

### **Blue Chip Swap Transactions**

Entities authorized to operate on exchanges may not purchase securities in the secondary market with settlement in foreign currency or use holdings of their general exchange position for payments to local suppliers.

Pursuant to Communication "A" 7001, as amended by Communication "A" 7030, the BCRA established certain restrictions to carry out sales of securities via the settlement of foreign currency and its transfer to depository institutions abroad. In this connection, in order to carry out any outflow of funds, the entity must:

(i) request the prior approval of the BCRA; or

(ii) rely on an affidavit stating that the client did not carry out neither sales of securities via the settlement of foreign currency nor its transfer to foreign depository entities on the day that access to the foreign exchange market was requested and within 90 days prior to such request, as well as that the customer undertakes not to carry out such transactions from the date access to the foreign exchange market is requested and for the subsequent 90 calendar days.

Communication "A" 7030 extended to 90 days the terms set forth in Item 3 of Communication "A" 7001, in such a way that whoever intends to access the FX Market for the acquisition of foreign currency, must not have carried out foreign currency purchase transactions through the so-called "blue chip swap" (by means of contado con liquidación (CCL) or electronic payment (MEP)) within 90 days prior to the date of access to the FX market (or from April 1st, 2020, whichever is later), nor may they do so within 90 days after such date.

### **Foreign Exchange Criminal Regime**

Any operation that does not comply with the provisions of the foreign exchange controls is reached by the Foreign Exchange Criminal Regime.

## **TAXATION**

### **Argentine taxes**

The following summary of certain Argentine tax matters 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 of 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 should carefully read "Item 3–Key Information–Risk Factors–Risks Relating to Telecom Argentina's Shares and ADSs–Changes in Argentine tax laws may adversely affect the tax treatment of our Shares or ADSs" in this Annual Report and consult their tax advisors regarding the tax treatment of the Class B Shares underlying ADSs and ADSs.

#### *Taxation of Dividends*

Pursuant to Law No. 26,893, dividends and other profits paid in cash or in non-cash assets –except for stock dividends–by companies and other entities incorporated in Argentina referred to in the Argentine Income Tax Law (the "Income Tax Law"), Sections 69 (a)(1), (2), (3), (6) and (7), and Section 69(b), were subject to income tax at a 10% rate except for those beneficiaries that were domestic corporate taxpayers. Law No. 27,260 repealed this withholding tax as of July 23, 2016. Consequently, no withholding tax were to be levied on dividends distributed to either Argentine or non-Argentine resident shareholders since then. This treatment applies only to dividends to be distributed at any time out of retained earnings accumulated until the end of the last fiscal year starting before January 1, 2018.

Likewise, the portion of those dividends exceeding the company's accumulated net taxable income (as determined by application of the Argentine Income Tax Law), if any, was subject to a 35% withholding tax on such excess (the "Equalization Tax"). For purpose of the Equalization Tax, the amount of accumulated net taxable income to be considered shall be determined by (1) deducting 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 should pay the tax to the Argentine tax authorities and would be entitled to seek reimbursement from the shareholders.

Dividends to be distributed out of earnings accrued in fiscal years starting on or after January 1, 2018, are to be subject to a tax treatment different from the one previously described, based on the enactment of a comprehensive tax reform -Law No. 27,430-, published in the Official Gazette on December 29, 2017, and generally effective since January 1, 2018.

Pursuant to Law No. 27,430, amended by Law No. 27,541, published in the Official Gazette on December 23, 2019, dividends and other profits paid in cash or in non-cash assets –except for stock dividends–by companies and other entities incorporated in Argentina referred to in the Argentine Income Tax Law (the “Income Tax Law”), Sections 73 (O.T 2019) (a)(1), (2), (3), (6), (7) and (8), and Section 73(b) out of retained earnings accumulated in fiscal years starting on or after January 1, 2018, will be subject to withholding tax at a 7% rate (on profits accrued during fiscal years starting January 1, 2018 to December 31 2020), and at a 13% rate (on profits accrued in fiscal years starting January 1, 2021 and onwards), provided that they are distributed to Argentine resident individuals and foreign shareholders.

No dividend withholding tax applies if dividends are distributed to the aforementioned Argentine corporate entities required to assess the dividend withholding tax. In addition, the Equalization Tax is not applicable to these dividends.

#### *Income Tax - Capital gains*

The results derived from the transfer of shares and other equity interests, bonds and other securities of Argentine companies are subject to Argentine capital gains tax, regardless of the type of beneficiary who realizes the gains.

##### *a. Argentine corporate’s capital gains tax*

Capital gains obtained by Argentine corporate taxpayers (in general, entities organized or incorporated under Argentine law and local branches of non-Argentine entities) derived from the sale, exchange or other disposition of shares are subject to income tax at the corporate rate on net income.

##### *b. Individual resident’s capital gains tax*

Law No. 27,430 established that as from January 1, 2018, gains realized by Argentine resident individuals (except for sole companies or commission agents) from the sale, transfer or disposition of shares, securities representing shares and certificates of deposit of shares 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 an initial public offering and/or exchange of shares authorized by the CNV. For periods prior to 2018, it is currently under discussion the extent of the exemption (established by Law No. 26,893 and its implementing Decree No. 2,334/13) applicable to the sale of shares and other securities through a stock exchange market, so as to determine whether it applies *only* sales of securities made in stock exchanges duly authorized by the CNV or in any stock exchanges.

Pursuant Income Tax Regulatory Decree (O.T 2019), the conversion process by which individual residents change ADRs by excepted shares, will be considered a levied transaction at its value market price.

##### *c. Nonresident’s capital gains tax*

Pursuant to Law No. 26,893, capital gains obtained by non-Argentine residents from the sale, exchange or other disposition of shares and other equity interests, bonds and other securities of Argentine companies were subject to capital gains tax until December 30, 2017, even if those transactions were entered into between nonresidents.

Law No. 27,430 provides that the capital gains tax applicable to nonresidents for transactions entered into between September 23, 2013 (when Law No. 26,893 became effective) and December 30, 2017, is still due and subsequent regulations stated the mechanism to have it paid. However, no taxes will be claimed to nonresidents with respect to past sales of Argentine shares or other securities traded in CNV's authorized markets (such as ADSs) as long as the cause of the non-payment was the absence of regulations stating the mechanism of tax collection at the time the transaction was closed. AFIP General Resolution No. 4,227, which came into effect on April 26, 2018, stipulates that the income tax should be paid to the AFIP under the following procedures: (i) in case the securities were sold through an Argentine stock exchange market, and the withholding has been made, then the withholder must pay the tax, (ii) in case the securities were sold but not through an Argentine stock exchange market and there is an Argentine buyer involved, then the Argentine buyer should pay the income tax; and (iii) when both the seller and the buyer were foreign beneficiaries and the sale was not performed through an Argentine stock exchange market, the person liable for the tax is the buyer and the payment shall be made through an international bank via wire transfer to the AFIP. The payment of capital gains tax applicable for transactions entered into before December 30, 2017 was due on June 11, 2018.

In turn, Law No. 27,430 and the income tax regulatory Decree (O.T 2019), maintain the 15% capital gains tax (calculated on the actual net gain or a presumed net gain equal to 90% of the sale price) on the disposal of shares or securities by nonresidents. However, nonresidents are exempt from the capital gains tax on gains realized from the sale of (a) 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 an initial public offering and/or exchange of shares authorized by the CNV; and (b) depositary shares or depositary receipts issued abroad, when the underlying securities are shares (i) issued by Argentine companies, and (ii) with authorization of public offering. The exemptions will only apply to the extent the foreign beneficiaries reside in, or the funds used for the investment proceed from, jurisdictions considered as cooperating for purposes of the exchange of tax information.

In addition, it is clarified that, from 2018 onward, gains from the sale of ADSs will be treated as from Argentine source.

In case the exemption is not applicable and, to the extent foreign beneficiaries do not reside in, or the funds do not arise from, jurisdictions not considered as cooperative for purposes of fiscal transparency, the gain realized 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. In case such foreign beneficiaries reside in, or the funds arise from, jurisdictions not considered as cooperative for purposes of fiscal transparency, a 35% tax rate on the net capital gain or at a 31.5% effective rate on the gross price should apply. On December 9, 2019, the official list of "non-cooperating" jurisdictions for tax purposes was published by means of Decree No. 682/19. Argentine tax authorities are required to report any news to the Ministry of Finance to modify this list

1. Bosnia and Herzegovina
2. Brecqhou
3. Burkina Faso
4. State of Eritrea
5. Vatican City State
6. State of Libya
7. Independent State of Papua New Guinea
8. Plurinational State of Bolivia
9. British Overseas Territories Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
10. Sark Island
12. Solomon Islands
13. Federated States of Micronesia
14. Mongolia
15. Montenegro
16. Kingdom of Bhutan
17. Kingdom of Cambodia
18. Kingdom of Lesotho
19. Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland)
20. Kingdom of Thailand
21. Kingdom of Tonga
22. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
23. Kyrgyz Republic
24. Arab Republic of Egypt

25. Syrian Arab Republic
26. People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
27. Central African Republic
28. Cooperative Republic of Guyana
29. Republic of Angola
30. Republic of Belarus
31. Republic of Botswana
32. Republic of Burundi
33. Republic of Cabo Verde
34. Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
35. Republic of Cuba
36. Republic of the Philippines
37. Republic of Fiji
38. Republic of The Gambia
39. Republic of Guinea
40. Republic of Equatorial Guinea
41. Republic of Guinea-Bissau
42. Republic of Haiti
43. Republic of Honduras
44. Republic of Iraq
45. Republic of Kenya
46. Republic of Kiribati
47. Republic of the Union of Myanmar
48. Republic of Liberia
49. Republic of Madagascar
50. Republic of Malawi
51. Republic of Maldives
52. Republic of Mali
53. Republic of Mozambique
54. Republic of Namibia
55. Republic of Nicaragua
56. Republic of Palau
57. Republic of Rwanda
58. Republic of Sierra Leone
59. Republic of South Sudan
60. Republic of Suriname
61. Republic of Tajikistan
62. Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
63. Republic of Uzbekistan
64. Republic of Yemen
65. Republic of Djibouti
66. Republic of Zambia
67. Republic of Zimbabwe
68. Republic of Chad
69. Republic of the Niger
70. Republic of Paraguay
71. Republic of the Sudan
72. Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe
73. Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
74. Republic of the Congo
75. Democratic Republic of the Congo
76. Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
77. Lao People's Democratic Republic
78. Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
79. Federal Republic of Somalia
80. Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
81. Gabonese Republic

82. Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
83. Islamic Republic of Iran
84. Islamic Republic of Mauritania
85. People's Republic of Bangladesh
86. Republic of Benin
87. Democratic People's Republic of Korea
88. Socialist Republic of Vietnam
89. Togolese Republic
90. United Republic of Tanzania
91. Sultanate of Oman
92. British Overseas Territory Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands
94. Tuvalu
95. Union of the Comoros

In such scenarios, according to AFIP General Resolution No. 4,227, the income tax should be withheld and paid to the AFIP under the following procedures: (i) in case the securities were sold by a foreign beneficiary, through an Argentine stock exchange market, the custodian entity should withhold and pay the tax if it is involved in the payment process; if it is not involved in the payment process but there is an Argentine buyer involved, the Argentine buyer should withhold the income tax (ii) 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 (iii) 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 directly by the seller, in the event that there was no local legal representative. In this case, the payment shall be made through an international bank via wire transfer to the AFIP.

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 Class B Shares.

#### *Personal assets tax*

Argentine companies, such as us, have to assess and pay the personal assets tax corresponding to their shareholders that are Argentine individuals and non-Argentine resident persons.

Pursuant to Law No. 27,260, Argentine companies that have properly fulfilled their tax obligations during the two fiscal year periods prior to the 2016 fiscal year and comply with other requirements may qualify for an exemption from the personal assets tax for the 2016, 2017 and 2018 fiscal years. The request for this tax exemption should be filed before March 31, 2017. Telecom Argentina has already filed this request and has been granted the exemption for the referred fiscal years. Notwithstanding, in the future, Telecom Argentina may not be exempt from the payment of the personal assets tax.

Pursuant to Law No. 27,541, as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, the tax rate is 0.50%, which is to be assessed on the proportional net worth value (*valor patrimonial proporcional*), of the shares as per the Argentine entity's last financial statements prepared under Argentine GAAP. Pursuant to the Personal Assets Tax Law, the Argentine company is entitled to seek reimbursement of such paid tax from the applicable Argentine domiciled individuals and/or foreign domiciled shareholders.

#### *Extraordinary tax on wealth*

On December 18, 2020, Law No. 27,605 was published in the Official Gazette, which creates an extraordinary and one-time tax on wealth (also known as "Aporte Extraordinario y Solidario Para Ayudar a Morigerar los Efectos de la Pandemia") in order to face the effects of the coronavirus pandemic.

The extraordinary tax on wealth applies to individuals and undivided estates with assets of P\$200 million or more as of the date of entry into force of the law, valued according to the rules of the Personal Assets Tax law, regardless the treatment those assets have on that tax, with no deduction of non-taxable minimum amounts.

Individuals and undivided estates (entities are excluded), residents of Argentina, are taxed on their assets located in Argentina and abroad.

Argentine nationals with domicile or residence in non-cooperating or low or non-taxation jurisdictions are considered as residents for purposes of the extraordinary tax on wealth.

For resident taxpayers, the taxable assets also include all contributions to trusts or private interest foundations and other similar structures, participation in companies or other entities of any type -without tax personality and direct or indirect participation in companies, or other entities of any type-, existing as of the date of entry into force of the law.

Non-resident individuals and undivided estates are taxed only on their assets located in Argentina.

Residency of taxpayers is determined according to the legal criteria established in Sections 116 to 123 of Income Tax Law as of December 31, 2019.

The law provides that, when variations in assets subject to the tax during the 180 days immediately preceding the enactment of the law may lead to presume an intent to evade or avoid the tax, AFIP may, except evidence to the contrary, include those assets in the tax base.

The law provides for tax rates ranging from 2% up to 3.5% for assets located in Argentina, and 3% and 5.25% for foreign assets. Therefore, the payable tax may start at P\$4 million. The special tax rates related to foreign assets will not apply in case of repatriation to Argentina of (i) cash, and (ii) the taxpayer's financial assets or their proceeds, which represent at least 30% of such assets, within 60 days from the date of entry into force of the law.

On January 29, 2021, Decree No. 42/21 was published in the Official Gazette, regulating new extraordinary tax on wealth. Decree No. 42/21 allows taxpayers to value their local companies shares (governed by GCL) to be included on the taxable base under one of two options:

- 1) Consider the difference between assets and liabilities as of December 18, 2020, according to the financial statement prepared as of that date and only for this purpose, or
- 2) Consider the Company's equity for the last financial year ended prior to December 18, 2020.

Option 1) should be used if option 2) does not generate an amount to be paid, and if the percentage of the shares has varied between the closing date of the last financial year ended prior December 18, 2020 and that date. The chosen option will apply to all shares held in different entities. Local entities in which taxpayers hold shares must provide information on the valuation of the shares.

On February 8, 2021, AFIP Resolution No. 4,930/21 was published in the Official Gazette. AFIP Resolution No. 4,930/21 governs certain aspects of the aforementioned extraordinary tax on wealth, in addition to the provisions of Decree No. 42/21. AFIP Resolution No. 4,930/21 compels taxpayers assess and pay the tax on wealth before March, 30, 2021. In addition, AFIP implemented a new regime that analyzes variations in net worth that may have occurred within 180 days prior to the entry into force of Law No. 27,605, with a view to avoiding any evasive schemes derived from such variations. The following taxpayers must report their assets as of March 20, 2020:

a) Taxpayers of extraordinary tax on wealth;

b) Taxpayers not included in a), whose assets as of December 31, 2019 were valued -according to the Personal Assets Tax's affidavit of such fiscal period- in an amount equal to or above P\$130,000,000; and

c) Taxpayers not included in a), whose assets as of December 31, 2018 were valued -according to the Personal Assets Tax's affidavit of such fiscal period- in an amount equal to or above P\$80,000,000.

Both taxpayers included in b) and c) above must report their assets as of December 18, 2020.

Their informative affidavits must be submitted online between March 22, 2021 and April 30, 2021.

#### *Value added tax*

The sale, exchange or other disposition of Telecom Argentina shares and ADSs, and the distribution of dividends in connection therewith are exempted from the value added tax.

#### *Tax on deposits to and withdrawals from bank accounts*

The tax on deposits to and withdrawals from bank accounts under Law No. 21,526 applies to certain deposits to and withdrawals from bank accounts with Argentine financial institutions and to other transactions that, due to their special nature and characteristics, are similar or could be used in lieu of a deposit to or withdrawal from a bank account. Therefore, any deposit to or withdrawal from a bank account opened in an institution regulated by Law No. 21,526, or any transaction deemed to be used in lieu of a deposit to or withdrawal from a bank account, is subject to the tax on deposits and withdrawals, unless a particular exemption is applicable. The tax rate in effect since August 1, 2001 has been 0.6% of the transaction volume.

Decree No. 534/04 provides that owners of bank accounts subject to the general tax rate of 0.6% may take into account as a tax credit of 34% of the tax originated in credits on such bank accounts. This amount may be computed as a credit for the income tax and tax on minimum presumed income. The amount computed as a credit is not deductible for income tax purposes.

Pursuant to Law No. 27,432 the PEN may decide that the percentage of the tax that was not computable as payment on account of income tax as of the date this Law became effective, will be progressively reduced by up to twenty percent (20%) per year as of January 1, 2018, and also may decide that, in 2022, the tax provided for in Law No. 25,413 and its amendments as a payment on account of income tax will be fully computed.

On May 7, 2018, Decree No. 409/18 was published. It established that for transactions reached at the general tax rate, it can be computed as a tax credit the 33% of the tax originated in both the accredited and the debited amounts and for the other taxable events achieved by the tax. In the case of operations taxed at a reduced rate, the computation as credit of the tax will be 20%.

These provisions are applicable to advances and balances of income tax corresponding to fiscal periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018, for tax credits originated in taxable events that occurred since that date.

#### *Turnover tax*

Gross turnover tax could be applicable to Argentine residents on the transfer of shares and on the collection of dividends by our shareholders to the extent such activity is conducted on a regular basis within an Argentine province or within the City of Buenos Aires. However, under the Tax Code of the City of Buenos Aires, any transactions with shares, as well as the perception of dividends are exempt from gross turnover tax. Holders of the Class A, B, C and D Shares or ADSs are encouraged to consult a tax advisor as to the particular Argentine gross turnover tax consequences derived from holding and disposing of the Class A, B, C and D Shares or ADSs or ADSs.

#### *Stamp taxes*

Stamp tax is a provincial tax that is levied based on the formal execution of public or private instruments. Documents subject to stamp tax include, among others, all types of contracts, notarial deeds and promissory notes. Each Argentine province and the City of Buenos Aires have its own stamp tax legislation. Stamp tax rates vary according to the jurisdiction and type of agreement involved.

#### *Other Taxes*

There are no Argentine federal inheritances or succession taxes applicable to the ownership, transfer or disposition of Class A, B, C and D Shares.

#### *Tax treaties*

Argentina has signed tax treaties for the avoidance of double taxation with several countries, although there is currently no tax treaty or convention in effect between Argentina and the United States. On December 23, 2016, Argentina and the United States signed an agreement for the exchange of information relating to taxes, which entered into force on November 13, 2017, so the first fiscal period with respect to which information could be exchanged is 2018.

## United States federal income taxes

The following discussion is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences for a U.S. holder (as defined below) of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of our ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs, 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 on net investment income. This summary applies only to U.S. holders that hold ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs as capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes and does not address investors that are members of a class of holders subject to special rules, such as:

- financial institutions;
- dealers in securities or currencies;
- dealers or traders in securities who use a mark-to-market method of tax accounting;
- life insurance companies;
- persons that hold ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs that are a hedge or that are hedged against interest rate or currency risks;
- persons that hold ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs 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 underlying ADSs;
- persons whose functional currency for U.S. federal income tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar;
- tax-exempt entities;
- persons that own or are deemed to own 10% or more of the stock of Telecom Argentina, measured by voting power or value;
- persons who acquired ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs pursuant to the exercise of an employee stock option or otherwise as compensation; or
- persons holding ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs 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 underlying ADSs, 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 underlying ADSs and partners in such partnerships should consult their tax advisors as to the particular U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs.

This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), its legislative history, existing and proposed regulations promulgated thereunder, published rulings and court decisions, all as currently in effect. These authorities are subject to change, possibly on a retroactive basis. In addition, this summary assumes the deposit agreement, and all other related agreements, will be performed in accordance with their terms. 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 advisors regarding the U.S., Argentine or other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs in their particular circumstances, including the effect of any state or local tax laws.



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 underlying ADSs and is:

- a citizen or individual resident of the United States;
- a U.S. domestic corporation; or
- otherwise subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis with respect to income from the ADSs or Class B Shares.

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 such holder exchanges ADSs for the underlying Class B Shares represented by those ADSs.

These statements assume that Telecom Argentina is not, and will not become, a Passive Foreign Investment Company (PFIC), as described below.

#### *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), the gross amount of distributions made with respect to ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs 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, U.S. holders should expect that a distribution will generally be treated as a dividend. Dividends 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 depository’s) receipt of the dividend. 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 depository), whether or not the depository 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 of the U.S. holder and will be U.S.-source income or loss for foreign tax credit purposes.

Subject to certain exceptions for short-term (60 days or less) and hedged positions, the U.S. dollar amount of dividends paid to certain individuals or other non-corporate U.S. holders will be taxable at the preferential rates if the dividends are “qualified dividends”. Dividends paid on the ADSs are generally treated as “qualified dividends” if (1) the ADSs are readily tradable on a securities market in the United States (such as the NYSE, where our ADSs are currently traded) and (2) we were not, in the year prior to the year in which the dividend was paid, and are not in the year in which the dividend is paid, a PFIC. Based on our consolidated financial statements and relevant market data, we believe that Telecom Argentina was not a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to our 2020 taxable year. In addition, based on our current expectations regarding the value and nature of our assets, the sources and nature of our income, and relevant market data, we do not anticipate becoming a PFIC for our 2021 taxable year or the foreseeable future, although there can be no assurance in this regard. If we were a passive foreign investment company for U.S. federal income tax purposes for any taxable year, U.S. holders of our ADSs could be subject to adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences. Based on existing guidance, it is not entirely clear whether dividends received with respect to the Class B Shares underlying ADSs will be treated as qualified dividends, because the Class B Shares underlying ADSs are not themselves listed on a U.S. exchange. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the availability of the preferential dividend tax rates in light of their particular circumstances.

Distributions of additional shares in respect of ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs that are made as part of a pro rata distribution to all of our shareholders generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

#### *Sale or other disposition*

Gain or loss realized by a U.S. holder on the sale or other disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs will be subject to U.S. federal income tax as U.S.-source 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 underlying ADSs 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 those ADSs or Class B Shares and the amount realized on the disposition, in each case as determined in U.S. dollars. Long-term capital gains recognized by non-corporate taxpayers are subject to reduced tax rates. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. If an Argentine tax is withheld, or otherwise paid, on the sale or disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs, 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—Income Tax—Capital gains” for a description of when a disposition may be subject to taxation by Argentina.

#### *Foreign tax credit considerations*

Dividend distributions with respect to ADSs or Class B shares 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 foreign tax credit against its U.S. federal income tax liability in respect of any Argentine income taxes withheld at the appropriate 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 be able to deduct such Argentine income 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. The rules with respect to 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 foreign tax credit under their particular circumstances.

Capital gains realized by a U.S. holder on the sale or other disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs are generally exempt from tax under current Argentine law. However, if such tax is imposed in the future, it is possible that U.S. holders would be eligible to claim foreign tax credits in respect of such tax, subject to generally applicable restrictions under U.S. law. However, any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of ADSs or Class B Shares underlying ADSs will be treated as U.S. source income. Accordingly, even if foreign tax credits otherwise are available, 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.

In addition, amounts paid on account of the personal assets tax (as described in “–Argentine Taxes–Personal assets tax”) generally will not be treated as an income tax for U.S. federal income tax purposes and will consequently not be eligible for credit against a U.S. holder’s federal income tax liability. The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex, and U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the creditability and deductibility of foreign taxes in their particular circumstances.

#### *Foreign financial asset reporting*

Certain U.S. holders that own “specified foreign financial assets” with an aggregate value in excess of US\$50,000 on the last day of the taxable year or US\$75,000 at any time during the taxable year 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 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 that 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 in part. Prospective investors are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible application of these rules, including the application of the rules to their particular circumstances.

#### *Information reporting and backup withholding*

Payments of dividends and sales proceeds that are made within the United States or through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries generally are subject to information reporting, and may be subject to backup withholding, unless the U.S. holder (1) provides a correct taxpayer identification number and certifies that it is not subject to backup withholding or (2) otherwise establishes an exemption from backup withholding. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a U.S. holder will be allowed as a credit against such holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle it to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the internal revenue service.

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