



**ANNUAL REPORT 2006**  
**Siderúrgica Venezolana "SIVENSA" S.A.**

Authorized Capital	Bs. 141,190,196,480.00
Subscribed to and Paid-in Capital	Bs. 97,660,626,680.00

Siderúrgica Venezolana SIVENSA S.A. is a Venezuelan corporation that comprises three business units: Sidetur, engaged mainly in the manufacture 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: CVG Ferrominera Orinoco in the IBH division and Belgian company Bekaert Corporation in the Vicson division. SivenSA's labor force at September 30, 2006 consisted of 3,622 workers.

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## Capital Stock

Common Shares	3,831,831,405
Common Shares as ADRs	1,051,199,929
Total outstanding shares	4,883,031,334

## Relevant Aspects (thousands of US dollars)

	2006	2005
Net sales	916,263	879,932
Exports	475,285	555,709
Profit after administrative and operating expenses	51,342	183,903
Depreciation and Amortization	70,824	55,294
Net profit attributable to Sivensa's shareholders, net of IBH's participation subject to purchase obligation	49,189	129,158
Total Assets	1,917,931	1,682,665
Equity	867,704	778,665
Financial Debt	478,122	472,994
Operating Cash Flow	125,941	208,642

Current ratio (times)	1.49	2.03
Total liability/Equity (times)	1.21	1.16
Number of employees*	3,622	3,269
Hours of training for Sivensa's personnel	111,763	96,453
Participants in Fundametal's programs	25,496	26,725

\* Includes Vicson's operations in Colombia

To our Shareholders:

During the fiscal year analyzed in this Report, Venezuelan economy, driven by the oil revenue, continued growing for the third consecutive year. In this period<sup>1</sup>, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 10.3%, which reflects a greater activity in the public and private sectors, while the GDP for the construction sector, the main destination for the products of the Sidetur division, recorded an increase of 31%<sup>2</sup>. Inflation for fiscal year 2006 was 15.34%, while the exchange rate remained Bs. 2,150 per US dollar.

The world's steel production increased by 8.5% with regard to the comparable period of fiscal year 2005, reaching 1,188 million metric tons<sup>3</sup>. This variation responds to the increase in the steel production of the three large production blocks: the United States, the European Union and Asia, with China outstanding in this latter block with an increase of 12% in its production with regard to 2005. As to the prereduced products' market, the prices were affected by the high steel inventories due to the increase of the world's production and of maritime freight rates.

Sivensa's consolidated results include the accounts of each of our operating subsidiaries. In fiscal year 2006, the favorable results of Sidetur and Vicson exceeded the losses of the prereduced sector, enabling Sivensa to obtain a net profit attributable to its shareholders of US\$ 49 million.

#### DEBT REFINANCING

In this fiscal year, Sidetur and Sivensa completed the refinancing of their long-term debt, this being the most relevant financial event in this period. The transaction, which was concluded on May 3, 2006, also enabled redeeming 15% of Sivensa's shares that were in the banks' possession since 2002, and thus reverse the shareholders' dilution that resulted from the financial restructuring of May 2002.

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<sup>1</sup> Fiscal year 2006 comprises the twelve-month term from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2006. Fiscal year 2005 comprises the twelve-month term from October 1<sup>st</sup> 2004 through September 30<sup>th</sup> 2005. This report refers indistinctly to such terms as fiscal or accounting year or period.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Banco Central de Venezuela

<sup>3</sup> Source: International Iron and Steel Institute at [www.worldsteel.org](http://www.worldsteel.org). IISI's data for the production of crude steel report the crude steel production of 62 countries, representing approximately 98% of the world's production.

Other benefits obtained from the refinancing were: (i) the repeal of the restriction for declaring and paying dividends, which will enable Sivensa to begin to normalize its dividend policy, (ii) the elimination of the maximum caps for investments in fixed assets in subsidiaries Sidetur and Vicson, and (iii) the elimination of the golden share assigned to the banks in 2002.

This refinancing was achieved by placing an issue of Sidetur bonds in the international market for US\$ 100 million, in addition to a short-term loan for US\$ 32 million that was obtained by this subsidiary.

The bonds mature in 2016 and bear an annual interest of 10%, payable on a quarterly basis as of July 2006. The repayment will start in 2008, by means of quarterly payments for a total of US\$ 5 million per year, and the balance of US\$ 60 million shall be paid upon maturity in 2016.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

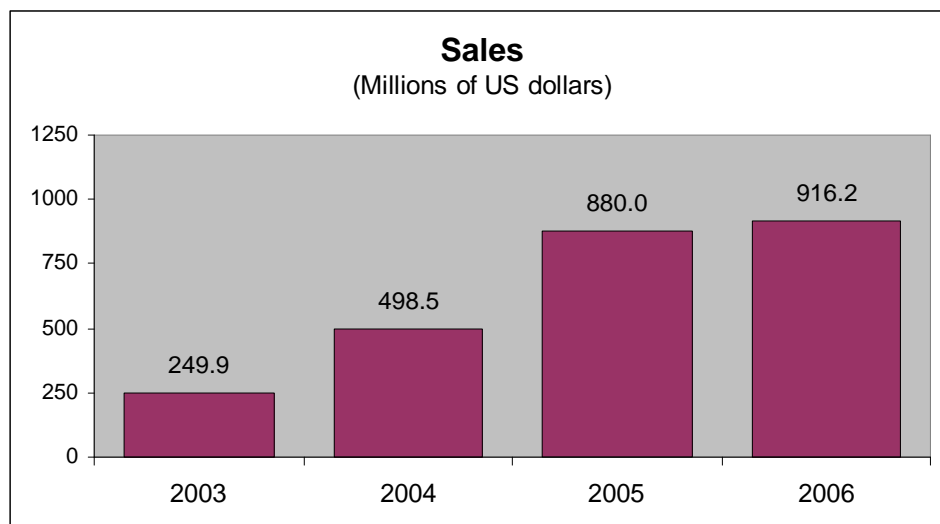
The results in United States dollars referred to in this Report were prepared pursuant standards similar to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the sole exception being the determination of the United States dollar as functional currency for subsidiary Sidetur.

RESULTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

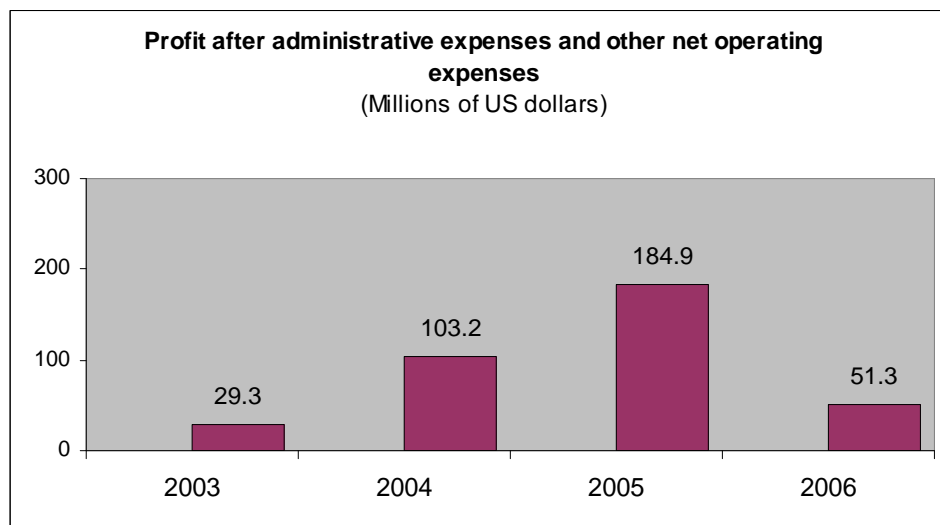
SALES: Sivensa's total sales during fiscal year 2006 reached US\$ 916 million, 4% higher than those for fiscal year 2005, 52% pertaining to exports, which represents a reduction with regard to the preceding year in which exports were 63% of sales. The divisions' contributions to the total sales for 2006 were as follows:

Sales (Million dollars)

Briquettes	Steel	Wire	Others	Intercompany	Total
424.1	410.8	142.6	10.1	(71.4)	916.2



**PROFIT AFTER ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND OTHER NET OPERATING EXPENSES:** The profit after administrative expenses and other net operating expenses was US\$ 51 million, compared to US\$ 184 million in the preceding accounting period. This reduction in profits is due mainly to the results of subsidiary IBH, which, as explained in the relevant section of this Report, were affected by a reduction in the price of briquettes and an increase in production costs.



**INTEREST AND OTHER FINANCING EXPENSES:** This item recorded an expense similar to that of the preceding year, US\$ 58 million, as a net result of the following factors: (i) the reduction of US\$ 9 million for interest paid on IBH's debt, which

decreased at the end of fiscal year 2005 as a result of using part of the debt of its subsidiary Orinoco Iron C.A. (before its merger with Venprecar) to setoff the capital losses of said company, (ii) the increase in Sidetur's financial expenses as of its debt refinancing on May 3, 2006, due mainly to the application of a fixed interest rate higher than the variable rate for Tranche A of the debt refinanced on May 2002, (iii) applying interest to the total balance of Sidetur's debt, as a result of the elimination of Tranche B, which did not bear interest under the previous restructuring; and (iv) the amortization of deferred charges related to the restructuring costs of 2002, which were carried to expenses for the fiscal year as a result of the last refinancing.

**PROFIT FROM SHARE EXCHANGE:** As reported at the closing of the preceding fiscal year, on November 2005 Sidetur exchanged its shareholding position in Consorcio Siderúrgica Amazonia LTD for 33,800,735 shares in Ternium. This transaction was deemed an exchange of financial assets, thus causing an accounting gain of US\$ 27 million in the results.

**INCOME TAX:** The Income Tax item for this fiscal year was of US\$ 15 million, compared to US\$ 8 million in accounting period 2005. The tax benefit for deferred income tax was of 17 million, compared to 27 million recorded for 2005.

**NET RESULTS:** The net profit for Sivensa's shareholders was US\$ 49 million, compared to US\$ 129 million for the previous fiscal year.

#### ANALYSIS PER BUSINESS SECTOR

Steel: The sales of steel products were for US\$ 411 million, representing an increase of 21 % compared with fiscal year 2005. This was due mainly to the increase of sales in the Venezuelan market, driven by the public and private sectors. Among the public sector works that generated more activity during this fiscal year are the railroad system, Metro de Valencia, and lines 3 and 4 of Metro de Caracas. Additionally, the private sector recorded an increase in the construction of middle-class housing projects, as well as commercial outlets and malls.

In line with its environmental adjustment program, Sidetur began the process for installing a new emissions control system at its steel mill in Puerto Ordaz. Once this system is in place, the plant will be able to comply with the most demanding standards on this matter.

Anticipating a growth in the market, Sidetur is planning a series of investments to be executed in fiscal year 2007, to address the following items: increasing the capacity of its lamination trains at the plants of Antímáno, Guarenas, Barquisimeto and Lara; modernization of its wiredrawing and electric welding processes at its plant in Valencia, and modernization of its operations for collection of metallic inputs, by updating equipment. During this fiscal year, US\$ 20 million were approved for the execution of some of these projects.

Wire: Sales of wire and wire products of consolidated company Vicson, which includes the operations of Proalco in Colombia, increased by 16%, reaching US\$ 143 million. This increase was mainly due to the active demand in the Venezuelan market, especially in the construction and manufacturing sectors.

In order to continue improving the quality of our products and attending the diversification of the demand in the domestic market, an investment program was begun this year, with a five-year horizon, contemplating the increase of the wiredrawing capacity in several areas, increase of the installed capacity for finished products, modernization of equipment and improvement of the physical infrastructure of the plants in Valencia and San Joaquín.

Meeting its social responsibility commitment on environmental matters, Vicson approved the final audits for obtaining the ISO 14001:2004 certification.

Briquettes: Sales of subsidiary IBH in fiscal year 2006 were for US\$ 421 million, compared with US\$ 438 million for the preceding fiscal year. IBH's results were affected by the lower prices of briquettes and the considerable increase in the cost of iron ore, which impacts were slightly set off by a higher sales volume and the operative optimization achievements of this year.

Another aspect that has affected IBH has been the contract signed in 2002 with a steel producer<sup>4</sup>, in exchange for an advanced payment that enabled solving immediate cash flow problems that year. According to the terms of this contract, IBH has been selling each year to this producer a volume of 325,000 metric tons of briquettes at a fixed price

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<sup>4</sup> This client has no shareholding relationship with IBH or any of its subsidiaries.

that has been substantially lower than the market prices. Had the company not been affected by this contract, sales for the fiscal year 2006, would have been increased in US\$ 28.3 million. The contract will expire on April 30, 2007, with a pending amount to be shipped of 224,000 MT as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006, so a lower effect on the results for this fiscal year due to this cause is anticipated.

The costs of subsidiary IBH were affected mainly by the following factors:

- a) The cost of local raw materials for IBH increased by 82%, going from US\$ 92.8 million to US\$ 169.3 million in 2006. The largest component of this increase, US\$ 50 million, was the increase in the international prices of iron ore, and the second largest component was the price increase applied by the supplier, pursuant to instructions issued by the Ministry of Basic Industries and Mining (MIBAM) pursuant to Decree 3895, published in Official Gazette N° 341.470 of September 13, 2005. As explained in the relevant quarterly reports, this decree demanded that a Raw Materials Assurance Contract (CAMP) be signed as a condition to be eligible for a 20% discount on the prices of raw materials. The signing of the CAMP by IBH was delayed by the authorizations process under IBH's debt agreements. Finally, the CAMP was signed on July 31, 2006. However, the company's costs were affected by not having obtained such discounts during the term from the effective date of the decree (December 1, 2005) and the signing of the contract. The impact on the costs of raw material due to this delay was of US\$ 26 million.
- b) The dearth of pellets for Venprecar's operations, and the dearth of fines for Orinoco Iron's operations, affected IBH's results, having distributed the fixed costs among a lower volume of briquettes produced. The lack of pellets and iron ore caused a failure to produce approximately 100,000 tons of briquettes, which could have been sold for approximately US\$ 20 million. In July, Venprecar began importing pellets in order to reduce the negative impact of the dearth of this raw material. The impact that the pellets importation had on IBH's production costs, especially due to the freight, was of US\$ 4 million.

### Operating Aspects of the Plants:

#### Venprecar:

The operating improvements introduced in Venprecar during the plant's shutdown in May 2005, enabled loading the reactor with a lower proportion of pellets and a greater proportion of lumps. This operating flexibility also contributed to reducing the impact of the dearth of pellets on Venprecar's production levels. Towards the end of the fiscal year, when the importation of pellets began, a load optimization model was designed to determine the various proportions of national pellets, imported pellets and lumps, which contributed to reduce the impact of the dearth of pellets on the company's financial results.

#### Orinoco Iron:

As commented in due time in the report for the second quarter, in January 2006, the new mineral screening and crushing system at Orinoco Iron's plant started operations, enabling to control the size of the fines particles used as raw material in its process. The start-up of this system has provided greater operating stability, having achieved the objective of extending the duration of the trains' production runs.

### SIVENSA'S PARTICIPATION IN TERNIUM

As indicated in a previous chapter of this Report, on November 2005, Sidetur exchanged its shareholding position in Consorcio Siderurgia Amazonia LTD for 33,800,735 shares of Ternium, a company belonging to Grupo Techint, that directly or indirectly owns 86.4% of the shares of Hylsamex in México, 55% of the shares of Sidor in Venezuela, 56.1% of the shares of Siderar in Argentina and 100% of Techint Trade. On January 31, 2006, Ternium placed in public offering at the New York Stock Exchange 24.8 million of ADRs, each of which represents 10 shares of Ternium. Since that date, and until September 30, 2006, the price of these securities fluctuated between US\$ 20.15 and US\$ 28.49 per ADR. Sidetur's participation in Ternium, after the public offering of its shares, is approximately 1.64% of the capital stock thereof. At September 30, 2006, the price of Ternium's shares closed at US\$23.16, which represents a value of US\$ 78 million for Sidetur's shareholding in this company.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

Sivensa and its subsidiaries maintain internal audit systems in line with the current standards and practices, having created an awareness of the role of internal audits in its efforts to reduce risks and improve the efficiency of its administrative processes, thus strengthening the transparency and reliability of its administration.

In order to preserve the integrity of the internal information, the Audit Committee meets on a periodic basis. This committee, jointly with the internal audit unit, prepares an audit plan that enables assessing the adequacy of the internal control system of the company and its subsidiaries. The internal audit function reports to the Audit Committee.

## COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Within the frame of its corporate citizenship policy, Sivensa and its subsidiaries have maintained and improved their social development work through programs developed by Fundametal<sup>5</sup>, “Centro de Conocimiento Aplicado” (*Applied Knowledge Center*), and its cultural, environmental and sports activities in the communities.

### **Fundametal:**

During the fiscal year reported herein, Fundametal continued giving quality to education, with 25,496 participants in its various programs, compared to 26,725 participants in fiscal year 2005.

Among the most relevant achievements for this term, we have the following:

- The seat of Fundametal Guayana began installing the teaching equipment for electronics, instrumentation, electricity and pneumatics, acquired through a subvention granted by the European Community. The workshops on these specialties are scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2007.
- The project for expanding the seat in Guayana was advanced, and shall be executed in several stages.

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<sup>5</sup> On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of Fundametal, there is a special section about this institution at the end of this report of this Report.

- The first courses included in the modular program “*Serie Operativa en Logística y Distribución*” (*Operating Series on Logistics and Distribution*) as a supplement of the High Direction program. During this fiscal year, these programs were attended by 162 participants from the industrial and service sectors.
- To complete the formation and training of the workers, courses were started for Occupational Certification in various skills, among which: 39 Forklift Operators and 14 Dragshovel and Payloader Operators.
- As in previous years, there was a program of seminars and workshops on technical and management topics, among which, the Latin American Symposium on Occupational Certification; the Fourth International Symposium on Logistics and Distribution, and the Sixteenth Seminar on Human Management “*Desarrollando Fortalezas para alcanzar el Océano Azul*” (*Developing Strengths to Reach the Blue Sea*), attended by more than five hundred participants.
- The consolidation of the “*Servicio Administrado de Adiestramiento y Desarrollo (SAAD)*” (*Administered Service for Training and Development*) continued, allowing the companies’ human resources areas to delegate the training function.
- The “*Programa Universitario para Formación de Administradores e Ingenieros Industriales (PRUFAl)*” (*University Program for the Training of Administrators and Industrial Engineers*), a project developed by Universidad Nacional Experimental de Guayana (UNEG) to meet the demand for specialized human resources in the Guayana region was started.

### **Communities**

Within the guidelines for contributing to the improvement of the integrated citizen’s education, cooperating with the communities that are close to our industrial centers and promoting the values of work, SivenSA’s subsidiaries are focusing their efforts for social development on activities that promote learning, stimulate talent and strengthen their identification with the values inherent in work, family and the community.

Among the initiatives related to Social Development, the most relevant are the following:

- Subsidiary Sidetur continued its "*Programa de Formación de Promotores Comunitarios para el Desarrollo Local*" (*Program for the Training of Community Promoters for Local Development*), which has been developed for 12 years now together with "Escuela de Vecinos de Venezuela." In fiscal year 2006, 62 community leaders participated in the cities of Caracas and Barquisimeto.
- Expanding its contribution to the environmental equilibrium, Sidetur inaugurated a center for collection of scrap in Margarita Island, which not only increased its contribution for the collection of ferrous scrap in this important eastern region, but also opened a new space for action and growth of regional micro-entrepreneurs.
- Sidetur continued carrying out its program for general and specialized publications, adding new volumes to its series "Sidetur en la Comunidad", "Acero al Día" and "Manual de Estructuras de Acero".
- Vicson reinforced this year its support to the community, by contributing to the "Nuestra Señora de Fátima" childrens' cafeteria, located in the Ruiz Pineda neighborhood of the State of Carabobo, which provides balanced food for 53 children of ages from 3 to 12. This center also promotes the productive activity, by giving courses on handicrafts and baking courses for mothers or representatives, and to other residents of the community of Ruiz Pineda.
- In sports, we highlight the efforts of subsidiary IBH, who encourages its workers to participate in various sports activities at its annual Internal Games, contemplating eight sports disciplines. This subsidiary also participates each year in the Intercompany Games organized by CVG Fundeporte, with the support of several companies of Guayana. In turn, Sidetur Valencia maintained its role as sponsor of its team in the children's league "Criollitos de Venezuela." This contribution to Venezuelan children's baseball has been made over the last 20 years, based on the firm conviction that sports activities contribute to the integral formation of good citizens, keeps the youths away from alcohol and drugs, and promotes fellowship and respect for the rules in a healthy competition.

- The cultural sector is widely known and attended by our operating subsidiaries; among the most relevant activities, it is worth mentioning the work for the dissemination of Venezuelan musical tradition that has been carried out by the Vicson Choir over the last 28 years. Also, Sidetur supports the “Orquesta Sinfónica Juvenil de Carapita,” which is part of the National System of Youth and Children’s Orchestras under the direction of Maestro José Antonio Abreu, and provides musical education to 280 children of this area of Caracas. Also, subsidiary IBH has set the tradition of the Cultural Fridays, where the workers of Venprecar and Orinoco Iron may enjoy shows of regional groups of “galerones,” choirs, children’s orchestras and “contrapunteo,” among other traditional genres.

#### EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE CLOSING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

- On October 16, 2006, Venprecar, as successor of Orinoco Iron, C.A., signed a settlement agreement with all the parties involved in the incident of vessel M.V. Ythan, which occurred in February 2004. Under this settlement, Venprecar undertook to pay US\$ 8 millions before December 28, 2006, which would put an end to the dispute arising from said casualty. The company continues its efforts before the insurance companies to claim the payment of the amount agreed upon in this settlement.
- On October 31, 2006, the Venezuelan tax authority, SENIAT, gave notice of tax audit reports regarding Sivensa’s fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004 and 2004-2005. The company will proceed to exercise the legal remedies it has available regarding these tax assessments on a timely basis, and expects to obtain a favorable outcome.
- On November 17, 2006, Decree No. 4.997 was published in Official Gazette of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, declaring a series of products used in the construction market as first-need items. On December 5, to enforce this decree, the ministries of Light Industries and Trade; Infrastructure, and Housing and Habitat, published the maximum sales prices suggested for several products, among which are most of the types of steel bars manufactured by Sidetur and a type of wire produced by Vicson. With the information currently available, it is not possible to assess the impact of this measure in the long term.

- On December 8, 2006, the “Fondo para la Normalización y Certificación de Calidad (FONDONORMA)” (*Fund for the Standardization and Certification of Quality*) certified that subsidiary Vicson has established and maintains an Environmental Management system according to the requirements of ISO 14001:2004 International Standard, for the manufacturing processes of wires, meshes, related steel products and cables. On the same date, the International IQ Network certified that Vicson’s Management System meets the requirements of ISO 14001:2004 standard.

The Board of Directors

December 12, 2006

## FUNDAMETAL

### 30 years developing Venezuelan human capital

30 years ago, Sivensa conceived the idea of creating the educational institution that would later be named Fundametal. Inspired by the belief that education is a vital tool for fighting poverty, generating changes in the production and consumption models, and solving problems that threaten our society, Sivensa has consistently promoted over 30 years the growth of this institution devoted to applied learning.

Fundametal, throughout its history, has played a major role in the dissemination of the technological, managerial and organizational knowledge required for development. In its mature stage as an institution, 30 years of activity suggest the prime of a development and consolidation of a presence in the sector of education. For any organization, reaching three decades of activity is a reason for great satisfaction, but in Fundametal's case this satisfaction is multiplied when we consider how it has successfully coped with so many challenges, making it a national leader in the training of human resources for their incorporation to productive activities.

Although at its inception Fundametal met a purpose that was mainly focused on covering the training needs of Sivensa's personnel, this institution soon began to diversify towards other companies. Sivensa prides itself in its contribution to Fundametal, by endowing the country with competent and professional human resources, through its bonds with a broad and growing group of society.

In its three decades of history, Fundamental has not only learned the lessons about what the Venezuelan market needed for training its human resources, but it also had to do it in a time of swift technological changes, increase of competition and an increasingly globalized economy. The cultural adjustments and the review of paradigms have been going on relentlessly, forcing organizations to flexibilize their patterns, venture in other fields, and in the case of Fundametal, creating new solutions or services to enable coping with future demand.

This 30th anniversary celebration is thus well deserved, because we may say, with renewed pride, that this institution has earned a place of honor in the field of the training of Venezuelan human resources. Its evolution since the times of Edificio Luisa at Avenida Michelena, in the center of Valencia, to its current physical and institutional

structure, with operations in six cities of the country, and a range of programs that go from the training of apprentices to graduate studies with the cooperation of prestigious universities, are a token of its continued efforts towards its purpose, and an obstacle-proof determination.

Fundamental's originality lies in its model, defined by the bond it sets with the companies that use its services, creating a "partnership" for joint work that goes from the diagnosis of needs, co-designing solutions, implementing them and evaluating results, to providing advice on the continued improvement of training processes. Here, education is not limited to Technical Training, but is supplemented by developing the attitude of the workers to stimulate their motivation and willingness to put the knowledge into practice, seek a better way of doing things and encouraging the spirit of participation and innovation.

Among the most relevant achievements of these 30 years, we may highlight the training of:

- 4,500 young apprentices, many of whom now discharge important positions in their organizations, or have become micro-entrepreneurs.
- 350,000 workers, among basic, technical, supervisory and management personnel.
- 850 professionals graduated from the Licentiate's degree program on Administration for the Service of Industry ("Programa de Licenciatura en Administración al Servicio de la Industria") (LAPSI).

Sivensa and its subsidiaries, who have always relied on the professionalism and quality of Fundamental to attend the training needs of its personnel, join in celebrating these 30 years, and send warm congratulations to the entire human team that has made this happy history possible, wishing it a new wave of future success.

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