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The Audit Committee Report for the fiscal year ending on 12/31/2022.

The Audit Committee (The Committee) held four meetings in its previous term, which ended on November 13, 2022, while the Committee in its current term, which consists of three members from outside the Board of Directors, including the Chairman of the Committee, and a fourth independent member from the Board of Directors, held one meeting during the current year, on December 13, 2022.

The Committee provided an independent assessment on the effectiveness of the company's system of internal controls, noting that among the audit committee's key responsibilities are the following:

- Reviewing the preliminary and annual financial statements prepared by the company's management.
- Reviewing the reports of the external auditors and the management letter, which include observations on the company's system of internal controls.
- Recommending to the Board of Directors the appointment of the external auditors, while reviewing their plans and work activities.
- Supervising internal audit activities and approving the annual risk-based audit plan.
- Reviewing periodic reports of internal audit, including observations and follow-up procedures of corrective actions, for an enhanced internal control environment.

Opinion of the Audit Committee on the effectiveness of the company's system of internal controls:

After reviewing the minutes of the previous committee's meetings, with term ending on November 13, 2022, and the periodic internal audit reports, which include the most important observations and follow up corrective procedures that aim at strengthening the internal control environment, and taking into account the results of the planned and additional internal audit activities as well as the letters of representation of the CEO/CFO and GCAE, confirming the adequacy and effectiveness of the company's systems of internal and financial controls, including the risk management program, and after deliberations with both the external auditor and executive management about the preliminary and annual 2022 financial statements, the Audit Committee confirms that nothing came to their attention that may indicate material deficiencies in the company's system of internal controls, bearing in mind that it is not possible to provide the absolute confirmation. The Audit Committee also notes that a number of improvement areas were identified and emphasizes that it is management's responsibility for designing and implementing an effective system of internal controls under the direct supervision of the Board of Directors.

The Audit Committee recommends that management under the supervision of the Board of Directors to continue strengthening the company's system of internal controls by further improving the control environment and existing IT systems, adopting well established internal control frameworks, ensuring the independence of internal assurance, and supporting them with the required resources, as well as exerting more effort in ensuring timely closure of any audit findings.





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