

to its foreign shareholders.

Argentine companies may keep and spend outside Argentina any capital contributions that they have received abroad. Conversely, if a non-Argentine resident sends its capital contribution to the Argentine company in Argentina or the Argentine company repatriates a contribution received abroad, that transfer will be subject to certain requirements under foreign exchange regulations. Those requirements will vary depending on whether the capital contribution is classified as a "portfolio" or a "direct" investment. "Direct" investments are participations in Argentine companies reaching at least a holding of 10% of their common stock or voting rights (and subsequent contributions of a foreign investor who has already reached that level), and "portfolio" investments are participations that fall below that minimum. Portfolio investments also include holdings of cash and bank deposits on local currency, as well as debt securities, among others.

Funds of direct investments transferred to Argentina as capital contributions are not subject to the Mandatory Deposit, provided that certain requirements are met and the Argentine company receiving such funds completes and registers with the Public Registry of Commerce the related capital increase by the applicable deadline. The applicable deadline was recently extended and the Argentine company must register with the Public Registry of Commerce within 540 calendar days of the day of its initial filing. Portfolio investments are subject to the Mandatory Deposit.

The impact of foreign exchange regulations on the repatriation rights of non-Argentine resident investors (i.e., the right to use Argentine Pesos received in Argentina by a nonresident due to a sale,

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liquidation or capital reduction to buy foreign currency and transfer it abroad) also varies depending on whether the investment is a direct or a portfolio investment.

In any case, both types of investment must be maintained in Argentina for at least 365 days before repatriation.

Communication "A" 5,237 of the BCRA, effective from October 28, 2011, added a new requirement for non-Argentine direct investors to repatriate Argentine Pesos collected in Argentina as a consequence of a sale or liquidation of the direct investment, capital reduction and reimbursement of capital contributions in Argentina (the "Communication"). As from the effective date of Communication "A" 5,237, for such purpose, the funds originally paid for such investment or disbursement for the capital contribution, as applicable, must be transferred to Argentina and sold for pesos in the local foreign exchange market (the "Transfer Requirement"). Prior to the Communication, non-Argentine investors were not obliged to demonstrate that the funds paid for its investments or disbursements for its capital contributions had been transferred and sold in the exchange market in order to be allowed to repatriate its investment.

The Communication applies to all the direct investments made on and since October 28, 2011. Therefore, all direct investments made before that date are exempt from the Transfer Requirement.

On October 16, 2014, the Central Bank issued Communication "A" 5,649 which included as an additional requirement of those discussed above, that the repatriation of direct investments shall take place if the foreign beneficiary is an individual or legal entity incorporated or domiciled in jurisdictions considered to be cooperative for the purposes of tax transparency.

In addition, repatriation of a portfolio investment requires evidence that the original investment involved the transfer of funds to Argentina and is subject to an aggregate maximum limit of US\$500,000 per calendar month.

TAXATION

Argentine Taxes

The following summary of certain Argentine tax matters is based upon the tax laws of Argentina, and regulations thereunder, in effect as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 20-F and is subject to any subsequent change in Argentine laws and regulations which may come into effect after such date. This summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a holder of such securities.

Amendments to the Income Tax Law

On September 23, 2013, Law No. 26,893 was published in the Official Bulletin, incorporating amendments to the Argentine Income Tax Laws in connection with, among others, the taxation of gains derived from transfers of stocks and dividend distributions. On February 7, 2014, the PEN issued Decree No. 2,334/13 which regulates Law 26,893. Law No. 26,893 became effective on September 23, 2013, and applies to taxable events on or after that date.

Taxation of Dividends

Pursuant to Law No. 26,893's dividends and other profits paid in cash or in kind—except for stock dividends or quota dividends—by companies and other entities incorporated in Argentina referred to in Argentine Income Tax Law (the "Income Tax Law") Sections 69 (a) (1),(2),(3),(6) and (7), and Section 69(b), are subject to income tax at a 10% rate, except for dividends received by Argentine companies and other Argentine entities, which are not be subject to income tax. Dividends distributed to nonresidents are subject to a 10% withholding tax, as a unique and definitive payment. Consequently, any dividend distribution made by the Company to its shareholders shall be subject to this 10% withholding tax, except for those beneficiaries that are domestic corporate taxpayers, referred to as "sujetos empresa" (such as, for instance, distributions made from Telecom Argentina to Nortel and those from Personal to Telecom Argentina and Nortel) and in addition to withholding, if applicable, of so called "Equalization Tax" (as described below).

Under Argentine income tax law, a corporation that makes a distribution of dividends to its shareholders in excess of the amount of its accumulated taxable net income at the close of the previous taxable year, as determined by application of the Income Tax Law, must withhold a 35% tax from such excess (the "Equalization Tax"). For purposes of this rule, the amount of income to be considered shall be determined by (1) deducting from taxable income (calculated under the general

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rules of the Income Tax Law) the income tax paid by the company and (2) adding the dividends and profits not subject to tax received as distributions from other corporations. If the distribution is in kind, then the corporation must pay the tax to the tax authorities and will be entitled to seek reimbursement from the shareholders.

Taxation of Capital Gains

Gains derived from the transfer of shares, quotas and other equity interests, titles, bonds and other securities issued by an Argentine Company, are subject to Argentine income tax, regardless of the type of beneficiary who realizes the gain. The effective tax rate applicable to nonresident individuals or foreign companies is 15%.

However, gains from the transfer of such securities are exempt from such income tax when the securities are listed on a stock exchange and the gains are realized by Argentine individuals or undivided estates.

Capital gains obtained by nonresidents from the transfer of shares, quotas and other equity interests, titles, bonds and other securities are subject to this tax on capital gains. The tax is assessed at the nonresident seller's option by either (i) applying the 15% tax rate on 90% of the sales price or (ii) the excess of the sale price over the acquisition cost net of the other expenses incurred in Argentina necessary to obtain, maintain and preserve this gain. There is currently no guidance under Argentine law with respect to how this election is made. When both the seller and the buyer are nonresidents, the person liable to pay the tax shall be the buyer of the shares, quotas, equity interests and other securities transferred.

Holders are encouraged to consult a tax advisor as to the particular Argentine income tax consequences of acquiring holding and disposing of ADSs or Class A, B and C Shares.

Tax on Personal Property

Argentine Law No. 25,585, as amended by Law No. 26,317, imposes a Tax on Personal Property. According to this tax, the following persons are subject to an annual tax on certain assets, which is levied at rates ranging from 0.50% to 1.25% depending on the value of such assets as of December 31 of each year: (i) individuals domiciled in Argentina for assets located in Argentina and abroad and (ii) individuals domiciled outside of Argentina for assets located in Argentina. For purposes of this tax, shares of stock of Argentine corporations, such as Telecom Argentina's ADSs and Class A, B and C Shares are considered assets located in Argentina.

Although the tax on personal property does not explicitly apply to individuals or entities domiciled outside Argentina, pursuant to Argentine Law No. 25,585, shares of stock corporations or other equity interests in companies regulated by Argentine Corporations Law 19,550, as amended, such as the ADSs (held in book entry form or evidenced by ADRs) and Class A, B and C Shares, and whose holders are individuals and/or undivided estates domiciled in Argentina or in a foreign country, are subject to the tax on personal property.

The tax rate to be applied is 0.50% and the taxable base is the value of the shareholders' equity as stated in the most recent balance sheet of the company as of December 31 of each year. Such tax shall be assessed on and paid by the corresponding Argentine company issuer of the shares, such as Telecom Argentina. The tax so paid shall be considered as a definite payment.

The above-mentioned rules include an irrefutable presumption that shares of stock corporations and other equity interests of companies regulated by Argentine Corporations Law 19,550, as amended, such as the ADSs (held in book entry form or evidenced by ADRs) and the Class A, B and C Shares, whose holders are companies, any other legal entities, enterprises, permanent establishments and trusts, domiciled, settled or located in a foreign country, belong indirectly to individuals or individual estates domiciled in a foreign country.

Although Telecom Argentina is required to pay this tax on behalf of the holders of the ADSs and Class A, B and C Shares, it has the right to obtain reimbursement of the amounts paid from its shareholders even if this requires holding and/or foreclosing the property on which the tax is due.

Therefore, Telecom Argentina's ADSs (held in book entry form or evidenced by ADRs) and Class A, B and C Shares held by individuals, irrespective of their place of residence, and legal entities domiciled outside of Argentina are subject to the Tax on Personal Property, which, as mentioned above, shall be paid by Telecom Argentina on behalf of such holders of ADSs (held in book entry form or evidenced by ADRs) and Class A, B and C Shares.

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Telecom Argentina has, from time to time, requested that its shareholders reimburse the amounts of tax on personal property paid on their behalf and has received partial reimbursement of such taxes, however no assurances can be made that Telecom Argentina will be successful in seeking reimbursement of all such taxes paid from holders of ADSs and Class A, B, and C shares. Therefore, as of December 31, 2014, Telecom Argentina has recorded an allowance of P\$17 million for the amounts pending collection. Whenever applicable, tax on personal property paid on behalf of Telecom Argentina's shareholders is deducted from the cash dividend payment.

Value Added Tax

The sale or disposition of ADSs or Class A, B and C Shares is not subject to value added tax.

Other Taxes

There are no national Argentine inheritance or succession taxes applicable to the ownership, transfer or disposition of ADSs or Class A, B and C Shares. There are no Argentine stamp, issue, registration or similar taxes or duties payable by holders of ADSs or Class A, B and C Shares.

Deposit and Withdrawal of Class B Shares in Exchange for ADSs

No Argentine tax is imposed on the deposit or withdrawal of Class A, B and C Shares in exchange for ADSs.

Tax Treaties

Argentina has entered into tax treaties with several countries. There is currently no income tax treaty or convention in effect between Argentina and the United States.

United States Federal Income Taxes

The following discussion is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to the U.S. Holders described below of the ownership and disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares, but it does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a holder of such securities, including alternative minimum tax and Medicare contribution tax consequences. This summary applies only to U.S. Holders (as defined below) that hold ADSs or Class B Shares as capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes and does not address all of the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which may be subject to special rules, such as:

- certain financial institutions;
- dealers or traders in securities who use a mark-to-market method of tax accounting;
- persons holding ADSs or Class B Shares as part of a hedging transaction, straddle, wash sale, conversion transaction or integrated transaction or persons entering into a constructive sale with respect to the ADSs or Class B Shares;
- persons whose functional currency for U.S. federal income tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar;
- tax-exempt entities, including an "individual retirement account" or "Roth IRA";
- persons that own or are deemed to own 10% or more of any class of Telecom Argentina stock;
- persons who acquired ADSs or Class B Shares pursuant to the exercise of an employee stock option or otherwise as compensation; or
- persons holding ADSs or Class B shares in connection with a trade or business conducted outside of the United States.

If an entity that is classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds ADSs or Class B Shares, the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a partner will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partnerships holding ADSs or Class B Shares and partners in such partnerships should consult their tax advisers as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the ADSs or Class B Shares.

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This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), administrative pronouncements, judicial decisions and final, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations, all as of the date hereof, changes to any of which may affect the tax consequences described herein, possibly with retroactive effect. As mentioned above, there is currently no income tax treaty or convention in effect between Argentina and the United States. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the U.S., Argentine or other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares in their particular circumstances, including the effect of any state or local tax laws.

In addition, this summary is based in part on representations of the Depositary and assumes that each obligation provided for in, or otherwise contemplated by, the Deposit Agreement or any other related document will be performed in accordance with its terms.

As used herein, the term "U.S. Holder" means a holder that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is a beneficial owner of ADSs or Class B Shares and is:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state therein or the District of Columbia; or
- an estate or trust the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source.

In general, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, holders of ADSs will be treated as the owners of the underlying Class B Shares represented by those ADSs. Accordingly, no gain or loss will be recognized if a U.S. Holder exchanges ADSs for the underlying Class B Shares represented by those ADSs.

The U.S. Treasury has expressed concerns that parties to whom American depositary shares are released before delivery of shares to the depositary ("pre-release"), or intermediaries in the chain of ownership between holders and the issuer of the security underlying the American depositary shares, may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits by holders of American depositary shares. Such actions would also be inconsistent with claiming the preferential rates of tax, described below, applicable to dividends received by certain non-corporate holders. Accordingly, the creditability of Argentine taxes, and the availability of the preferential rates of tax for dividends received by certain non-corporate holders, each described below, could be affected by actions taken by such parties or intermediaries.

This discussion assumes that Telecom Argentina is not, and will not become, a passive foreign investment company, as described below.

Taxation of Distributions

To the extent paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits of Telecom Argentina (as determined in accordance with U.S. federal income tax principles), distributions made with respect to ADSs or Class B Shares will generally be included in the income of a U.S. Holder as ordinary dividend income. Because Telecom Argentina does not maintain calculations of its earnings and profits under U.S. federal income tax principles, it is expected that distributions will generally be reported to U.S. Holders as dividends. Subject to applicable limitations and the discussion above regarding concerns expressed by the U.S. Treasury, dividends paid to certain non-corporate U.S. Holders will be taxable at the preferential rates applicable to long-term capital gain if the dividends represent "qualified dividend income." "Qualified dividend income" means dividends received from a "qualified foreign corporation," and a foreign corporation is generally treated as a "qualified foreign corporation" with respect to dividends paid on stock which is readily tradable on a securities market in the United States (such as the New York Stock Exchange, where our ADSs are traded). U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the availability of the preferential dividend tax rates in light of their particular circumstances. The amount of a dividend will include any amounts withheld by Telecom Argentina or its paying agent in respect of Argentine taxes. Dividends will generally be treated as foreign-source dividend income to U.S. Holders and will not be eligible for the "dividends-received deduction" generally allowed to U.S. corporations under the Code. Dividends will be included in a U.S. Holder's income on the date of the U.S. Holder's (or in the case of ADSs, the Depositary's) receipt of the dividend. See "Taxation-Argentine Taxes." The amount of the distribution will equal the U.S. dollar value of the pesos received (including amounts withheld in respect of Argentine Taxes), calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date such distribution is received (which, for holders of ADSs, will be the date such distribution is received by the Depositary), whether or not

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the Depositary or U.S. Holder in fact converts any pesos received into U.S. dollars. If the distribution is converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, U.S. Holders should not be required to recognize foreign currency gain or loss in respect of the dividend income. Any gains or losses resulting from the conversion of pesos into U.S. dollars after the date on which the distribution is received will be treated as ordinary income or loss, as the case may be, of the U.S. Holder and will be U.S.-source income or loss.

Subject to applicable limitations and conditions that may vary depending upon the circumstances and subject to the discussion above regarding concerns expressed by the U.S. Treasury, Argentine income taxes withheld from dividends on ADSs or Class B Shares will be creditable against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability. However, amounts paid on account of the Tax on Personal Property will not be eligible for credit against a U.S. Holder's federal income tax liability. See "Argentine Taxes." The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex, and U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the creditability of foreign taxes in their particular circumstances and to determine the tax consequences applicable to them as a result of amounts paid on account of the Argentine Tax on Personal Property, including whether such amounts are includible in income or deductible for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Instead of claiming a credit, U.S. Holders may elect to deduct otherwise creditable Argentine income taxes in computing taxable income, subject to generally applicable limitations under U.S. law. An election to deduct foreign taxes instead of claiming foreign income tax credits applies to all income taxes paid or accrued in the taxable year to foreign countries and possessions of the United States.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares

Gain or loss realized by a U.S. Holder on the sale, exchange or other disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares will be subject to U.S. federal income tax as capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Holder has held the ADSs or Class B Shares for more than one year. The amount of the gain or loss will be equal to the difference between the U.S. Holder's tax basis in the ADSs or Class B Shares disposed of and the amount realized on the disposition, in each case as determined in U.S. dollars. If an Argentine tax is withheld, or otherwise paid, on the sale or disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares, a U.S. Holder's amount realized will include the gross amount of the proceeds of the sale or disposition before deduction of the Argentine tax. See "Argentine Taxes—Taxation of Capital Gains" for a description of when a disposition may be subject to taxation by Argentina. Such gain or loss, if any, will generally be U.S.-source gain or loss for foreign tax credit purposes. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors as to whether the Argentine tax on gains may be creditable against the U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax on foreign source income from other sources. Long-term capital gains recognized by non-corporate taxpayers are subject to reduced tax rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.