(24,23)

(*) Annualized.

NET INCOME BY BUSINESS

- The following table below shows a "Net Income by Business" analysis. It includes a breakdown on Grupo Financiero Galicia's result information by subsidiary.
- The "Income from stake in Sudamericana Holding" line includes the company's results as of December 2004 and the company's goodwill amortization.
- The "Income from stake in Galicia Warrants" line includes the company's results as of March 2005, the company's goodwill amortization and the impairment adjustment.
- The "Other income GFG" line includes the financial income related to the holding of the subordinated bond issued by the Bank net of our administrative expenses.

Net Income by Business	FY 2005	FY 2004	
	1st. Q	12/31/04	03/31/04
Income from stake in Banco Galicia (93.6%)	15,9	(37,7)	(68,7)
Income from stake in Net Investment (87.5%)	(1,5)	(1,2)	(0,5)
Income from stake in Sudamericana Holding (87.5%)	3,5	2,0	(2,1)
Income from stake in Galicia Warrants (87.5%)	0,1	(0,1)	0,1
Income from stake in Galval (100%)	(0,2)	-	-
Adjustment result by deferred tax in subsidiary companies	-	(4,0)	(12,5)
Other Income GFG	4,1	8,8	(2,6)
Income tax	(1,7)	(3,5)	-
Net Income for the period	20,2	(35,7)	(86,3)

CONFERENCE CALL

On **Tuesday, May 17 at 11:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time** (12:00 A.M. Buenos Aires Time), GFG will host a conference call to review this results.

The call-in number is: (719) 457-2629

If you are unable to participate in the call, a replay will be available from Tuesday, May 17 at 2:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time until Saturday, May, 21 at 12:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time dialing (719) 457-0820, pass code: 1439984.

This report is a summary analysis of the Grupo Galicia's financial condition and results of operations as of and for the period indicated. For a correct interpretation, this report must be read in conjunction with Banco Galicia's press release (www.bancogalicia.com.ar) and GFG's financial statements, as well as with all other material periodically filed with the Comisión Nacional de Valores (www.cnv.gov.ar), Securities and Exchange Commission (www.sec.gov), Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires (www.bolsar.com.ar) and Bolsa de Comercio de Córdoba and Nasdaq (www.nasdaq.com). Readers of this report must note that this is a translation made from an original version written and expressed in Spanish. Therefore, any matters of interpretation should be referred to the original version in Spanish.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION - CONSOLIDATED DATA (*)

	In millions of pesos				
	03/31/05	12/31/04	09/30/04	06/30/04	03/31/04
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	941,4	988,7	1.107,7	979,5	1.000,9
GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATE SECURITIES	5.857,2	5.534,1	5.266,3	5.694,9	6.272,1
LOANS	8.981,0	8.438,2	7.975,0	7.962,2	7.694,4
OTHER RECEIVABLES RESULTING FROM FINANCIAL BROKERAGE	6.506,4	6.697,7	6.609,9	6.234,6	6.027,7
EQUITY IN OTHER COMPANIES	83,3	82,8	81,3	80,8	83,8
BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT, MISCELLANEOUS AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS	1.274,8	1.287,2	1.315,9	1.340,6	1.369,7
OTHER ASSETS	674,5	621,9	592,3	490,3	481,0
TOTAL ASSETS	24.318,6	23.650,6	22.948,4	22.782,9	22.929,6
DEPOSITS	7.469,1	6.756,9	6.101,3	6.017,6	5.859,0
- Non-Financial Government Sector	130,4	131,9	23,2	11,4	15,8
- Financial Sector	21,9	17,2	23,1	19,7	21,0
- Non-Financial Private Sector and Residents Abroad	7.316,8	6.607,8	6.055,0	5.986,5	5.822,2
- Current Accounts	1.286,3	1.192,4	1.072,8	1.068,5	990,7
- Savings Accounts	1.954,7	1.638,7	1.608,7	1.472,1	1.351,0
- Time Deposits	3.683,7	3.415,8	2.967,4	2.798,6	2.803,7
- Investment Accounts	0,3	0,4	0,5	0,3	0,2
- Other	300,5	280,2	309,5	477,8	494,0
- Accrued interest and quotation differences payable	91,3	80,3	96,1	169,2	182,6
OTHER BANKS AND INTERNATIONAL ENTITIES	962,3	963,6	971,4	1.036,6	2.785,8
NEGOTIABLE OBLIGATIONS	3.728,4	3.728,7	3.733,3	3.822,9	2.282,6
OTHER LIABILITIES	10.498,7	10.568,4	10.477,0	10.209,4	10.572,3
MINORITY INTERESTS	120,4	113,5	110,2	107,9	96,8
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22.778,9	22.131,1	21.393,2	21.194,4	21.596,5
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	1.539,7	1.519,5	1.555,2	1.588,5	1.333,1
INFLATION AND EXCHANGE RATE					
Retail Price Index (%) (**)	4,03	1,24	1,45	2,16	1,12
Wholesale Price Index (%) (**)	2,17	0,25	3,75	2,11	1,54
C.E.R. (%) (**)	3,10	1,10	1,45	2,08	0,76
Exchange Rate (\$/US\$) (***)	2,9233	2,9738	2,9825	2,9607	2,8550

(*) Grupo Financiero Galicia S.A., consolidated with subsidiary companies (Art.33 - Law 19550).

(**) Variation within the quarter.

(***) Last working day of the quarter. Source B.C.R.A. - Communiqué "A" 3500 - Reference Exchange Rate.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION - CONSOLIDATED DATA (*)

In millions of pesos

Quarter ended:	03/31/05	12/31/04	09/30/04	06/30/04	03/31/04
FINANCIAL INCOME	532,5	238,1	375,6	488,4	289,5
- Interest on Cash and Due from Banks	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
- Interest on Loans to the Financial Sector	0,7	1,1	1,3	0,9	1,9
- Interest on Overdrafts	8,3	12,4	3,7	5,4	6,8
- Interest on Notes	28,3	21,9	28,6	26,6	20,4
- Interest on Mortgage Loans	22,6	16,7	17,0	16,9	17,3
- Interest on Pladge Loans	2,2	2,1	2,0	1,6	1,0
- Interest on Credit Card loans	49,6	43,3	40,2	41,6	38,0
- Interest on Other Loans	5,7	7,4	7,3	5,9	5,5
- Net Income from Government and Corporate Securities	25,1	(76,3)	18,4	55,0	2,9
- On Other Receivables Resulting from Financial Brokerage	39,8	32,2	26,5	15,6	15,7
- Net Income from Guaranteed Loans-Decree 1387/01	48,5	47,6	47,7	45,7	45,0
- Adjustment by application of adjusting index	280,5	114,9	151,0	181,4	112,4
- Adjustment by application of CVS	0,0	0,1	(0,1)	9,5	19,4
- Other	21,2	14,7	32,0	82,3	3,2
FINANCIAL EXPENSES	456,7	301,7	308,6	273,9	283,2
- Interest on Demand Accounts Deposits	2,9	1,9	1,4	1,1	0,5
- Interest on Saving Accounts Deposits	1,1	1,0	1,0	0,9	1,2
- Interest on Time Deposits	28,0	25,9	21,8	17,6	25,2
- Interest on Loans from Financial Sector	0,9	1,1	1,5	2,2	1,3
- For other Liabilities resulting from Financial Brokerage	56,4	62,7	51,5	10,1	80,2
- Other interest	90,8	113,9	76,7	20,7	111,9
-Net Income from Government and Corporate Securities	0,0	7,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
- Adjustment by application of adjusting index	252,5	107,4	141,4	217,5	35,5
- Other	24,1	(19,2)	13,3	3,8	27,4
GROSS BROKERAGE MARGIN	75,8	(63,6)	67,0	214,5	6,3
PROVISIONS FOR LOAN LOSSES	18,2	73,9	19,7	41,0	55,6
INCOME FROM SERVICES, NET	116,1	121,3	107,5	107,2	100,3
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	165,9	171,2	147,8	158,0	146,9
- Personnel Expenses	85,5	85,6	74,3	70,0	66,8
- Directors' and Syndics' Fees	1,5	1,6	0,9	0,8	0,7
- Other Fees	5,2	5,6	4,6	5,3	4,3
- Advertising and Publicity	9,7	12,9	6,9	9,8	8,2
- Taxes	9,4	9,0	9,0	14,6	8,3
- Other Operating Expenses	42,6	44,5	43,4	45,5	46,6
- Other	12,0	12,0	8,7	12,0	12,0
MINORITY INTEREST	(6,9)	(2,3)	(2,3)	(12,9)	3,2
INCOME FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS	2,2	0,7	2,3	(1,3)	1,3
NET OTHER INCOME	33,4	168,6	(19,3)	(56,8)	6,3
INCOME TAX	16,3	15,3	21,0	6,3	1,2
NET INCOME	20,2	(35,7)	(33,3)	45,4	(86,3)

(*) Grupo Financiero Galicia, consolidated with subsidiary companies (Art. 33 - Law 19550).