

# PHAROL, SGPS S.A.

Listed Company

Headoffice: Rua Joshua Benoliel, 1, 2C, Edifício Amoreiras Square  
1250-133 Lisboa

Share Capital: 26,895,375 Euros

Registration at the Commercial Registry Office and at tax payer number 503 215 058

## NOTICE

### GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

Pursuant to articles 376 of the Portuguese Companies Code ("**PCC**") and 21-B of the Portuguese Securities Code ("**PSC**"), I hereby call a General Meeting of Shareholders of PHAROL, SGPS S.A. ("**PHAROL**" or "**COMPANY**"), to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 3:30 p.m. (GMT), by videoconference, through Webex platform, with electronic or postal vote, as explained below, and with the following agenda:

#### AGENDA

**1** : Globally amend and update the Articles of Association of the COMPANY in order to remove the quantitative limitations on the counting of votes ("*shielding*"), eliminate expired provisions, avoid the repetition of legal rules and correct inconsistencies, as follows:

a) Abolish the quantitative limitations on counting of votes, amending article 13 and articles related to the said limitations (*shielding*);

b) Modify the definition of competing activity (article 9), allow participation in meeting through telematic means (articles 16 and 24), simplify the system of delegation of powers on the Board of Directors (article 20), and the provisions relating to the supervision of the COMPANY by referring to the law (articles 27, 28, 29, 30) and clarify the rules on information to shareholders (new article 28);

c) Remove the provisions that have expired in view of the current situation of the COMPANY, such as the references to ADRs (article 13) and to deposit-programme contracts (article 33);

d) Correct all references related with the above mentioned amendments, as well as formal wording inconsistencies, delete repetitions and, in general, to insert numerical

references in order to facilitate the reading of the articles of association (articles 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 26, new 29).

In accordance with article 377/8 of the PCC, the full text of the proposed clauses is attached to the NOTICE, through a compared a version against the current wording of the articles of association, without prejudice of the possibility of presentation of different proposals to amend the same clauses or to amend other clauses, as may be necessary as a consequence of alterations to the mentioned clauses.

- 2: To resolve on the management report, balance sheet and accounts for the year 2020;
- 3: To resolve on the consolidated management report, balance sheet and accounts for the year 2020;
- 4: To resolve on the proposal for application of profits;
- 5: To resolve on a general appraisal of the Company's management and supervision;
- 6: To resolve on the election of the members of the corporate bodies and the Compensation Committee for the three-year period 2021-2023;
- 7: To resolve on the election of the Statutory Auditor – effective and substitute – for the three year period 2021-2023;
- 8: To resolve on the acquisition and disposition of own shares;
- 9: To resolve on the statement of the Compensation Committee on the remuneration policy for the members of the management and supervisory bodies of the Company.

If the General Meeting is unable to resolve due to lack of representation of the capital required for such purpose, the Shareholders are hereby called to meet, on a second date and through to the same platform, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., with the same agenda.

#### **JUSTIFICATION FOR HOLDING THE GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE AND WITH POSTAL OR ELECTRONIC VOTING**

The public calamity situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has led to the imposition of social distancing, with the adoption of restrictive measures, namely regarding the gathering and displacement of people, as well as safety and hygiene measures, aimed at preventing outbreaks of contagion. At this time, it is not possible to anticipate the direction of the evolution of the pandemic, nor to know the measures that

will be in force at the time of the General Meeting. It is not expected that, at such date, there will be no risks to the safety of those intervening in direct meetings or that the constraints on the movement of people will be removed.

For these reasons and with the aim of nevertheless safeguarding the functioning of institutions and undertakings, the law has established special rules, prevailing over any others, expressly establishing that *participation by telematic means in collegiate bodies does not preclude their regular functioning*. In addition, also *in the Recommendations in the framework of the holding of General Meetings, published by the Securities Market Commission ("CMVM")*, it was stated that *the holding of general meetings through remote media is the solution that ensures greater compatibility of the interests at stake*.

In this exceptional context, it is considered legally admissible and appropriate:

- (i) That the General Meeting is held by videoconference, as the COMPANY ensures the authenticity of the declarations and the security of the communications, with the registration of its content and of the respective intervening parties;
- (ii) To adopt the use of electronic or postal voting, ensuring the verification of its authenticity and confidentiality until the voting takes place.

## **PREPARATORY INFORMATION FOR THE GENERAL MEETING**

Without prejudice to the annex to this NOTICE, the proposals of resolution regarding the NINE ITEMS of the AGENDA are available to the Shareholders at the website of the COMPANY, [www.pharol.pt](http://www.pharol.pt), at the website of the Portuguese Securities Commission on the Internet, [www.cmvm.pt](http://www.cmvm.pt), as well as at the head office of the COMPANY, as from the date of publication of the NOTICE.

As from the same date, the other preparatory information for the General Meeting, as provided for in article 289/1 of the PCC and article 21-C/1 of the PSC are also available for consultation by the Shareholders at the COMPANY's website [www.pharol.pt](http://www.pharol.pt) and at the COMPANY's headoffice.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AND VOTING**

Pursuant to Article 23-C of the PSC, only Shareholders who, at 00:00 (GMT) on April 7th, 2021 ("**REGISTRATION DATE**"), hold shares that give them the right to at least one vote are entitled to participate and vote at the General Meeting.

According to article 13/5 of the articles of association of the COMPANY, to each share corresponds one vote.

The exercise of participation and voting rights in the General Meeting does not depend on the blocking of the shares between the REGISTRATION DATE and the date of the General Meeting.

Shareholders wishing to participate in the General Meeting must declare such intention to the Chairman of the General Meeting(\*), as indicated below in sections PARTICIPATION IN THE GENERAL MEETING and VOTING, and to the financial intermediary(ies) with whom they have opened individualized securities registration accounts, no later than 11:59 p.m. (GMT) on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and may, for this purpose, use the declaration forms available on the website [www.pharol.pt](http://www.pharol.pt), as from the publication of this NOTICE.

Financial intermediaries, informed of their clients' intention to participate in the General Meeting, must send, to the Chairman of the General Meeting(\*), until 11:59 p.m. (GMT) on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, information on the number of shares registered in the name of each of their clients, pursuant to article 74 of the PSC, with reference to the REGISTRATION DATE ("**DECLARATION OF THE FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY**"), using, for this purpose, the e-mail address [assembleia@pharol.pt](mailto:assembleia@pharol.pt).

Only Shareholders whose DECLARATIONS OF THE FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY have been received by the Chairman of the General Meeting until 11:59 p.m. (GMT) on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 are admitted to participate and vote.

Shareholders who, in their professional capacity, hold the shares in their own name but on behalf of their clients ("**PROFESSIONAL SHAREHOLDERS**"), may vote differently with their shares provided that, in addition to the declaration of participation and to the respective financial intermediary sending the information referred to above, they submit, to the Chairman of the General Meeting, until 11:59 p.m. (GMT) of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, using sufficient and proportional evidence: (i) the identification of each client and the number of shares to be voted on their behalf, and (ii) the specific voting instructions given by the client in question. For these purposes, a declaration of responsibility by the PROFESSIONAL SHAREHOLDER confirming that he or she has received voting instructions from each client and detailing the other elements referred to in points (i) and (ii) above is considered as "*sufficient and proportional evidence*".

Only those PROFESSIONAL SHAREHOLDERS whose information referred to in the previous paragraph and whose DECLARATIONS OF THE FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY are received by the Chairman of the General Meeting until, respectively, 11:59 p.m. (GMT) of April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and 11:59 p.m. (GMT) of April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be admitted to participate and vote.

PROFESSIONAL SHAREHOLDERS shall ensure that the instructions received, or the instrument of representation, grant them powers to exercise their vote by electronic or postal mail, as provided in this NOTICE.

Shareholders who have declared their intention to participate in the General Meeting and transmit the ownership of shares between the REGISTRATION DATE and the end of the General Meeting, must immediately inform the Chairman of the General Meeting and the Portuguese Securities Commission.

As regards participation and exercise of voting rights, article 13 of PHAROL's Articles of Association establishes that:

- *Votes cast by an ordinary shareholder, either on his/its own account or using the services of a representative, either in his/its own name or as the representative of another shareholder, when exceeding ten per cent of the Company's total voting stock, shall not be counted;*
- *For the purposes of the aforementioned limitation, shares shall be deemed to belong to the shareholder if held by persons in the situations contemplated by article 20 of the Portuguese Securities Code, and the limit for each person covered shall be proportional to the number of votes cast by such person;*
- *The limitation shall apply to all resolutions, even those requiring a qualified majority;*
- *In case of joint ownership of shares, only the common representative, or a representative of the latter, may participate in the meetings of the General Meeting;*
- *The limitations are applicable to the usufructuary and to pledgees of shares.*

### **PARTICIPATION IN THE GENERAL MEETING**

The General Meeting shall be held by videoconference, through Webex platform, and with votes through electronic or postal mail, as described below.

Shareholders must ensure that they have the minimum technical and operational resources to access the platform, such as computer, tablet or cell phone with image collection and transmission, speakers and microphone, and browser installed for Internet access. Clarifications on the technical requirements for access to the platform can be requested through the following address [assembleia@pharol.pt](mailto:assembleia@pharol.pt)

In order to obtain the access instructions to the platform and to ensure authenticity for the purposes of voting by electronic or postal mail, Shareholders shall declare to the Chairman of the General Meeting their intention to participate, and must indicate: (i) which form of vote they choose (electronic or postal) and (ii) the e-mail address to which

the instructions for participation and voting, as well as the access and accreditation elements shall be sent ("**DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION AND VOTING**").

The DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION AND VOTING must be sent to the Chairman of the General Meeting until 11:59 p.m. on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, to the address [assembleia@pharol.pt](mailto:assembleia@pharol.pt)

Upon receipt of the DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION AND VOTING, the COMPANY will send the instructions for access to the platform, the personal identification number ("PIN"), as well as the respective voting papers, to the e-mail indicated by each Shareholder.

For security reasons, 24 hours after sending the PIN and the voting papers, the COMPANY will send the access link to the platform and other necessary participation and voting credentials. Access to the platform will not be granted using an e-mail address other than the one indicated in the DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION AND VOTING.

The implementation of the General Meeting as described allows all registered and qualified Shareholders to participate, with access to the transmission of image and sound of the meeting, even if they have voted by electronic or postal mail.

Shareholders are advised to test the participation system in advance. Should assistance be required for the installation/use of the platform, you may contact the COMPANY at the following address [assembleia@pharol.pt](mailto:assembleia@pharol.pt)

## **VOTING**

For the reasons mentioned above, the General Meeting shall be held by videoconference, and the vote shall be exercised exclusively by electronic or postal mail, until 5:00 p.m. (GMT) on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 according to the indications below.

The authenticity and regularity of votes cast by electronic or postal mail will be verified by the Chairman of the General Meeting, ensuring their confidentiality until voting takes place.

There will be no voting during the videoconference, nor will it be possible to revoke or change the votes during the session.

### **- ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Shareholders may exercise their voting rights by electronic mail, provided they express their intention to do so in the DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION AND VOTING, which must be sent to the Chairman of the General Meeting until 11:59 p.m. on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and

indicate the electronic mail address to which the voting papers and voting instructions shall be sent.

Following such request, the Shareholders will receive, at the indicated e-mail address, a communication including the e-mail address that shall be used to send their votes and an identifier code (password) that shall be mentioned in the e-mail message with which the Shareholder will exercise his/her vote, until 5:00 p.m. (GMT) on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The voting paper must contain the digital signature of the Shareholder (or the respective organic or legal representative) or simple signature, and be accompanied by (i) a copy of the identification document of the individual Shareholder, or (ii) the identification document of the representative of the legal entity, and also, in this case, an access code to the permanent certificate of the entity (or equivalent document, proving the legitimacy of the representative). As an alternative to sending the copy of the identification documents, the signatures may be legally certified.

Only electronic votes by Shareholders whose declaration of the respective financial intermediary has been received by the Chairman of the Meeting until 11:59 p.m. (GMT) on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be considered.

#### **- POSTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Alternatively, Shareholders with voting rights may exercise them by postal mail, provided they express their intention to do so in the DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION AND VOTING, which must be sent to the Chairman of the General Meeting until 11:59 p.m. on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and indicate the e-mail address to which they wish the voting papers to be sent. Shareholders may also download the voting papers from the COMPANY's website at [www.pharol.pt](http://www.pharol.pt) as from the date of the NOTICE.

The duly filled in and signed voting papers (as explained below), must be sent in a closed envelope to the Chairman of the General Meeting in order to be received until 5:00 p.m. (GMT) on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

The voting papers must be signed by the Shareholder (or the respective organic or legal representative), and must be accompanied by a copy of the Shareholder's identification document, in the case of individuals, or of a copy of the identification document of the representative in the case of legal entities, and also, in this case, of the access code to the permanent certificate of the entity (or equivalent document, proving the legitimacy of the representative). As an alternative to sending the copy of the identification document, the signatures may be legally certified.

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According to article 13/8 of PHAROL's Articles of Association:

- *Votes by correspondence shall be considered as negative votes in relation to proposals of resolutions that may be submitted after the respective issue.*

## **REPRESENTATION OF SHAREHOLDERS**

Pursuant to Article 380 of the PCC, Shareholders may be represented at the General Meeting, through a signed letter, addressed to the Chairman of the General Meeting(\*).

For this purpose, Shareholders may use the proxy form, available at the registered office and at the Internet site [www.pharol.pt](http://www.pharol.pt) as from the publication of this NOTICE.

A Shareholder may appoint different representatives, in relation to the shares held in different securities' accounts, without prejudice of not being permitted to vote differently on the same proposal.

The letters of representation of the Shareholders referred to in the preceding paragraphs, as well as the letters of the Shareholders who are legal entities communicating the name of their representatives and the instruments of grouping of the Shareholders, shall be addressed to the Chairman of the General Meeting(\*) in order to be received no later than 11:59 p.m. (GMT) on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Said instruments of representation may be sent to the Chairman of the General Meeting to the following e-mail address [assembleia@pharol.pt](mailto:assembleia@pharol.pt)

## **SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS**

### *(i) Right of information in General Meeting*

Pursuant to article 290 of the PCC, Shareholders may request that they be provided with truthful, complete, and elucidative information to enable them to form an informed opinion on the matters subject to resolution.

The information requested shall be provided by the body of the COMPANY that is qualified to do so, and shall be refused if its disclosure may cause serious damage to the COMPANY, or to the COMPANY with which it is associated, or breach of secrecy imposed by law.

In the present General Meeting, in order to guarantee the clarification of the Shareholders prior to the exercise of their voting rights, any questions for such purpose



shall be sent to the address [assembleia@pharol.pt](mailto:assembleia@pharol.pt) until April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The questions and respective answers will be published at [www.pharol.pt](http://www.pharol.pt).

Without prejudice to the answer to the questions prior to the exercise of voting rights, as referred to above, the Shareholders registered and qualified to participate in the General Meeting have the possibility to formulate questions that they wish to be answered during the meeting, which shall be sent to [assembleia@pharol.pt](mailto:assembleia@pharol.pt) until 11:59 p.m. of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, identifying the corporate body to which they are addressed.

*(ii) Right to request the inclusion of items in the agenda*

Shareholders, individually or in groups, who hold shares corresponding to at least 2% of the capital stock of the COMPANY, have the right to request the inclusion of items in the agenda, through of a written request addressed to the Chairman of the General Meeting(\*).

The request must be submitted within 5 days following the date of publication of this NOTICE, shall be duly justified, and accompanied by a proposal of resolution for each item whose inclusion is required, as well as proof of ownership of the required share capital.

*(iii) Right to submit proposals of resolution*

The Shareholders, individually or in groups, and who hold shares corresponding to at least 2% of the capital stock of the COMPANY, may request the inclusion of proposals of resolutions on items referred to in the NOTICE or added thereto.

For this purpose, they shall send a written request to the Chairman of the General Meeting, within 5 days following the date of publication of this NOTICE, duly justified and together with the information that must accompany the proposal, as well as proof of ownership of the required share capital.

## **SHAREHOLDERS' PERSONAL DATA**

Any personal data of Shareholders communicated to PHAROL will be used exclusively for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the legal provisions regarding the verification of shareholder quality, organization, and operation of the General Meeting, in particular as to identification, legitimacy, preparation of attendance lists and exercise of rights by Shareholders.

Furthermore, for the exercise of rights of access, rectification, erasure, limitation, portability, and opposition, if any, interested parties should contact +351 800 207 369.

Complaints regarding the processing of personal data can be addressed to the National Data Protection Commission.

#### RELEVANT DATES

DATE	HOUR	EVENT
Until April 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021	11:59 p.m.	DECLARATION OF PARTICIPATION AND VOTING INFORMATION TO THE FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY
Until April 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021	11:59 p.m.	Information on voting in different directions by PROFESSIONAL SHAREHOLDERS
Until April 6 <sup>th</sup> 2021	11:59 p.m.	Prior questions to the exercise of voting rights
April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	00:00	REGISTRATION DAY
Until April 7 <sup>th</sup> 2021	11:59 p.m.	DECLARATION OF THE FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY
Until April 9 <sup>th</sup> 2021	05:00 p.m.	Electronic or postal voting
Until April 9 <sup>th</sup> 2021	11:59 p.m.	Instruments of representation
April 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	03:30 p.m.	General Meeting
April 30 <sup>th</sup> 2021	03:30 p.m.	Second date

(\* ) Chairman of the General Meeting:

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Lisbon, March 15, 2021

The Chairman of the General Meeting,

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Diogo Campos Barradas de Lacerda Machado

Annex

**COMPLETE TEXT OF THE AMENDED CLAUSES OF THE BY-LAWS -**

**CHAPTER I**

**NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, DURATION AND OBJECT**

**ARTICLE ONE**

TYPE AND NAME

The COMPANY is a public limited company with the name of PHAROL, SGPS, S.A.

**ARTICLE TWO**

REGISTERED OFFICE

1. The Company's registered office is in Rua Joshua Benoliel, 1, 2C, Edifício Amoreiras Square, [Parish of Campo de Ourique](#), 1250-313, Lisbon, and its duration shall be unlimited.

2. By resolution of the Board of Directors, the COMPANY may relocate its registered office to any location within the national territory and establish and maintain, at any location within or outside the national territory, agencies, delegations or any other form of representation.

**ARTICLE THREE**

OBJECT

1. The COMPANY'S object is to manage holdings in other companies as an indirect means of performing economic activities, as defined by law.

2. The COMPANY may, without restrictions, acquire or hold quotas or shares in any companies, as defined by law, in addition to participating in complementary groupings of companies, European Economic Interest Groupings, as well as forming or participating in any other forms of temporary or permanent association between public or private companies and/or entities.

## CHAPTER II

### SHARE CAPITAL, SHARES AND BONDS

#### ARTICLE FOUR

##### SHARE CAPITAL

1. The share capital is €26.895.375,00 (twenty six million, eight hundred ninety-five thousand, three hundred seventy five Euros), and is fully paid up.

2. The share capital is represented by 896.512.500 (eight hundred and ninety six ~~millions~~million, five hundred and twelve thousand, and five hundred shares), with par value of €0.03 (three Euro cents) each.

3. Upon favourable opinion of the Fiscal Council, the Board of Directors may increase the share capital, on one or more occasions, through capital contributions in cash, up to ~~Euro~~ €80.000.000,00 (eighty million Euros) after a resolution has been passed at the General Meeting of Shareholders fixing the parameters to which such share capital increase or increases shall be subject.

~~4.~~ The global authorized amount includes not only the nominal value of each issue of capital but also any eventual issue premium(s) ~~and F~~ for the calculation of the global amount of ~~Euro~~ €80.000.000,00 (eighty million Euros) any convertible bonds issued as per article ~~eight~~ 8 of the by-laws are accounted for as well.

~~45.~~ The general meeting's definition of the parameters pertaining to the increase in share capital to be decided by the Board of Directors must specify:

a) ~~the~~ The maximum amount of the increase;

b) ~~without~~ Without prejudice to the conditions of article 460 of the Commercial Companies Code ("CCC"), whether the increase involves a suppression or limitation of preference rights;

c) ~~the~~ The class or classes of shares per issue comprising the increase in share capital and, in the event of the issue of more than one class of shares, the respective proportion thereof, without prejudice to the consequences of an incomplete subscription.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

##### SHARE CLASSES

The COMPANY has only common shares.

## ARTICLE SIX

### TYPE OF SHARES

The COMPANY'S shares shall be nominative and be recorded in book-entry form.

## ARTICLE SEVEN

### PREFERENCE RIGHTS PERTAINING TO SHARE CAPITAL INCREASES

In the event of an increase in share capital, based on the entry of fresh capital, current COMPANY shareholders at the time of the resolution shall enjoy preference over non shareholders in subscribing for new shares.

## ARTICLE EIGHT

### PREFERENCE SHARES AND BONDS

1. The COMPANY may issue voting or non voting preference shares, redeemable or not, as defined by law.

2. The COMPANY may issue bonds or other securities pursuant to the terms of the legislation in force and, in addition, perform legally permitted operations in respect of the COMPANY'S own bonds or other securities issued by it.

3. The issue of non-convertible bonds and other debt instruments may be resolved by the Board of Directors.

~~4.~~ The issue of bonds convertible into shares may be resolved by the Board of Directors provided that their respective amount does not exceed the amount annually defined by the General Meeting, the implicit share capital increase resulting from the price and initial conversion fixed by the issue resolution is within the competence of the Board of Directors in accordance with number 3 of article 4, and that the parameters defined by the general meeting are complied with.

~~45.~~ The general meeting's definition of the parameters in respect of the Board of Director's issue of convertible bonds must specify:

a) ~~the-The~~ maximum value of the bonds to be issued in legal tender in Portugal or its counter value at the exchange rate fixed in the issue resolution;

b) ~~the-The~~ maximum value of the increase in potential share capital implicit in the issue at the initial conversion price fixed by it;

c) ~~without-Without~~ prejudice to the conditions of article 460 of the ~~Commercial Companies CodeCCC~~, whether the bonds are issued with or without a suppression or limitation of preference rights;

d) ~~the~~The class or classes of shares in respect of whose issue the conversion shall be made and in the event of more than one class of shares, the respective proportion thereof.

## ARTICLE NINE

### SHAREHOLDERS PERFORMING A COMPETING ACTIVITY

1. Shareholders who/which are, either directly or indirectly, engaged on an activity which competes with an activity being performed by companies in a controlling/controlled relationship with PHAROL, SGPS, S.A. may not hold more than 10% (ten per cent) of the COMPANY'S ordinary shares without firstly having received permission from the General Meeting.

2. ~~For the purpose of the previous number, A a competing activity, for the purpose of the dispositions of the preceding number, is understood to be the provision of public telecommunications services or network capacity, excluding in the case of the former, audiotext services, pursuant to the terms of Portuguese law, either in Portugal or overseas, in addition to any shall be other any~~ activity of the same type and nature as that being performed by companies with which PHAROL, SGPS, S.A. is in a controlling/controlled relationship.

3. Entities which either directly, or indirectly, have a holding of at least 10% (ten per cent) of the share capital of a company engaged on any of the activities referred to in the preceding number or in which an identical percentage is held by another entity, are considered to be indirectly engaged on a competing activity.

4. The following ordinary shares may be redeemed without the need for the consent of their respective holders:

a) Those held without the prior authorisation of the general meeting, by a shareholder who/which, pursuant to the terms of the preceding numbers, is engaged on a competing activity, as defined in the preceding numbers and when such shares, in conjunction with the shares referred to in the following sub paragraph, exceed the amount of 10% (ten per cent) of the share capital;

b) Those held by entities whose shares, pursuant to the terms of the Securities Market Code ("**SMC**"), would be considered, in the case of a public take-over bid, as belonging to the shareholders referred to in the preceding sub paragraph and whose proportion exceeds the amount of 10% (ten per cent) of the share capital after the redemption referred to in that sub paragraph, with the redemption being proportional to the number of shares held by each of the entities in question.

5. The shares referred to in the preceding number may be redeemed at their nominal or respective market value, if lower.

6. Within 30 (thirty days) counted from the resolution to redeem the shares adopted at the General Meeting, the Board of Directors shall notify the respective shareholders that their shares shall be redeemed.

7. The shareholder may suspend the redemption process if, within a period of 5 (five) days counted from the notification, he/she requests to the Board of Directors permission to alienate the shares to be redeemed, within a period of time of no more than 30 (thirty days), with the aforementioned request implying the renunciation of the corresponding voting and preference rights in any increase in share capital until the effective date of sale.

8. The Board of Directors shall promote the performance of the acts and the fulfillment of the formalities legally required for the execution of the share capital reduction.

9. The consideration payable to the holders of the redeemed shares shall be paid after they have certified that the shares are no longer recorded in the respective book-entry securities accounts and shall be paid in a lump sum or be deferred over a period of no more than 2 (two) years from the date of redemption.

10. When the redeemed shares are registered, in legally acceptable cases, the consideration payable to their respective holders shall be paid against the delivery of the respective securities pursuant to the conditions defined in the preceding number.

## **CHAPTER III**

### **STATUTORY BODIES**

#### **SECTION I**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### **ARTICLE TEN**

##### **CORPORATE BODIES**

The corporate bodies are the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Board of Directors, the Fiscal Council and the Statutory Auditor.

#### **ARTICLE ELEVEN**

##### **TERMS OF OFFICE**

1. Without prejudice to no. ~~3-5~~ of ~~this~~ article 27, the members of the board of the General Meeting, the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Council as well the Statutory Auditor are elected for a 3 (three) year period at the General Meeting of Shareholders, and may be re-elected, one or more times, in accordance with the applicable legal limitations.

2. At the end of the respective terms of office, the elected members of the board of the general meeting and statutory bodies shall remain in office until new members have been appointed.

~~3. The Statutory Auditor is elected at the General Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to a proposal of the Fiscal Council.~~



**SECTION II**  
**GENERAL MEETING**  
**ARTICLE TWELVE**

OBLIGATIONS OF THE SHAREHOLDERS ~~AND INFORMATION DUTIES~~

1. Shareholders are required:

- a) ~~not~~ Not to cast any votes ~~which when prevented from voting pursuant to the law or the by-laws in statutory terms should not be counted, without indicating the existence of a limitation on the counting thereof;~~
- b) ~~to~~ To notify the Board of Directors of the occurrence of ~~any of the situations~~ foreseen in article ~~nine~~ 9 ~~and in number eleven to article thirteen~~ 2 (competing activity);
- c) ~~to~~ To notify the Board of Directors of the entering into and full contents of any shareholders' agreements which they may have entered into in respect of the COMPANY;
- d) ~~to~~ To provide to the Board of Directors, in writing, and in a true, complete and self-explanatory manner, allowing it to be sufficiently elucidated, all the information requested by said Board on the situations foreseen in article ~~nine~~ 9, number ~~four~~ 4, paragraph b) ~~and article thirteen, number eleven.~~

2. The information referred to in sub paragraphs b) and c) of the preceding number shall be provided within a period of 5 (five) working days from their respective occurrence, unless a General Meeting is held during the course of the referred to period, in which case it should also be provided to the Chairman of the General Meeting up until the time of the meeting.

3. The information referred to in sub paragraph d) of number ~~one~~ 1 shall be provided within a period of time of 8 (eight) days prior to the holding of the first general meeting after the request for information. Failure to comply with this duty within the referred to period of time implies the shareholder's acknowledgement of the facts alleged by the Board of Directors in its request for information.

~~4. Except otherwise imposed by a legal provision or a mandatory rule of a regulatory entity, when information is requested by a shareholder duly qualified, in light of its holding of shares corresponding to a minimum percentage of the share capital, such information shall only be made available in the Company's registered office.~~

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN**

PARTICIPATION AND VOTING RIGHTS

1. Only shareholders with voting rights may attend general meetings.

2. Shareholders shall be entitled to participate in and cast their vote at the General Meeting of Shareholders if on record date, i.e. 0 hours (GMT) of the 5th trading day preceding the day on which the general meeting is held, they are the owners of shares granting them one vote at least.

3. The exercise of participation and voting rights at the General Meeting of Shareholders does not depend on the blocking of the shares between the record date and the date of the General Meeting of Shareholders.

4. On the notice, ~~the~~ Chairman of the General Meeting shall define ~~on the notice~~ all procedures, and periods that must be followed by the shareholders and by the financial intermediaries with whom the shareholders have opened their individual securities accounts, for purposes of shareholders' participation in the General Meeting.

5. Each share shall correspond to one vote.

6. The exercise of vote by ~~correspondence or by electronic means~~ post or electronic mail may comprise all the matters included in the call for the meeting, in the terms and conditions set forth therein.

7. The terms and conditions for the exercise of vote by ~~correspondence or by electronic means~~ post or electronic mail shall be defined by the Chairman of the General Meeting in the respective call, so as to ensure its authenticity, regularity, safety, trustfulness and confidentiality up until the moment of the voting.

8. In both cases, the authenticity of the vote shall be assured before the Chairman of the General Meeting, through:

a) Signed communication and readable copy of the identity document, in case of individuals;

b) Communication signed by the legal representative(s) of the entity, with readable copy of their identity document(s) and document evidencing their powers (in case of entities registered in Portugal, indication of the access code to their permanent certificate will suffice);

c) Other adequate means to verify the authenticity of the vote, as determined by the Chairman of the General Meeting.

~~9. as regards legal entities, by means of a communication with a certified signature according to the law, or as regards individuals, by means of a communication having enclosed a simple copy of the identity document.~~ In order to assure the confidentiality of the vote, the referred communications shall be addressed in a closed envelope or to a dedicated e-mail, which shall only be considered upon the counting of votes.

~~8~~10. The votes issued by ~~correspondence or by~~ post or electronic ~~means~~ mail are counted as negative votes in relation to proposals of resolution which may be presented after their issuance.

~~911.~~ Attendance to a General Meeting of a shareholder which has issued its respective vote by ~~correspondence~~ post or electronic ~~means~~ mail, or of their representative, determines the revocation of the vote issued by such means.

~~1011.~~ Votes cast by an ordinary shareholder, either on his/its own account or using the services of a representative, either in his/its own name or as the representative of another shareholder, when exceeding ten per cent of the Company's total voting stock, shall not be counted.

~~11.~~ For the purposes of this article, shares which would be considered as belonging to a shareholder for the purposes of a take-over bid, pursuant to the terms of the Securities Market Code, shall be considered as belonging to the shareholder.

~~12.~~ The limitation set forth in number ten applies to all resolutions, including those requiring a qualified majority.

~~13.~~ In cases of the joint ownership of shares, only the common representative or a representative thereof, may participate in General Meetings.

~~14.~~ The limits set out in the preceding numbers apply to usufructs and collateral creditors of the shares.

~~15.~~ Pursuant to ADR (American Depositary Receipts) or GDR (Global Depositary Receipts) programmes involving the Company's shares, holders of ADRs or GDRs shall be considered as shareholders, in accordance with the terms of the following number, and the entity in whose name the shares have been entered as merely the representatives thereof.

~~16.~~ Pursuant to the terms of the previous number:

~~a)~~ The conditions of article three hundred and eighty five of the Commercial Companies Code applying to the representative, shall apply to the entity in whose name the shares used as the basis for the issue of ADR or GDR programmes have been entered;

~~b)~~ The legal or statutory limitation established on the counting of votes shall refer to the votes cast on behalf of each holder of ADR or GDR, who / which shall be subject to the conditions foreseen in number eleven and as well as to those set forth in article twelve.

~~17.~~ The limitation on the counting of the votes cast by one entity on behalf of another does not apply to entities in whose name the shares of the Company used as a basis for ADR or GDR programmes have been entered.

~~18.~~ For the purpose of participating in and voting at a general meeting, holders of ADRs and GDRs must comply with the terms of this article.

## ARTICLE FOURTEEN

### MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR RESOLUTIONS

The General Meeting shall pass resolutions at the time of its first or subsequent convocation, on the basis of the majority of votes cast without prejudice to the need of a qualified majority in legally defined cases.

## ARTICLE FIFTEEN

### COMPETENCE OF THE GENERAL MEETING

1. The General Meeting has competence to:

- a) Elect the board of the General Meeting, the members of the Board of Directors and of the Fiscal Council as well as the Statutory Auditor;
- b) Analyze the report of the Board of Directors, discuss and vote on the balance sheet, the accounts, the opinion of the Fiscal Council and additional documentation legally required;
- c) Decide on the appropriation of net income for the year;
- d) Decide on any alterations to the articles of association and share capital increases, in addition to any limit or suppression of preference rights and fix the parameters for the share capital increases to be decided by the Board of Directors pursuant to article 4, numbers ~~3-4~~ and ~~45~~;
- e) Decide on the issue of bonds or other securities and fix the value of those which the Board of Directors is entitled to authorise pursuant to the terms of article ~~eight-8~~ number ~~three-3~~ in addition to the limitation or suppression of preference rights in respect of the issue of bonds convertible into shares and fix of the parameters for the issue of these types of bonds by the Board of Directors, pursuant to article 8 numbers ~~3-4~~ and ~~45~~;
- f) Decide on the authorisation referred to in number ~~one-1~~ ~~to of~~ article ~~nine-9~~;
- g) Decide on the remuneration of members of the statutory bodies, with the right to appoint a wages commission for the purpose in question;
- h) Decide on the existence of the Company's justified interest in the provision of real and personal guarantees in respect of the debts of other entities which are not in a dominating/dominated or group relationship;
- i) Approve the general objectives and fundamental principles of the company's policies;
- j) Define the general principles of the holdings policy in companies, pursuant to the terms of article ~~three-3~~, number ~~two-2~~ and decide on its respective acquisitions and alienations when, in accordance with the said principles, they should be authorised in advance by the General Meeting;

k) Deal with any other matters for which it has been convened.

2. Resolutions on any of the issues referred to in sub paragraph i) of the preceding number shall be adopted solely on the basis of proposals to be submitted by the Board of Directors or by shareholders fulfilling the requirements set out in article ~~seventeen~~17.

## ARTICLE SIXTEEN

### BOARD OF THE GENERAL MEETING AND CONVOCATION

1. The Board of the General Meeting shall comprise its respective Chairman and a Secretary.
2. The General Meeting shall be convened and directed by its Chairman or, in the event of his absence or inability to be present, by the Secretary which shall invite a shareholder to serve as his secretary.
3. The convocation of the General Meeting shall be made with the advance notice and in the form foreseen in the law, expressly indicating the matters of the agenda.
4. The General Meeting shall take place at the COMPANY'S registered office, or at another location chosen by the Chairman of the General Meeting under the legal terms, ~~and cannot take place through telematic means.~~

## ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

### MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The General Meeting shall meet, at least once a year and whenever called by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, by the Fiscal Council or by shareholders representing at least 2% (two percent) of the share capital.

## SECTION III

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### ARTICLE EIGHTEEN

##### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors is composed by a minimum of 3 (three) and a maximum of 7 (seven) members, elected by the General Meeting.
- ~~2. The Chairman shall have the casting vote in board resolutions.~~
- ~~3. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected at by the General Meeting as well.~~
- ~~3. of Shareholders in accordance with the terms of these articles of association.~~ If the General Meeting does not elect or, having elected, the chairman of the board ends the mandate before the

end of the period for which he was elected or appointed, the members of the Board of Directors shall appoint the respective Chairman.

## ARTICLE NINETEEN

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

1. Directors shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast.
2. One of the Directors may be chosen, in isolation, by the general meeting, pursuant to the terms of nos. ~~six-6~~ and ~~seven-7~~ of article ~~three-hundred-and-ninety-two~~392 of the ~~Commercial Companies Code~~CCC.

## ARTICLE TWENTY

### DELEGATION OF POWERS

1. The Board of Directors may delegate the management of the COMPANY'S day to day affairs to an Executive Committee comprising up to ~~3~~(three) members.
2. Executive Committee members shall be chosen by the Board of Directors from among its members.
3. The Board of Directors may, as an alternative to the foregoing paragraphs, delegate the management of the COMPANY'S day to day affairs in one ~~or more~~ Delegate Directors pursuant to number ~~three-3~~ to of article ~~four-hundred-and-seven~~407 of the ~~Commercial Companies Code~~CCC.
4. The Board of Directors shall define, ~~as applicable~~, the Executive Committee's or Delegate Directors' responsibilities, as applicable, in respect of the day to day management of the Company's affairs and shall delegate, when necessary, all ~~of~~ the competencies whose inclusion is not prohibited under article ~~four-hundred-and-seven~~407 of the ~~Commercial Companies Code~~CCC.
5. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall:
  - a) Ensure that all the information regarding the activity and the resolutions of the Executive Committee is provided to the other members of the Board of Directors;
  - b) Ensure the compliance with the limits on delegation, the Company's strategy, and the duties of cooperation with the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
6. The Executive Committee shall, in principle, operate in conformity with the regulations defined in articles ~~twenty-one~~21, ~~twenty-two~~22, ~~twenty-three~~23 and ~~twenty-four~~24 ~~of the articles of association for the Board of Directors~~, without prejudice to the adaptations which the Board of Directors may decide to make in respect of such operation.

7. The Board of Directors may authorise the Executive Committee to charge one or more of its members to deal with certain tasks and delegate the performance of several of the powers which have been delegated to it to one or more of its members.

8. The resolutions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by majority of the expressed votes and the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

9. The ~~delegation of powers in certain members of the Board of Directors and/or the creation of an Executive Committee~~ and/or the delegation of powers in one Director do not ~~exclude preclude~~ the competence of the other Board members or of the Board of Directors with respect to the delegated powers ~~and as~~ the Board of Directors may approve resolutions on the same matters.

10. ~~If in case~~ the Board of Directors appoints a Delegate Directors it ~~shall~~ may create, in the same Board meeting ~~that appoints them~~, one or more committees ~~for permanently monitoring the delegated matters ("Monitoring Committee")~~ for certain specific matters.

~~11. The creation of a Monitoring Committee shall be mandatory whenever the Company appoints Delegate Directors.~~

~~12. Each Monitoring Committee shall be composed by the Delegate Directors appointed by the Board of Directors and by at least two non executive members of the Board of Directors.~~

~~13. The Monitoring Committee shall be responsible for:~~

~~a) Monitoring the Company's day to day affairs in the matters subject to delegation;~~

~~b) Liaison of the activity of the Delegate Directors with the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Council in order to ensure that the members of these corporate bodies receive all information regarding the activity of the Delegate Directors;~~

~~c) Ensure compliance with the delegation limits, the Company's strategy and the duties to cooperate with the Board of Directors.~~

## ARTICLE TWENTY ONE

### COMPETENCES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SECURITY DEPOSIT

1. The Board of Directors is responsible for, among other:

a) Managing the COMPANY'S affairs and performing all acts and operations in respect of the Company's corporate object which are not the specific responsibility of other statutory bodies of the Company;

b) Representing the COMPANY in legal and non legal matters with the right to withdraw, come to terms and confess in respect of any lawsuits, in addition to entering into arbitration agreements;

c) Acquiring, selling, or in any other manner, alienating or encumbering rights, notably when affecting the COMPANY'S holdings, moveable and immovable assets, without prejudice to the conditions set out in article ~~fifteen~~15;

d) Establishing the COMPANY'S technical and administrative organisation and its internal operating rules;

e) Appointing legal or other proxies with the powers considered expedient, including the power to sub-delegate authority;

f) Electing the effective and substitute Secretary of the COMPANY;

g) Proceed, through co-optation, to the replacement of the Directors which have a definitive absence, being the co-opted members in functions up to the end of the term to which the replaced Directors had been elected to, without prejudice of the ratification in the next General Meeting and of the foreseen in number ~~three~~3;

h) Performing the other competencies attributed by the General Meeting.

2. The absence of any Director to more than half of the ordinary Board of Directors meetings, during a financial year, either in a continuous or interpolated manner, without justification accepted by the Board of Directors, shall be considered as a definitive absence of such Director.

~~3.~~ Such definitive absence shall be declared by the Board of Directors, and such Directors shall be replaced under the ~~legal and statutory terms~~provisions of the CCC.

~~3. When a Director is definitively unavailable, he shall be replaced pursuant to the rules established in the Companies Code.~~

~~4. The Board of Directors may particularly appoint one or more Directors to deal with certain administrative matters.~~

~~5. In the event of any delegation of powers, it shall be implemented in accordance with the rules established in the Companies Code.~~

~~6~~4. The responsibility of each Director shall be necessarily secured by any of the mandatory forms legally foreseen in accordance with the minimum impositions set forth by law.

## ARTICLE TWENTY TWO

### RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors, in its management of the COMPANY'S affairs, shall comply with the general guidelines issued by the general meeting, pursuant to the terms and limitations as defined by law.



## ARTICLE TWENTY THREE

### COMPETENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is specifically responsible for:
  - a) Representing the Board in legal and non legal matters;
  - b) Co-ordinating the activity of the Board of Directors and apportioning tasks among members when recommended on the basis of management expediency;
  - c) Convening and directing the meetings of the Board;
  - d) Ensuring that the resolutions of the Board of Directors are properly complied with.
2. In the event of the Chairman's absence or impairment and under the terms permitted by law, the Chairman shall be replaced by the member of the Board of Directors indicated by him for the purpose in question or, in the absence of indication, by the member of the Board of Directors who has been acting in such capacity longer.

## ARTICLE TWENTY FOUR

### RESOLUTIONS

1. The Board of Directors schedules its ordinary meetings dates or its frequency, which shall be, at least, once every 3 (three) months of each year, and shall meet in extraordinary sessions whenever convened by its Chairman, two Directors, or the Fiscal Council.
2. The Board of Directors shall not meet without the participation of the majority of its members in functions, although its Chairman may, in cases of recognized urgency, permit such meeting without the presence of such majority if it is assured by vote by correspondence or by proxy, according to the terms established in ~~following~~-number 4.
3. The Directors may attend the Board of Directors' meetings through telematic means in which case the COMPANY shall ensure the authenticity of the declarations, the security of communications, and register the contents of the meeting and the respective participants.
- ~~34~~. Without prejudice to the conditions set out in ~~the preceding~~-number 2, ~~postal-mail~~ and proxy votes are permitted although a Director may not represent more than one other Director.
45. Board of Director's resolutions shall be adopted by a majority of the votes cast.

## ARTICLE TWENTY FIVE

### MINUTES

1. The resolutions passed at meetings of the Board of Directors, in addition to voting statements, shall be recorded in minutes.
2. The minutes shall be signed by all members of the Board of Directors participating in the meeting.
3. Participants at the meeting may dictate a summary of their statements for inclusion in the minutes.

## ARTICLE TWENTY SIX

### BINDING/COMMITTING OF COMPANY

1. The COMPANY is be bound by:
  - a) The signatures of two ~~members of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Executive Committee or one of the Delegate Directors;~~
  - b) The signature of one Director in which powers were delegated to act;
  - ~~bc) The signature of the one or more appointed proxies, subject to the scope and in accordance with the terms of the corresponding mandates.~~
2. The signature of a sole Delegated Director ~~shall be~~ sufficient for the day to day affairs of the COMPANY.
3. COMPANY bonds, when in certificate form, shall bear the signatures of two Directors, which signatures may be replaced by a simple mechanical reproduction or a seal/stamp.
4. The Board of Directors may decide, in accordance with the terms and subject to legal limitations, that certain COMPANY documents be signed using mechanical processes or seals/stamps.

## SECTION IV

### FISCAL COUNCIL AND STATUTORY AUDITOR

## ARTICLE TWENTY SEVEN

### MEMBERSHIP ATTRIBUTIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

1. The supervision of the COMPANY'S activity A is conducted by a Fiscal Council and a Statutory Auditor or Company of Statutory Auditors.

~~2. The powers of the Fiscal Council and of the Statutory auditor are those determined by law and established in their Internal Regulation.~~

~~3. The Fiscal Council is composed by, consists of consisting of 3 (three) effective members, one of them being its Chairman, and an 1 alternate member, all elected at the General Meeting supervision of Company's activity which will elect the Chairman of the Fiscal Council.:~~

~~2. The Chairman of the Fiscal Council will be elected at the General Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to these Articles of Association.~~

~~3. The members of the Fiscal Council shall comply with the requirements on incompatibilities, independence and expertise arising from the law and regulations as well as from other relevant binding market rules.~~

~~4. The resolutions of the Fiscal Council shall be adopted by the majority of the votes cast provided that the majority of the members is present at the meeting and the Chairman has a casting vote.~~

~~5. The effective and alternate Statutory Auditor is elected by the General Meeting and proposed by the Fiscal Council.~~

## **ARTICLE TWENTY EIGHT**

### COMPETENCIES

~~1. In addition to the competencies established in law and in other provisions of this Articles of Association, the Fiscal Council has the following competencies:~~

~~a) To verify the accuracy of the financial statements and, in general, to supervise the quality and integrity of the financial information included in the Company's financial statements;~~

~~b) To supervise the process of preparation and disclosure of financial information;~~

~~c) To analyze and issue its opinion about the relevant matters related to accounting and audit issues and to the impact on the financial statements of amendments to the accounting rules applicable to the Company, as well as to its accounting policies;~~

~~d) To supervise the statutory audit and the auditing to the Company's financial statements as well as to supervise and evaluate the internal proceedings related to accounting and audit matters;~~

~~e) To make a proposal to the general meeting as regards the appointment of the Statutory Auditor;~~

~~f) To supervise the independence of the Statutory Auditor, in particular in what concerns the provision of additional services;~~

~~g) Direct and exclusive responsibility to appoint, hire, retain or dismiss and to establish the compensation of the Company's Independent Auditors, as well as to supervise their qualifications~~

~~and independence and to approve the audit services and/or non-audit services to be rendered by said Independent Auditors or associated persons;~~

~~h) To resolve any disagreements between the Board of Directors and the Independent Auditors referred to in the previous paragraph, with respect to financial information to be included in the financial statements to be reported to the competent authorities as well as with respect to the audit report process;~~

~~i) To supervise the quality, integrity and effectiveness of the risk management system, the internal control system, as well as the internal audit system, including the annual revision of its adequacy and effectiveness, and, in general, to supervise the performance of the functions discharged by the internal audit and the internal control system of the Company;~~

~~j) To receive the communications of irregularities, claims and/or complaints submitted by shareholders, employees of the Company or third parties, as well as to implement the proceedings for the receipt, retention and treatment of the above referred irregularities, claims and/or complaints whenever concerning accounting and auditing matters as well as related to internal controls as regards those subject matters;~~

~~k) To give its opinion and prior advice, within the scope of its competences foreseen in the law or in these Articles of Association and whenever it deems convenient or necessary, in regard to any reports, documentation or other information to be disclosed or submitted by the Company to the competent authorities.~~

~~2. The Independent Auditors referred in the previous number shall report to and be subject to the direct and exclusive oversight of the Fiscal Council, who shall annually obtain and review an audit report with the Independent Auditors.~~

## **ARTICLE TWENTY NINE**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

~~1. The Fiscal Council shall schedule its meetings, at least, once every three months of each financial year, at the time and place determined by its Chairman, without prejudice of additional meetings being convened by the Chairman or at request of the majority of its members.~~

~~2. The Fiscal Council shall not meet without the attendance of the majority of its members, provided that the Chairman may, in cases of recognized urgency or justified impossibility, permit such meeting without the attendance of such majority if it is assured by vote, by correspondence or by proxy, according to the terms established in the following numbered paragraph.~~

~~3. Voting rights can be exercised by correspondence or proxy, provided however each member does not act on behalf of more than one Fiscal Council member.~~

~~4. The resolutions of the Fiscal Council shall be adopted by the majority of votes cast and its Chairman has a casting vote.~~

5. The resolutions adopted during the Fiscal Council's meetings, as well as its members' voting statements, shall be recorded in minutes prepared for such purpose, which shall be signed by all members of the Fiscal Council participating in the meetings, all having the prerogative of summarizing their interventions to be mentioned in such minutes.

## **SECTION V**

### **STATUTORY AUDITOR**

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY**

##### APPOINTMENT AND COMPETENCES

1. A statutory auditor or a statutory audit company, which may have a substitute, appointed at the General Meeting of Shareholders, pursuant to proposal from the Fiscal Council, is responsible for the examining the Company's accounts.

2. The Statutory Auditor has the competences established in law.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **APPROPRIATION OF NET INCOME INFORMATION**

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY ONETWENTY EIGHT**

##### INFORMATION

The information that pursuant to the law depends upon, or may depend upon, the holding of a certain percentage of the share capital will be available at the headoffice of the COMPANY and published at the internet site of the COMPANY as well provided that such publication is mandatory pursuant to law or regulation of the regulatory authority.

## **CHAPTER V**

### **APPROPRIATION OF NET INCOME**

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY NINE**

##### APPROPRIATION OF NET INCOME

1. The duly approved annual net income shall be appropriated as follows:

a) A percentage of not less than 5% (five per cent) shall be paid into a legal reserve until it reaches the amount defined by law;

b) A percentage of not less than 40% (forty per cent) of the distributable profit shall be distributed among the shareholders in the form of a dividend, without prejudice to the general meeting's having the right, on the basis of a qualified majority of two thirds of the votes cast, to decide on a reduction of the dividend or not to proceed with any distribution thereof;

c) the remainder to be appropriated at the discretion of the general meeting.

2. Pursuant to the terms of and within the legally established limits, shareholders are entitled to an advance of profits for the year in progress.

## **CHAPTER V**

## **CHAPTER VI**

### **DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION**

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY TWO**

##### DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

1. The COMPANY shall be dissolved in accordance with legally defined cases and terms.
2. The liquidation of the COMPANY shall be governed by the dispositions defined by law and the resolutions of the General Meeting.

## **CHAPTER VI**

### **FINAL, TRANSITORY CONDITIONS**

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY THREE**

##### DEPOSIT PROGRAMME CONTRACT

~~1. Entities which, pursuant to the development of the conditions set out in article eight, number one of Decree Law number forty four/ninety five of the twenty second of February may, on account of the deposit programme contract agreed with the Company, become direct or indirect titleholders to the Company's shares, shall not be considered as being engaged on activities which compete with those of the Company owing to the mere circumstance of being engaged on analogous contracts by third parties which are competing with the Company.~~

~~2. The conditions of the preceding number do not preclude the application of the conditions of articles nine and twelve to the referred to depository entities when, pursuant to the scope of the respective deposit programme contracts, the participants therein are either directly or indirectly engaged on activities which compete with those of the Company and when the percentage number of shares in the Company held by them is higher than the percentage permitted under these articles of association for the equivalent ownership of shares.~~