

E. Taxation

The following summarizes the material Peruvian and United States tax consequences under present law of the purchase, ownership and disposition of ADSs or Common Shares. The discussion is not a full description of all tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase ADSs or Common Shares. In particular, this discussion deals only with holders that hold ADSs or Common Shares as capital assets and that have the U.S. Dollar as their functional currency. The summary does not address the tax treatment of certain investors that may be subject to special tax rules, such as banks, securities dealers, insurance companies, tax-exempt entities, persons that will hold ADSs or Common Shares as a position in a “straddle” or “conversion transaction” for tax purposes and holders of 10 percent or more of our voting shares. This discussion does not address any U.S. state or local taxes, the U.S. federal alternative minimum tax or the U.S. Medicare tax on net investment income. There is no tax treaty currently in effect between Peru and the United States, except for a treaty to exchange tax information. The information to be exchanged is defined in such treaty as any data or declaration that may be relevant or essential to the administration and application of taxes. Accordingly, the discussions below of Peruvian and U.S. tax considerations are based on the domestic law of each of Peru and the United States which are subject to change and possibly with retroactive effect.

As used herein, “Peruvian holder” means an owner of ADSs or Common Shares that is (i) an individual domiciled in Peru, (ii) a business entity created under the laws of Peru, or (iii) a Peruvian branch, agency or permanent establishment of a non-Peruvian individual or entity. “U.S. Holder” means a beneficial owner of ADSs or Common Shares that is (i) a United States citizen or resident, (ii) a domestic corporation or partnership, (iii) a trust subject to the control of a U.S. fiduciary and the primary supervision of a U.S. court or (iv) estate the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source.

Peruvian Tax Considerations

Cash Dividends and Other Distributions

Cash dividends paid with respect to Common Shares and amounts distributed with respect to ADSs are currently subject to a Peruvian withholding Income Tax, at a rate of 4.1 percent over the dividend paid (as long as such dividend is paid out from our accumulated net profits as of December 31, 2014), when the dividend is paid to shareholders that are: (i) individuals, whether resident or nonresident in Peru or (ii) nonresident entities. As a general rule, the distribution of additional Common Shares representing profits, distribution of shares which differ from the distribution of earnings or profits, as well as the distribution of preemptive rights with respect to Common Shares, which are carried out as part of a pro rata distribution to all shareholders, will not be subject to Peruvian Income Tax or withholding taxes. If the dividend distribution is paid out from our net profits after December 31, 2014, the Peruvian withholding Income Tax rate will increase to 6.8 percent, if the distribution is approved during 2015 and 2016, to 8 percent if it is approved during 2017 and 2018, and to 9.3 percent if it is approved in 2019 or later.

Law No. 30296, enacted on December 31, 2014, established certain amendments to the Peruvian Income Tax Law, or the ITL, effective from January 1, 2015. The most significant changes are the following: (i) a gradual increase of Peruvian withholding income tax over dividends paid from 4.1 percent to 6.8 percent in 2015 and 2016, to 8.0 percent in 2017 and 2018, and to 9.3 percent in 2019 and beyond. These tax rates will apply to profit distribution adopted or made available in cash or in kind, whichever occurs first, since January 1, 2015; and (ii) Peruvian withholding income tax of 4.1 percent will be applied to retained earnings or other items subject to generate taxable dividends, obtained up to December 31, 2014, and forming part of dividends distribution or any other profit distribution.

Capital Gains

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Peruvian Income Tax Law, or the ITL, individuals and entities resident in Peru are subject to Peruvian Income Tax on their worldwide income while non-resident individuals or entities are subject to Peruvian Income Tax on their Peruvian source income only.

Furthermore, the ITL states that income deriving from the disposal of securities issued by Peruvian entities is considered Peruvian source income subject to the Income Tax.

With respect to this matter, Article 2 of the ITL, as amended by Legislative Decree 945, defines: (i) capital gains as any revenue deriving from the disposal of capital goods; and (ii) capital goods as those whose purpose is not to be traded in the regular course of a business. Moreover, Article 2 of the ITL states that income deriving from the disposal of shares and similar securities is considered a capital gain.

Accordingly, capital gains deriving from the disposal of securities issued by legal entities incorporated in Peru are considered Peruvian source income subject to Peruvian Income Tax.

Currently, regardless of whether or not the transferor is domiciled in Peru, the ITL establishes that taxable income resulting from the disposal of securities is determined by the difference between the sale price of the securities and its tax basis. However, prior to December 31, 2009, capital gains resulting from the disposal of ADSs or Common Shares issued by legal entities incorporated in Peru were exempt from Peruvian Income Tax if: (i) in the case of non-regular individuals (i.e., individuals who do not frequently trade securities), the transaction was carried out prior to December 31, 2009; and (ii) in the case of shareholders other than individuals, the transaction was carried out on the Lima Stock Exchange (floor session) prior to December 31, 2009.

Effective January 1, 2010, the exemption was repealed and, as such, capital gains resulting from the disposal of ADSs or Common Shares issued by legal entities incorporated in Peru became subject to Peruvian Income Tax. For non-resident entities or individuals, capital gains will be subject to an Income Tax rate of either 5 percent or 30 percent, depending where the transaction takes place. If the transaction is consummated within Peru, the Income Tax rate is 5 percent; if the transaction is consummated outside of Peru, capital gains are taxed at a rate of 30 percent.

The ITL Regulations have defined transactions consummated within Peru to mean that the securities at issue are transferred through the Lima Stock Exchange. In contrast, the transaction is considered to have been consummated abroad when (i) the securities at issue are not registered on the Lima Stock Exchange or (ii) registered securities are not transferred through the Lima Stock Exchange.

Prior to December 31, 2012, for nonresident individuals, the first five Tax Units (approximately US\$6,800) of capital gains deriving from the transfer of securities were exempted from the Income Tax. Effective January 1, 2013, this exemption was repealed. If the transferor is a resident entity, capital gains deriving from the disposal of securities will be treated as any other taxable income subject to the 30 percent Corporate Income Tax rate.

Furthermore, prior to December 31, 2012, if the transferor was a resident individual, the first five Tax Units (approximately US\$6,800) of capital gains deriving from the transfer of securities were exempted from the Income Tax. Effective January 1, 2013, such exemption was repealed. Any capital gain earned by a resident individual is subject to the five percent annual Income Tax rate regardless of whether or not the transaction is carried out on the Lima Stock Exchange and regardless of how many transactions are carried out by such individual. In this case, the five percent Income Tax rate will be applicable over the annual net capital gain, which is calculated by deducting from the annual gross capital gain of the annual losses resulting from the disposal of shares during the same fiscal year.

Moreover, if the transferor, either a resident or nonresident individual or entity, acquired the ADSs or Common Shares that were exempt from the Income Tax before January 1, 2010, pursuant to a special provision of the ITL, the tax basis is the higher of: (i) the acquisition cost; (ii) the face or nominal value of the shares or (iii) the stock market value at closing on December 31, 2009.

If the transferor, whether resident or nonresident in Peru, acquires the ADSs or Common Shares on or after January 1, 2010, the tax basis is: (i) for shares purchased by the transferor, the acquisition price paid for the shares; (ii) for shares received by the transferor as a result of a capital stock increase because of a capitalization of net profits, the face or nominal value of such shares; (iii) for other shares received free of any payment, the stock market value of such shares if listed on the Lima Stock Exchange or, if not, the face or nominal value of such shares and (iv) for shares of the same type acquired at different opportunities and at different values, the tax basis will be the weighted average cost.

The aforementioned rules are also applicable to ADSs or Common Shares acquired before January 1, 2010 that were not exempt from the Income Tax as of December 31, 2009.

On December 31, 2010, Law No. 29645 was promulgated and took effect from January 1, 2011. This law states that in any transaction of Peruvian securities through the Lima Stock Exchange, CAVALI ICLV S.A. (the Peruvian clearing house) will act as withholding agent. As a result of this amendment, the nonresident will no longer have to self-assess and pay its Income Tax liability directly to the Peruvian Tax Administration.

Law No. 29645 has technically been in force since January 1, 2011. Implementing regulations were enacted in July 2011, and CAVALI ICLV S.A. began acting as a withholding agent on November 1, 2011. As a result, with regard to securities transferred through the Lima Stock Exchange by a nonresident transferor subsequent to November 1, 2011, such nonresident transferor is no longer obliged to self-assess and pay its Income Tax liability directly to Peruvian tax authorities within the first 12 working days following the month in which Peruvian source income was earned.

If the purchaser is resident in Peru and the sale is not performed through the Lima Stock Exchange, the purchaser will act as withholding agent, except in cases in which the transferor is a resident individual.

However, if the transferor is a resident entity, such transferor is solely responsible for its Peruvian Income Tax on capital gains resulting from the disposal of ADSs or Common Shares, regardless of whether such securities are listed on the Lima Stock Exchange or elsewhere.

Other Considerations

No Peruvian estate or gift taxes are imposed on the gratuitous transfer of ADSs or Common Shares. No stamp, transfer or similar tax applies to any transfer of Common Shares, except for commissions payable by seller and buyer to the Lima Stock Exchange (0.15 percent of value sold), fees payable to the SMV (0.05 percent of value sold), brokers' fees (about 0.05 percent to 1 percent of value sold) and Value Added Tax (at the rate of 18 percent) on commissions and fees. Any investor who sells its Common Shares on the Lima Stock Exchange will incur these fees and taxes upon purchase and sale of the Common Shares.

United States Federal Income Tax Considerations

Assuming the obligations contemplated by the Amended and Restated Deposit Agreement are being performed in accordance with its terms, holders of ADSs (or ADRs evidencing ADSs) generally will be treated for United States federal income tax purposes as the owners of the Common Shares represented by those ADSs.

Cash Dividends and Other Distributions

Cash dividends paid with respect to Common Shares or Common Shares represented by ADSs generally are includible in the gross income of a U.S. Holder as ordinary income. Dividends generally are treated as foreign source income. Dividends paid to a U.S. Holder that is a corporation are not eligible for the dividends received deduction available to corporations. Under current law, a maximum 20 percent U.S. tax rate is imposed on the dividend income of an individual U.S. holder with respect to dividends paid by a domestic corporation or "qualified foreign corporation" if certain holding period requirements are met. A qualified foreign corporation generally includes a foreign corporation if (i) its shares are readily tradable on an established securities market in the U.S. or (ii) it is eligible for benefits under a comprehensive U.S. income tax treaty. Clause (i) will apply with respect to ADSs if such ADSs are readily tradable on an established securities market in the U.S. The ADSs are traded on the New York Stock Exchange. As a result, we believe that we should be treated as a qualified foreign corporation and, therefore, dividends paid to an individual U.S. holder with respect to ADSs for which the minimum holding period requirement is met should be taxed at a maximum rate of 20 percent. Dividends paid in Nuevos Soles are includible in a United States dollar amount based on the exchange rate in effect on the date of receipt (which, in the case of ADSs, will be the date of receipt by the Depositary) whether or not the payment is converted into U.S. Dollars at that time. Any gain or loss recognized upon a subsequent sale or conversion of the Nuevos Soles for a different amount of U.S. Dollars will be United States source ordinary income or loss. Distributions to U.S. Holders of additional Common Shares or preemptive rights with respect to Common Shares that are made as part of a pro rata distribution to all of our shareholders generally will not be subject to United States federal income tax but in other circumstances may constitute a taxable dividend.

A U.S. Holder will be entitled to a foreign tax credit for Peruvian taxes imposed by withholding or otherwise, subject to generally applicable limitations and restrictions. In the case of U.S. individuals for whom the reduced rate of tax on dividends applies, such limitations and restrictions will appropriately take into account the rate differential under rules similar to section 904(b)(2) (B) of the Internal Revenue Code. The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex and U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding their application to the particular circumstances of such holder.

A non-U.S. Holder generally is not subject to United States Federal income or withholding tax on dividends paid with respect to Common Shares or Common Shares represented by ADSs, unless such income is effectively connected with the conduct by the non-U.S. Holder of a trade or business within the United States.

Capital Gains

U.S. Holders will recognize capital gain or loss on the sale or other disposition of ADSs or Common Shares (or preemptive rights with respect to such shares) held by the U.S. Holder or by the Depositary. U.S. Holders will not recognize gain or loss on deposits or withdrawals of Common Shares in exchange for ADSs or on the exercise of preemptive rights. Any gain recognized by a U.S. Holder generally will be treated as United States source income. Consequently, in the case of a disposition of Common Shares or ADSs in a transaction subject to Peruvian tax, the U.S. Holder may not be able to claim the foreign tax credit for any Peruvian tax imposed on the gain unless it has sufficient foreign source income from other sources against which it can apply the credit. Generally, gain or loss will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder's holding period for such Common Shares or ADSs exceeds one year. Long-term capital gain for an individual U.S. Holder is generally subject to a reduced rate of tax.

A non-U.S. Holder of ADSs or Common Shares will not be subject to United States income or withholding tax on gain from the sale or other disposition of ADSs or Common Shares unless (i) such gain is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States or (ii) the non-U.S. Holder is an individual who is present in the United States for at least 183 days during the taxable year of the disposition and certain other conditions are met.

Passive Foreign Investment Company

We believe that we are not and will not become a passive foreign investment company for United States Federal income tax purposes. A foreign corporation is a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, in any taxable year in which, after taking into account the income and assets of certain subsidiaries pursuant to the applicable look-through rules, either (i) at least 75 percent of its gross income is passive income or (ii) at least 50 percent of the average value of its assets is attributable to assets that produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income.

If we were a PFIC in any year during which a U.S. Holder owned ADSs or Common Shares, we would not be treated as a "qualified foreign corporation" for purposes of qualifying dividends paid to a U.S. Holder for the preferential 20 percent maximum U.S. tax rate noted above and the U.S. Holder would be subject to additional taxes on any excess distributions received from us and any gain realized from the sale or other disposition of ADSs or Common Shares (regardless of whether we continued to be a PFIC). A U.S. Holder has an excess distribution to the extent that distributions on ADSs or Common Shares during a taxable year exceed 125 percent of the average amount received during the three preceding taxable years (or, if shorter, the U.S. Holder's holding period for the ADSs or Common Shares). To compute the tax on an excess distribution or any gain, (i) the excess distribution or the gain is allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder's holding period for the ADSs or Common Shares, (ii) the amount allocated to the current taxable year is taxed as ordinary income and (iii) the amount allocated to other taxable years is taxed at the highest applicable marginal rate in effect for each year and an interest charge is imposed to recover the deemed benefit from the deferred payment of the tax attributable to each year.

If we were a PFIC, U.S. holders of interests in a holder of ADSs or Common Shares may be treated as indirect holders of their proportionate share of the ADSs or Common Shares and may be taxed on their proportionate share of any excess distribution or gain attributable to the ADSs or Common Shares. An indirect holder also must treat an appropriate portion of its gain on the sale or disposition of its interest in the actual holder as gain on the sale of the ADSs or Common Shares.