



INFORMATIVE NOTICE TO THE HOLDERS OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS (ADRs)

It is hereby informed to the holders of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) that the Venezuelan Commission for the Administration of Foreign Exchange (*Comisión de Administración de Divisas* (“CADIVI”)) has denied the requests for payment, in United States Dollars, of the dividends decreed in the Shareholders’ Meetings of the Company held during the years 2007 and 2008.

Considering the lack of foreign exchange special regulations in connection with the purpose and mechanics of the ADRs programs referred to in Exchange Control Agreement Nr. 1 (*Convenio Cambiario No. 1*) of February 2003, the Company, acting in the best interest of the holders of ADRs and considering the legal and practical difficulties bear by the depository (The Bank of New York Mellon) to make such requests, has carried out reasonable efforts in order to obtain from CADIVI the corresponding approvals. Unfortunately, such efforts and actions taken by the Company have been unsuccessful.

The Board of Directors of the Company encourages the holders of ADRs to adopt, based upon their own criteria or interests and taking into account the above referred denial from CADIVI, the decisions each deems appropriate in connection with the collection of dividends decreed during said years and those dividends decreed thereafter.