

- 1) The principle of freedom of exchange: Argentine residents, as well as non-Argentine residents, may freely access the MULC.
- 2) The obligation of carrying out any exchange transaction through an entity authorized by the Central Bank has been maintained.
- 3) Time restrictions to trade in the MULC for carrying out foreign exchange transactions have been eliminated.
- 4) The mandatory inflow and settlement of export proceeds through the MULC within the applicable term.
- 5) The obligation of Argentine residents to comply with the “Review of Debt Securities and External Liabilities Issued by the Financial Sector and the Non-Financial Private Sector” (Communication “A” 3602 and its complementary provisions) and the “Review on direct investments” (Communication “A” 4237 and its complementary provisions), even though there has not been an income of funds to the MULC nor any future access through the transactions to be declared has been maintained.

On November 1, 2017, President Macri issued Decree No. 893/17 which partially repealed Decree Nos. 2,581/64, 1,555/86 and No. 1,638/01, thus eliminating the obligation of Argentine residents to transfer funds to Argentina and then sell in the funds coming from their exports of products in the MULC within the applicable term. Subsequently and in accordance with Decree No. 893/17, the Central Bank issued Communication “A” 6363 dated November 10, 2017, thus eliminating all the provisions related to the transfer and sale of funds from exports of goods in the country in the MULC.

Furthermore, on December 28, 2017, by virtue of Communication “A” 6401 and “A” 6410, the Central Bank replaced the reporting regimes set forth by Communication “A” 3602 and Communication “A” 4237 with a new unified regime for information as of December 31, 2017. Such unified reporting regime involves the filing of an annual statement, whose filing is mandatory for every person whose total cash flow or asset and liabilities balance amounts to U.S.\$1 million or more during the previous calendar year. Those subject to the aforementioned reporting obligation shall declare the following liabilities: (i) shares and equity interests; (ii) non-negotiable debt instruments; (iii) negotiable debt instruments; (iv) financial derivatives; and (v) real estate and structures.

On January 11, 2018, with the aim of providing more flexibility to the foreign exchange system and promoting competition, allowing the entrance of new players to the system, the MELI was created by virtue of Decree N° 27/2018, as amended by Law No. 27.444, replacing the concept of the MULC for a free floating exchange market. Within the MELI, the exchange operations will be carried out by the financial entities and any other persons authorized to such effect by the Central Bank pursuing permanent or customary trade in the purchase and sale of foreign coins and banknotes, gold coins or bars and traveler’s checks, money orders, transfers or similar operations in foreign currency.

Within the new foreign exchange market, exchange operations are carried out by financial entities and any other person authorized to by the Central Bank to engage in permanent or customary trade in the purchase and sale of foreign coins and banknotes, gold coins or bars and traveler’s checks, money orders, transfers or similar operations in foreign currency.

By virtue of Communication “A” 6443 of the Central Bank, which entered into force on March 1, 2018, companies from any sector that operate in the foreign exchange market may operate as an exchange agency solely by registering via an electronic form entitled the “Registry of Exchange Operators” (*Registro de Operadores de Cambio*).

As of October 1, 2018, the BCRA introduced an exchange rate band. The peso’s exchange rate with the U.S. Dollar was allowed to fluctuate between Ps.34.00 and Ps.44.00 per US\$1.00 (range that was adjusted daily at an annual rate of 3% until December 2018, and for the first quarter of 2019, is adjusted daily at an annual rate of 2%) without the BCRA’s intervention. On April 29, 2019, the Monetary Policy Counsel (Comité de Política Monetaria) of the Central Bank (the “COPOM”) decided to introduce changes to the monetary policy, with an aim to reducing volatility in the foreign exchange market. According to the new scheme: (i) if the exchange rate is between Ps. 39.755 and Ps. 51.488, the Central Bank may intervene, subject to market conditions, in the foreign exchange market and sell U.S. dollars in the market, and (ii) if the exchange rate is above Ps. 51.488, the Central Bank will sell foreign currency for up to 250 million U.S. dollars daily. Also, the Central Bank could decide to perform additional interventions. The Argentine pesos resulting from such sales will be discounted from the monetary base. The COPOM also confirmed that the Central Bank will not intervene until June 2019 in the foreign exchange market if the exchange rate decreases below Ps. 39.755.

## **Item 10.E Taxation**

### **Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to the purchase, ownership and disposition of common shares or ADSs by a U.S. Holder (as defined below).

This summary is based on provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and regulations, rulings and judicial interpretations thereof, in force as of the date hereof. Those authorities may be changed at any time, perhaps retroactively, so as to result in U.S. federal income tax consequences different from those summarized below. In addition, this summary assumes that the deposit agreement, and all other related agreements, will be performed in accordance with their terms.

This summary is not a comprehensive discussion of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a particular investor’s decision to purchase, hold, or dispose of common shares or ADSs. In particular, this summary is directed only to U.S. Holders that hold common shares or ADSs as capital assets and does not address tax consequences to U.S. Holders who may be subject to special tax rules, such as banks, brokers or dealers in securities or currencies, traders in securities electing to mark to market, financial institutions, insurance companies, tax exempt entities, entities and arrangements treated as partnerships and the partners therein, holders that own or are treated as owning 10% or more of our shares by vote or value, persons holding common shares or ADSs as part of a hedging or conversion transaction or a straddle, nonresident alien individuals present in the United States for more than 182 days in a taxable year, or persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar. Moreover, this summary does not address state, local or foreign taxes, the U.S. federal estate and gift taxes, or the Medicare contribution tax applicable to net investment income of certain non-corporate U.S. Holders, or alternative minimum tax consequences of acquiring, holding or disposing of common shares or ADSs.

For purposes of this summary, a “U.S. Holder” is a beneficial owner of common shares or ADSs that is an individual citizen or resident of the United States or a U.S. domestic corporation or that otherwise is subject to U.S. federal income taxation on a net income basis in respect of such common shares or ADSs.

**You should consult your own tax advisors about the consequences of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the common shares or ADSs, including the relevance to your particular situation of the considerations discussed below and any consequences arising under foreign, state, local or other tax laws.**

In general, if you are a U.S. Holder of ADSs, you will be treated, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as the beneficial owner of the underlying common shares that are represented by those ADSs. Accordingly, deposits or withdrawals of common shares for ADSs will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

### **Taxation of Dividends**

Subject to the discussion below under “—Passive Foreign Investment Company,” the gross amount of any distribution of cash or property with respect to common shares or ADSs (including any amount withheld in respect of Argentine withholding taxes) that is paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) will generally be includible in a U.S. Holder’s taxable income as ordinary dividend income on the day on which the holder receives the dividend, in the case of common shares, or the date the ADS Depositary receives the dividends, in the case of ADSs, and will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction allowed to corporations under the Code. To the extent that the amount of any distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits for a taxable year, the distribution will first be treated as a tax-free return of capital, causing a reduction in the tax basis of the common shares or ADSs, and to the extent the amount of the distribution exceeds your tax basis, the excess will generally be taxed as capital gain recognized on a sale or exchange.

We do not expect to maintain calculations of our earnings and profits in accordance with U.S. federal income tax principles. U.S. Holders therefore should expect that distributions generally will be treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Dividends paid in a currency other than U.S. dollars generally will be includible in a U.S. Holder’s income in a U.S. dollar amount calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the day the holder receives the dividends, in the case of common shares, or the date the ADS Depositary receives the dividends, in the case of ADSs. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of foreign currency gain or loss, if any, on any foreign currency received that is converted into U.S. dollars after it is received.

Subject to certain exceptions for short-term and hedged positions, the U.S. dollar amount of dividends received by a non-corporate U.S. Holder with respect to the common shares or ADSs will be subject to taxation at a preferential rate if the dividends are “qualified dividends” and certain other requirements are met. Dividends paid on the common shares or ADSs will be treated as qualified dividends if:

- the common shares or ADSs are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States and
- we were not, for the year prior to the year in which the dividend was paid, and are not, for the year in which the dividend is paid, a passive foreign investment company (a “PFIC”).

Our ADSs are listed on the NYSE, and our ADSs will qualify as readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States so long as they are so listed and remain so listed. Based on our audited financial statements and relevant market and shareholder data, we believe that we were not treated as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to our 2018 taxable year. In addition, based on our audited financial statements and our current expectations regarding the value and nature of our assets, the sources and nature of our income, and relevant market and shareholder data, we do not anticipate becoming a PFIC for our current taxable year or in the foreseeable future. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of the reduced dividend tax rate in light of their own particular circumstances.

Because the common shares are not themselves listed on a U.S. exchange, dividends received with respect to common shares that are not represented by ADSs may not be treated as qualified dividends. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential availability of the reduced dividend tax rate in respect of common shares.

U.S. Holders that receive distributions of additional common shares or ADSs or rights to subscribe for common shares or ADSs as part of a pro rata distribution to all of our shareholders generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax in respect of the distributions.

### **Taxation of Dispositions of Common Shares or ADSs**

Subject to the discussion below under “—Passive Foreign Investment Company,” if a U.S. Holder realizes gain or loss on the sale, exchange or other disposition of common shares or ADSs, that gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the common shares or ADSs have been held for more than one year. Long-term capital gain realized by a non-corporate U.S. Holder generally is subject to taxation at a preferential rate. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

### **Foreign Tax Credit Considerations**

Dividend distributions with respect to the common shares or ADSs generally will be treated as “passive category” income from sources outside the United States for purposes of determining a U.S. Holder’s U.S. foreign tax credit limitation. Subject to the limitations and conditions provided in the Code and the applicable U.S. Treasury regulations, a U.S. Holder may be able to claim a U.S. foreign tax credit against its U.S. federal income tax liability in respect of any Argentine taxes withheld (to the extent not exceeding the withholding rate applicable to the U.S. Holder) from a dividend paid to such U.S. Holder if the tax is treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as imposed on the U.S. Holder. Alternatively, the U.S. Holder may deduct such Argentine taxes from its U.S. federal taxable income, provided that the U.S. Holder elects to deduct rather than credit all foreign income taxes for the relevant taxable year.

Any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of common shares or ADSs will be treated as income from U.S. sources for purposes of determining a U.S. Holder’s U.S. foreign tax credit limitation. Therefore, an investor generally would not be able to use the foreign tax credit arising from any Argentine tax imposed on such disposition unless such credit can be applied (subject to applicable limitations) against tax due on other income treated as derived from foreign sources. Taxes are only eligible for the foreign tax credit if they are income taxes (or a tax paid in lieu of an income tax). The Argentine capital gains tax will generally be treated as an income tax (or a tax paid in lieu of an income tax) and thus potentially eligible for the foreign tax credit, provided the U.S. Holder has other income derived from foreign sources against which the credit can be used (as discussed above). Asset taxes, such as the Argentine personal assets tax (as described in “—Material Argentine Tax Considerations—Personal Assets Tax”), generally will not be treated as income taxes for U.S. federal income tax purposes. If the Argentine personal assets tax is not treated as an income tax for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a U.S. Holder generally would be unable to claim a foreign tax credit for any Argentine personal assets tax paid. A U.S. Holder may be able to deduct the Argentine taxes discussed in this paragraph in computing its U.S. federal income tax liability, subject to applicable limitations (including, in the case of income taxes, that the U.S. Holder elects to deduct rather than credit all foreign income taxes for the relevant taxable year).

The rules with respect to U.S. foreign tax credits are complex and involve the application of rules that depend on a U.S. Holder's particular circumstances. Accordingly, U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the availability of the U.S. foreign tax credit under their particular circumstances.

### ***Passive Foreign Investment Company***

Special tax rules apply to U.S. Holders if we are a PFIC. In general, we will be a PFIC in a particular taxable year if, after applying certain look-through rules, either 75 percent or more of our gross income for the taxable year is passive income, or the average percentage (determined based on a quarterly average) of the value of our assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income is at least 50 percent. As discussed above, we believe that we were not treated as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to our 2018 taxable year, and we do not anticipate becoming a PFIC for our current taxable year or in the foreseeable future. The determination of whether we are a PFIC for any taxable year depends on the classification of our income and assets, our cash position and the nature of the activities performed by our officers and employees. Because this determination is made annually, it is possible that we may become a PFIC for the current taxable year or for any future taxable year due to changes in the composition of our income or assets.

If we are a PFIC for the current taxable year or for a future taxable year during which a U.S. Holder owns common shares or ADSs, the U.S. Holder will be subject to a special tax at ordinary income rates on certain "excess distributions" and on gain recognized on the sale or other disposition of such holder's common shares or ADSs. For these purposes, distributions received in a taxable year will be treated as excess distributions to the extent that they are greater than 125% of the average annual distributions received during the shorter of the three preceding taxable years or the U.S. Holder's holding period for the common shares or ADSs. In addition, the amount of income tax on any excess distributions or gains will be increased by an interest charge to compensate for tax deferral, calculated as if the excess distributions or gains were earned ratably over the period the U.S. Holder held the common shares or ADSs. Classification as a PFIC may also have other adverse tax consequences and subject a U.S. Holder to certain reporting requirements. If we are a PFIC for our current taxable year or in future taxable years, U.S. Holders may be able to make certain elections that would mitigate the consequences of our status as a PFIC, including by electing to mark common shares or ADSs to market annually. U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax considerations discussed above.

### ***Specified Foreign Financial Assets***

Certain individual U.S. Holders that own "specified foreign financial assets" with an aggregate value in excess of US\$50,000 are generally required to file an information statement along with their tax returns, currently on Form 8938, with respect to such assets. "Specified foreign financial assets" include any financial accounts held at a non-U.S. financial institution, as well as securities issued by a non-U.S. issuer (which would include the common shares or ADSs) that are not held in accounts maintained by financial institutions. Higher reporting thresholds apply to certain individuals living abroad and to certain married individuals. Regulations extend this reporting requirement to certain entities that are treated as formed or availed of to hold direct or indirect interests in specified foreign financial assets based on certain objective criteria. U.S. Holders who fail to report the required information could be subject to substantial penalties. In addition, the statute of limitations for assessment of tax would be suspended, in whole or part. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the application of these rules to their investment in the common shares or ADSs, including the application of the rules to their particular circumstances.

### ***Backup Withholding and Information Reporting***

Dividends paid on, and proceeds from the sale, exchange or other disposition of, the common shares or ADSs to a U.S. Holder generally will be subject to the information reporting requirements of the Code and may be subject to backup withholding unless the U.S. Holder provides an accurate taxpayer identification number and makes any other required certification or otherwise establishes an exemption. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a U.S. Holder will be allowed as a refund or credit against the U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is furnished to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in a timely manner.

### ***Material Argentine Tax Considerations***

The following discussion is a summary of the material Argentine tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of our ADSs or common shares. It is based upon the tax laws of Argentina and regulations thereunder as of the date of this annual report, and is subject to any subsequent changes 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 the tax considerations that may be relevant to a holder of such securities. No assurance can be given that the courts or tax authorities responsible for the administration of the laws and regulations described in this annual report will agree with this interpretation. Holders are encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding the tax treatment of our ADSs or common shares as it relates to their particular situation.

#### ***Taxation on Dividends***

In view of the recent amendments introduced to the Income Tax Law by virtue of Law No. 27,430, as of fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, the taxation applicable to dividends distributed from Argentine companies would be as follows:

- i. Dividends originated from profits obtained before January 1, 2018: are not subject to any income tax withholding except for the Equalization Tax (as defined below).
- ii. Dividends originated from profits obtained during fiscal years initiated after January 1, 2018 and up to December 31, 2019: dividends on Argentine shares paid to Argentine Individuals and/or non-residents ("Foreign Beneficiaries") are subject to a 7% income tax withholding on the amount of such dividends ("Dividend Tax").
- iii. Dividends originated from profits obtained during fiscal years initiated after January 1, 2020 onward: the Dividend Tax rate is raised to 13%.  
In the case of foreign beneficiaries, the Dividend Tax rate could be reduced pursuant to applicable treaties to avoid double taxation if certain conditions are met, as the case may be.

For Argentine individuals and undivided estates not registered before the AFIP as payers of income tax and foreign beneficiaries, the Dividend Tax withholding will be considered as a unique and final payment. In addition, under Law No. 27,430, rules are created that regulate and limit the possibility to offset gains derived from the distribution of dividends with losses generated in other operations.

If dividends are distributed to Argentine Entities as defined below, no Dividend Tax should apply.

With regards to income obtained during fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, the Equalization Tax is not applicable. With regards to income obtained in prior fiscal years, the Equalization Tax is applicable.

The equalization tax (the "Equalization Tax") is applicable when the dividends distributed are higher than the "net accumulated taxable income" of the immediate previous fiscal period from when the distribution is made. In order to assess the "net accumulated taxable income" from the income calculated by the Income Tax Law, the income tax paid in the same fiscal period should be subtracted and the local dividends received in the previous fiscal period should be added to such income. The Equalization Tax will be imposed as a 35% withholding tax on the shareholder receiving the dividend. Dividend distributions made in property (other than cash) will be subject to the same tax rules as cash dividends. Stock dividends on fully paid shares ("*acciones liberadas*") are not subject to Equalization Tax.

The income tax law provides a first in-first out rule pursuant to which distributed dividends correspond to the former accumulated profits of the distributing company.

Holders are encouraged to consult a tax advisor as to the particular Argentine income tax consequences derived from profit distributions made on ADSs or common shares.

### **Capital Gains Tax**

According to current regulations, the results derived from the transfer of shares, quotas and other equity interests, titles, bonds and other securities, are subject to Argentine income tax, regardless of the type of beneficiary who realizes the gain.

Capital gains obtained by Argentine corporate entities (in general, entities organized or incorporated under Argentine law, certain traders and intermediaries, local branches of foreign entities, sole proprietorships and individuals carrying on certain commercial activities in Argentina) (the "Argentine Entities") derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition of shares in Argentine entities are subject to income tax on the net income at the rate of 30% for fiscal years initiated after January 1, 2018 and up to December 31, 2019 and at the rate of 25% for tax periods initiated after January 1, 2020 and onwards. Losses arising from the sale of shares can only be offset against income derived from the same type of operations, for a five-year carryover period.

Beginning in 2018, it is clear that income obtained by Argentine Individuals and undivided estates from the sale of shares and other securities are exempt from capital gains tax in the following cases: (i) when the shares are placed through a public offering authorized by the CNV, (ii) when the shares were traded in stock markets authorized by the CNV, under segments that ensure priority of price-time and interference of offers, or (iii) when the sale, exchange or other disposition of shares is made through a tender offer regime and/or exchange of shares authorized by the CNV. ADSs do not qualify for the exemption applicable to Argentine resident individuals since the referred conditions would not apply. If the exemption does not apply, the income derived by Argentine resident individuals from the sale, exchange or other disposition of shares are subject to income capital gains tax at a 15% rate on net income. Losses arising from the sale of non-exempt Argentine shares can only be offset by Argentine individuals and undivided estates against income derived from the same type of operations, for a five-year carryover period.

If Argentine resident individuals and undivided estates perform a conversion procedure of securities representing shares, that do not meet the exemption requirements stated in the paragraph above, to hold instead the underlying shares that do comply with said requirements, such conversion would be considered a taxable transfer of the securities representing shares for which the fair market value by the time the conversion takes place should be considered. The same tax treatment will apply if the conversion process involves shares that do not meet the exemption requirements stated above that are converted into securities representing shares to which the exemption is applicable. Once the underlying shares or securities representing shares are converted, the results obtained from the sale, exchange, swap or any other disposition thereof would be exempt from income tax provided that the conditions mentioned in points (i), (ii) and (iii) of the paragraph above are met.

It should be noted that for periods prior to 2018, it is currently under discussion if the exemption (introduced by Law 26,893 and its implementing decree 2334/2013) applicable on the sale of shares and other securities, *only* included the sale of securities made through a stock exchange market duly authorized by the CNV or if the implementing decree's added provisions were just by way of example.

Due to the amendments introduced to the Income Tax Law by Law No. 27,430, as from 2018, Foreign Beneficiaries are also exempt from income tax on income derived from the sale of Argentine shares in the following cases: (i) when the shares are placed through a public offering authorized by the CNV, (ii) when the shares were traded in stock markets authorized by the CNV, under segments that ensure priority of price-time and interference of offers, or (iii) when the sale, exchange or other disposition of shares is made through a tender offer regime and/or exchange of shares authorized by the CNV. The exemption applies to the extent the Foreign Beneficiaries reside in a cooperative jurisdiction and, in accordance with the amendments introduced by Decree N°1170/2018, if their funds come from cooperative jurisdictions.

In addition, it was finally clarified that, from 2018 onward, the income derived from the sale of ADSs will be treated as coming from an Argentine source. However, capital gains obtained from the sale, exchange or other disposition of ADSs by Foreign Beneficiaries that reside in a cooperative jurisdiction and, in accordance with the amendments introduced by Decree N°1170/2018, their funds come from cooperative jurisdictions, from the sale, exchange or other disposition of ADSs are exempt from income tax on capital gains to the extent the underlying shares are issued by an Argentine company and they are authorized for public offering by the CNV.

In case Foreign Beneficiaries conduct a conversion process of shares that do not meet the exemption requirements, into securities representing shares that are exempt from income tax pursuant to the conditions stated above, such conversion would be considered a taxable transfer of the securities representing shares for which the fair market value by the time the conversion takes place should be considered.

If the exemption is not applicable, the gain derived from the disposition of shares would be subject to Argentine income tax at a 15% rate on the net capital gain or at a 13.5% effective rate on the gross price provided that the Foreign Beneficiary is not domiciled in a non-cooperative jurisdiction. In such scenario, the income tax should be paid to the AFIP under the following procedures: (i) in case the securities were sold by a Foreign Beneficiary, but not through an Argentine stock exchange market and there is an Argentine buyer involved, the Argentine buyer should withhold the income tax; and (ii) when both the seller and the buyer are Foreign Beneficiaries and the sale is not performed through an Argentine stock exchange market, the person liable for the tax shall be the legal representative of the seller of the shares or securities being transferred or the foreign seller.

For Foreign Beneficiaries domiciled in non-cooperative jurisdictions or when the funds come from non-cooperative jurisdictions, the tax rate applicable to the sales of shares and/or ADSs is assessed at 35%. Pursuant to General Resolution AFIP 4227, the presumed net basis on which the 35% rate should apply in the case of sale or disposition of securities is assessed at 90%. The list of non-cooperative jurisdictions shall be published by the Executive Branch. However, Decree 279/2018 provides that until the Executive Branch issues the non-cooperative list, taxpayers should consider the list of

“cooperative jurisdictions” published by the Argentine tax authorities to determine whether a jurisdiction is deemed cooperative or not. The U.S. is currently not a non-cooperating jurisdiction.

Holders are encouraged to consult a tax advisor as to the particular Argentine income tax consequences derived from the holding and disposing of ADSs or common shares.

### **Personal Assets Tax**

Argentine entities, like us, are subject to the personal assets tax corresponding to Argentine Individuals and Foreign Beneficiaries (be they legal entities or individuals) for the holding of company shares at December 31 of each year. The applicable tax rate is 0.25% and is levied on the proportional net worth value (*“valor patrimonial proporcional”*) by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year of the shares. Pursuant to the Personal Assets Tax Law, Argentine companies are entitled to seek reimbursement of said paid tax from the Argentine Individuals and/or Foreign Beneficiaries. Argentine companies may seek this personal assets tax reimbursement by setting off the applicable tax against any amount due to its shareholders or withholding on assets that originated the payment (i.e., the common shares) or in any other way or, under certain circumstances, waive its right under Argentine law to seek reimbursement from the shareholders.

It is unclear if the ADSs are subject to the personal assets tax applicable to Foreign Beneficiaries, although the underlying assets (the common shares) are subject to the personal assets tax as it was previously described. Holders are encouraged to consult a tax advisor as to the particular consequences of the personal assets tax derived from the holding of ADSs.

### **Value Added Tax (VAT)**

The sale, exchange or other disposition of our ADSs or common shares and the distribution of dividends are exempted from VAT.

### **Tax on Debits and Credits on Argentine Bank Accounts**

All credits to and debits from bank accounts held at Argentine financial institutions, as well as certain cash payments, are subject to this tax, which is assessed at a general rate of 0.6%. There are also increased rates of 1.2% and reduced rates of 0.075%. Owners of bank accounts subject to the general 0.6% rate may consider 33% of the tax paid as a tax credit against specific taxes. The taxpayers that are subject to the 1.2% rate may consider 33% of all tax paid as a tax credit against specific taxes. Such amounts can be used as credit for income tax or tax on presumed minimum income. Such amounts can be utilized as a credit for income tax, tax on presumed minimum income or special contributions on cooperatives capital. If lower rates were applied, the available credit would be reduced to 20%.

The TDC has certain exemptions. Debits and credits in special checking accounts (created under Communication “A” 3250 of the Argentine Central Bank) are exempted from this tax if the accounts are held by foreign legal entities and if they are exclusively used for financial investments in Argentina.

According to Law No. 27.432, the Executive may increase up to 20% per year the percentage of the TDC payments that can be accounted for as payment on account of the income tax. Additionally, the Tax Reform Law enables the Executive to establish that starting in 2022 the amounts paid as TDC may be totally accounted for as payment on account of the Income Tax. Whenever financial institutions governed by Law No. 21.526 make payments acting in their own name and behalf, the application of this tax is restricted to certain specific transactions. Such specific transactions include, among others, dividends or profits distributions.

### **Tax on Minimum Presumed Income**

Argentine entities are subject to this tax at the rate of 1% applicable over the total value of their taxable assets, above an aggregate amount of Ps.200, 000. Specifically, the law establishes that banks, other financial institutions and insurance companies will consider a taxable base equal to 20% of the value of taxable assets. This tax is only payable if the income tax determined for any fiscal year does not equal or exceed the amount owed under the tax on minimum presumed income. In such case, only the difference between the tax on minimum presumed income determined for such fiscal year and the income tax determined for that fiscal year shall be paid. Any tax on minimum presumed income paid will be applied as credit toward income tax owed in the ten next following fiscal years. Please note that shares and other equity participations in entities subject to tax on minimum presumed income are exempt from this tax.

Holders are encouraged to consult a tax advisor as to the particular consequences of the Argentine tax on minimum presumed income related to the holding of ADSs or common shares.

Pursuant to Law No. 27,260, passed by the Argentine Congress on June 29, 2016, the tax on minimum presumed income is eliminated beginning on January 1, 2019.

### **Gross Turnover Tax**

In addition, the transfer of ADSs or common shares and the collection of dividends could be subject to gross turnover tax if such activity is conducted on a regular basis within an Argentine province or within the City of Buenos Aires, unless an exemption applies. For example, under the Tax Code of the City of Buenos Aires, any transactions of shares, as well as the collection of dividends, are exempt from gross turnover tax. Holders of ADSs or common shares are encouraged to consult a tax advisor regarding the specific consequences that come with the possession and disposal of ADSs or ordinary shares in the jurisdictions involved.

### **Regimes for the Collection of Provincial Tax Revenues on the Amounts Credited to Bank Accounts**

Different tax authorities (i.e., City of Buenos Aires, Corrientes, Córdoba, Tucumán, Province of Buenos Aires and Salta, among others) have established collection regimes for gross turnover tax purposes applicable to those credits verified in accounts opened at financial entities, of any type and/or nature and including all branch offices, irrespective of territorial location. These regimes apply to those taxpayers included in the payroll provided monthly by the tax authorities of each jurisdiction. The applicable rates may vary depending on the jurisdiction involved. Collections made under these regimes shall be considered as a payment on account of the turnover tax. As certain jurisdictions have excluded the application of these regimes on certain financial transactions, holders shall corroborate the existence of any exclusion to these regimes in accordance with the jurisdiction involved.

### **Stamp Tax**

Stamp tax is a local tax that is levied based on the formal execution of public or private onerous instruments within Argentine provinces or in the City of Buenos Aires or that have effects in said jurisdictions, even if executed abroad. Documents subject to stamp tax include, among others, various types of contracts, notarial deeds and promissory notes. Each province and the City of Buenos Aires has its own stamp tax legislation. Stamp tax rates vary according to the jurisdiction and type of agreement involved. In certain jurisdictions, acts or instruments related to the negotiation of shares and other securities duly authorized for public offering by the CNV are exempt from stamp tax. Holders of ADSs or ordinary shares are