

**Comisión Nacional del Mercado de
Valores**

Primary Markets Management
Paseo de la Castellana 19,
28046 – Madrid

Baracaldo, March 3, 2005.

Dear Sirs,

We hereby inform you that the Board of Directors of the Company agreed, at the meeting held on February 28, 2005, to modify article 2 of the Audit Committee's Internal Regulations and article 2 of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee's Internal Regulations, by eliminating the annual rotation of the Chairmen of said Committees, and that it appointed the Independent Directors, Mr. Manuel Blanco Losada, Chairman of the Audit Committee, and Mr. Ignacio de la Cuevas Miaja, Chairman of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee, for a period that will finalize on June 18, 2006 and June 22, 2008, respectively. The aforementioned modified Regulations are attached hereto.

That is all for the present. In the meantime, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Antonio Marín Hita
Legal Counsel Officer