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**GRUPO FINANCIERO GALICIA S.A. REPORTS FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR ITS
FIRST QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2006**

- (Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 10, 2006) – 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 2006, ended March 31, 2006.

NET LOSS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

- Net loss for the first quarter ended March 31, 2006, was Ps. 14.3 million, or Ps. 0.012 per share, equivalent to Ps. 0.12 per ADS.
- This result was mainly generated by our participation in Banco de Galicia y Buenos Aires S.A. (“the Bank”) (Ps. 27.3 million), the financial income from our financial holdings net of the administrative expenses (Ps. 17.1) and the income tax (Ps. 6.2 million).
- The Bank recorded a Ps. 29.2 million net loss affected by losses for Ps. 15.0 million in connection with the sale of public-sector assets in order to repay in advance financial assistance from the Argentine Central Bank and by the establishment of provisions related with investments in non-financial companies, for Ps. 15.2 million.
- During the quarter and in the first days of April, the Bank cancelled a total of Ps.2,678.2 million of financial assistance from the Argentine Central Bank, which amount includes the payments made in advance on such liability and the installments paid in accordance with the amortization schedule. Given that these payments were made mainly using the proceeds from the sale of public-sector assets, the Bank’s exposure to the public sector was significantly reduced.
- The table below shows results per share information, based on Grupo Galicia’s financial statements.

Earnings per Share	In pesos		
	FY 2006	FY 2005	
	1 Q 03/31/06	4 Q 12/31/05	1 Q 03/31/05
Total Average Shares (in thousands)	1,241,407	1,241,407	1,241,407
Total Shares Outstanding (in thousands)	1,241,407	1,241,407	1,241,407
Book Value per Share	1.299	1.310	1.240
Book Value per ADS (*)	12.990	13.100	12.400
Earnings per Share	(0.012)	0.022	0.016
Earnings per ADS (*)	(0.120)	0.220	0.160

(*) 1 ADS = 10 ordinary shares

- Grupo Galicia's first quarter net income represents an annualized return of (0.17)% on average assets and (3.53)% on average shareholders' equity.

Profitability	FY 2006	FY 2005	
	1 Q	4 Q	1 Q
	%	%	%
Return on Average Assets (*)	(0.17)	0.54	0.46
Return on Average Shareholders Equity (*)	(3.53)	6.82	5.28

(*) 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 2005 and the company's goodwill amortization.
- The "Income from stake in Galicia Warrants" line includes the company's results as of March 2006 and the company's goodwill amortization.
- 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 2006	FY 2005	
	1st. Q	12/31/05	03/31/05
Income from stake in Banco Galicia (93.6%)	(27.3)	12.8	15.9
Income from stake in Net Investment (87.5%)	(0.2)	-	(1.5)
Income from stake in Sudamericana Holding (87.5%)	0.8	0.1	3.5
Income from stake in Galicia Warrants (87.5%)	0.1	(0.1)	0.1
Income from stake in Galval (100%)	-	-	0.0
Adjustment result by deferred tax in subsidiary companies	1.4	5.5	-
Other Income GFG	17.1	14.0	4.1
Income tax	(6.2)	(4.8)	(1.7)
Net Income for the period	(14.3)	27.5	20.2

CONFERENCE CALL

On **Friday, May 12 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) 457-2620

If you are unable to participate in the call, a replay will be available from Friday, May 12 at 2:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time until Tuesday, May, 16 at 12:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time dialing (719) 457-0820, pass code: 9641988.

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 (*)

	03/31/06	12/31/05	09/30/05	06/30/05	03/31/05
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS	1,244.7	1,041.2	995.9	959.6	941.4
GOVERNMENT AND CORPORATE SECURITIES	4,168.2	5,971.8	5,556.2	5,615.6	5,857.2
LOANS	10,285.2	10,555.2	9,968.6	9,442.3	8,981.0
OTHER RECEIVABLES RESULTING FROM FINANCIAL BROKERAGE	6,647.5	6,162.4	6,904.5	6,904.7	6,506.4
EQUITY IN OTHER COMPANIES	74.2	85.1	84.9	82.7	83.3
BANK PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT, MISCELLANEOUS AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS	1,181.3	1,173.7	1,184.6	1,214.3	1,274.8
OTHER ASSETS	742.1	646.3	558.2	508.1	674.5
TOTAL ASSETS	24,343.2	25,635.7	25,252.9	24,727.3	24,318.6
DEPOSITS	8,930.3	8,421.7	8,027.2	7,531.0	7,469.1
- Non-Financial Government Sector	59.9	90.3	92.4	81.0	130.4
- Financial Sector	4.9	6.2	8.3	5.7	21.9
- Non-Financial Private Sector and Residents Abroad	8,865.5	8,325.2	7,926.5	7,444.3	7,316.8
- Current Accounts	1,606.3	1,639.8	1,505.2	1,474.2	1,286.3
- Savings Accounts	2,293.0	2,211.4	2,094.3	1,953.0	1,954.7
- Time Deposits	4,650.9	4,186.0	4,075.2	3,738.3	3,683.7
- Investment Accounts	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
- Other	193.4	192.6	168.2	184.2	300.5
- Accrued interest and quotation differences payable	121.8	95.2	83.4	94.3	91.3
OTHER BANKS AND INTERNATIONAL ENTITIES	1,097.0	982.5	942.5	953.0	962.3
NEGOTIABLE OBLIGATIONS	3,502.3	3,483.5	3,377.6	3,468.8	3,728.4
OTHER LIABILITIES	9,056.0	10,975.7	11,167.1	11,064.0	10,498.7
MINORITY INTERESTS	145.1	145.5	139.3	137.8	120.4
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,730.7	24,008.9	23,653.7	23,154.6	22,778.9
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	1,612.5	1,626.8	1,599.2	1,572.7	1,539.7
INFLATION AND EXCHANGE RATE					
Retail Price Index (%) (**)	2.90	3.13	2.63	2.02	4.03
Wholesale Price Index (%) (**)	2.30	2.37	4.45	1.32	2.17
C.E.R. (%) (**)	2.96	3.04	2.41	2.71	3.10
Exchange Rate (\$/US\$) (***)	3.0808	3.0315	2.9125	2.8908	2.9233

(*) 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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Quarter ended:	03/31/06	12/31/05	09/30/05	06/30/05	03/31/05
FINANCIAL INCOME	655.2	679.0	558.2	628.9	532.5
- Interest on Loans to the Financial Sector	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.7
- Interest on Overdrafts	12.2	11.6	11.1	9.0	8.3
- Interest on Notes	42.8	33.6	34.0	23.1	28.3
- Interest on Mortgage Loans	14.5	14.1	18.9	18.5	22.6
- Interest on Pladge Loans	3.8	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.2
- Interest on Credit Card loans	60.9	61.6	55.3	56.2	49.6
- Interest on Other Loans	19.7	14.4	8.5	7.1	5.7
- Net Income from Government and Corporate Securities	79.4	126.6	52.5	128.9	25.1
- On Other Receivables Resulting from Financial Brokerage	51.4	45.6	41.5	39.0	39.8
- Net Income from Guaranteed Loans-Decree 1387/01	52.8	54.1	52.9	48.0	48.5
- Adjustment by application of adjusting index	277.6	275.7	252.6	283.0	280.5
- Other	39.5	37.8	27.5	12.7	21.2
FINANCIAL EXPENSES	547.9	496.4	441.8	451.0	456.7
- Interest on Demand Accounts Deposits	6.3	4.6	4.4	3.4	2.9
- Interest on Saving Accounts Deposits	0.7	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1
- Interest on Time Deposits	51.4	46.1	37.4	30.5	28.0
- Interest on Loans from Financial Sector	1.6	1.7	1.0	1.0	0.9
- For other Liabilities resulting from Financial Brokerage	83.4	71.6	67.6	73.7	56.4
- Other interest	77.8	84.2	83.7	75.7	90.8
- Adjustment by application of adjusting index	266.9	264.7	228.5	261.1	252.5
- Other	59.8	22.4	18.0	4.4	24.1
GROSS BROKERAGE MARGIN	107.3	182.6	116.4	177.9	75.8
PROVISIONS FOR LOAN LOSSES	29.5	21.2	14.5	22.8	18.2
INCOME FROM SERVICES, NET	147.0	143.3	129.2	135.1	116.1
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	215.7	222.1	197.0	196.0	165.9
- Personnel Expenses	107.4	108.9	100.3	97.6	85.5
- Directors' and Syndics' Fees	1.0	1.8	1.1	1.4	1.5
- Other Fees	7.0	10.8	7.4	8.9	5.2
- Advertising and Publicity	20.9	21.0	18.7	18.7	9.7
- Taxes	11.2	11.4	9.6	6.9	9.4
- Other Operating Expenses	51.9	51.7	48.1	44.8	42.6
- Other	16.3	16.5	11.8	17.7	12.0
MINORITY INTEREST	(3.7)	(6.2)	(6.4)	(15.1)	(6.9)
INCOME FROM EQUITY INVESTMENTS	(5.9)	1.2	2.9	0.4	2.2
NET OTHER INCOME	4.9	(35.2)	10.6	(73.1)	33.4
INCOME TAX	18.7	14.9	14.7	(26.6)	16.3
NET INCOME	(14.3)	27.5	26.5	33.0	20.2

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