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SIVENSA TO HOLD A GENERAL SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING

September 12, 2006. Siderúrgica Venezolana SIVENSA S.A. has convened a General Shareholder's Meeting to be held on September 27, 2006, in order to consider and decide about the convenience to compensate accounts reflected in the Statement of Changes in Shareholder's Equity as of September 30, 2005. With the approval of this proposal, the company would go forward in the process to reestablish the distribution of dividends.

As it was announced last May, Sivensa's subsidiary, Sidetur, completed the placement of bonds for \$100 million in the international market, and also obtained a new loan for \$32 million. Both operations brought about, among other results, the elimination of contractual restrictions to pay dividends.

Together with the refinancing mentioned above, the proposal that will be presented at the Shareholder's meeting to be held on September 27, represents an additional step in the integral program of Sivensa's financial normalization.

Siderúrgica Venezolana SIVENSA S.A. is a Venezuelan corporation that is made up of three business units: Sidetur, engaged mainly in the manufacturing of steel products for the construction, manufacturing and infrastructure industries; International Briquettes Holding, IBH, whose plants Venprecar and Orinoco Iron produce reduced iron briquettes to be used as high-quality raw material in the steel industry; and Vicson, which manufactures wire and wire products for the manufacturing, construction, agriculture and infrastructure sectors. Sivensa's partners are: Belgian company Bekaert Corporation in the Vicson division, and Venezuelan company CVG Ferrominera Orinoco in the IBH division. .