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SIVENSA'S SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE A CAPITAL INCREASE

CARACAS, APRIL 15, 2005. Today, the shareholders of Sivensa, gathered at a special shareholders' meeting, approved a capital increase for up to Bs. 40,312,500,000,00. To this end, new common shares will be issued, with a par value of Bs. 20 each, to be subscribed to by the shareholders of the company and/or by third parties to whom the latter assign their rights.

Upon obtaining the authorization of the National Securities Commission to make the offering, Sivensa will make this notice public to its shareholders, who will be entitled to subscribe to two new common shares of Sivensa per every three shares held.

The approval of the capital increase is part of the agreements reached with the creditor banks in Amendment No. 6, which was approved last March 31, and will allow Sivensa, among other benefits, to extend the maturity of the debt set for September 30, 2007 until December 31, 2009, and maintain within its portfolio strategic assets and operations whose sale was mandatory under the terms preceding said amendment. For more details regarding the share offering visit www.sivensa.com.ve.

Siderúrgica Venezolana Sivensa S.A. comprises three divisions: Sidetur, engaged in the manufacture of steel rods for exportation, and finished steel products for the construction and infrastructure industries; International Briquettes Holding, IBH, which groups the plants that produce iron briquettes that are used as high-quality raw material in steel mills; and Vicson, which manufactures wire and wire products for the manufacturing, construction, agriculture and infrastructure sectors. Sivensa's partners are: in the Vicson division: Bekaert Corporation, and in the IBH division: CVG Ferrominera Orinoco.