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INTRODUCTION

BACO is an industrial company which plays a significant role in the marketplace and in the economic development and welfare of the individuals who work or collaborate with BACO and of the communities where it is present.

For this reason, the new BACO Code of Ethics ("Code" or "Code of Ethics") has been devised. Compliance with the Code by BACO directors, statutory auditors, management and employees ("BACO People"), each within their own functions and responsibilities, is of paramount importance – also pursuant to legal and contractual provisions governing the relationship with BACO– for BACO efficiency, reliability and reputation, which are all crucial factors for its success and for improving the social situation in which BACO operates.

BACO undertakes to promote awareness of the Code among BACO People and the other *Stakeholders* and their constructive contribution to its principles BACO undertakes to take into account any suggestions and observations by the *Stakeholders*, with the aim of confirming or supplementing the Code.

BACO carefully checks for compliance with the Code by providing suitable information, prevention and control tools and ensuring transparency in all transactions and behaviors by taking corrective measures if and as required

The Code is brought to the attention of every person or body having business relations with BACO.

I. General principles: sustainability and corporate responsibility

Compliance with the law, regulations, statutory provisions, self-regulatory codes, ethical integrity and fairness, is a constant commitment and duty of all BACO People, and characterizes the conduct of its entire organization.

BACO business and corporate activities have to be carried out in a transparent, honest and fair way, in good faith, and in full compliance with competition protection rules.

BACO undertakes to maintain and strengthen a governance system in line with international best practice standards, able to deal with the complex situations in which BACO operates, and with the challenges to face for sustainable development.

In conducting both its activities and those with its partners, BACO stands up for the protection and promotion of human rights, inalienable and fundamental prerogatives of human beings and basis for the establishment of societies founded on principles of equality, solidarity, repudiation of war, and for the protection of civil and political rights, of social, economic and cultural rights and the so-called third generation rights (self-determination right, right to peace, right to development and protection of the environment).

Any form of discrimination, corruption, forced or child labor is rejected. Particular attention



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is paid to the acknowledgement and safeguarding of the dignity, freedom and equality of human beings, to protection of labor and of the freedom of trade union association, of health, safety, the environment and biodiversity, as well as the set of values and principles concerning transparency, energy efficiency and sustainable development, in accordance with International Institutions and Conventions.

All BACO People, without any distinction or exception whatsoever, respect the principles and contents of the Code in their actions and behaviors while performing their functions and according to their responsibilities, because compliance with the Code is fundamental for the quality of their working and professional performance. Relationships among BACO People, at all levels, must be characterized by honesty, fairness, cooperation, loyalty and mutual respect.

The belief that one is acting in favor or to the advantage of BACO can never, in any way, justify, not even in part, any behaviors that conflict with the principles and contents of the Code.

II. Behavior rules and relations with Stakeholders

1. <u>Ethics. transparency. fairness. professionalism</u>

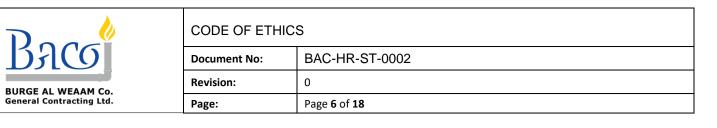
In conducting its business, BACO is inspired by and complies with the principles of loyalty, fairness, transparency, efficiency and an open market, regardless of the importance level of the transaction in question.

Any action, transaction and negotiation performed and, generally, the conduct of BACO People in the performance of their duties is inspired by the highest principles of fairness, completeness and transparency of information and legitimacy, both in form and substance, as well as clarity and truthfulness of all accounting documents, in compliance with the applicable laws in force and internal regulations.

All BACO activities have to be performed with the utmost care and professional skill, with the duty to provide skills and expertise adequate to the tasks assigned, and to act in a way capable to protect BACO image and reputation. Without prejudice to the compliance with applicable laws and obligations arising out from the adhesion to the principles contained in the Code of Conduct, the corporate objectives, as well as the proposal and implementation of projects, investments and actions, have to be aimed at improving the company's assets, management, technological and information level in the long term, and at creating value and welfare for all Stakeholders.

Bribes, illegitimate favors, collusion, requests for personal benefits for oneself or others, either directly or through third parties, are prohibited without any exception.

It is prohibited to pay or offer, directly or indirectly, money and material benefits and other advantages of any kind to third parties, whether representatives of governments, public officers and public servants or private employees, in order to influence or remunerate the



actions of their office.

Commercial courtesy, such as small gifts or forms of hospitality, is only allowed when its value is small and it does not compromise the integrity and reputation of either party, and cannot be construed by an impartial observer as aimed at obtaining undue advantages. In any case, these expenses must always be authorized by the designated managers as per existing internal rules, and be accompanied by appropriate documentation.

It is forbidden to accept money from individuals or companies that have or intend to have business relations with BACO. Anyone who receives proposals of gifts or special or hospitality treatment that cannot be considered as commercial courtesy of small value, or requests therefore by third parties, shall reject them and immediately inform their superior, or the body they belong to.

BACO shall properly inform all third parties about the commitments and obligations provided for in the Code, require third parties to respect the principles of the Code relevant to their activities and take proper internal actions and, if the matter is within its own competence, external actions in the event that any third party should fail to comply with the Code.

2. <u>Relations with shareholders and with the Market</u>

2.1. Value for shareholders, efficiency, transparency

The internal structure of BACO and the relations with the parties directly and indirectly taking part in its activities are organized according to rules able to ensure management reliability and a fair balance between the management's powers and the interests of shareholders and of the other Stakeholders in general as well as transparency and market traceability of management decisions and general corporate events which may considerably influence the market value of the financial instruments issued.

Within the framework of the initiatives aimed at maximizing the value for shareholders and at guaranteeing transparency of the management's work, BACO defines, implements and progressively adjusts a coordinated and homogeneous set of behavior rules concerning both its internal organizational structure and relations with shareholders and third parties, in compliance with the highest corporate governance standards at national and international level, based on the awareness that the company's capacity to impose efficient and effective functioning rules upon itself is a fundamental tool for strengthening its reputation in terms of reliability and transparency as well as Stakeholders' trust.

2.2. Company information

BACO ensures the correct management of company information, by means of suitable procedures for in-house management and communication to the outside, with particular reference to privileged information.



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2.3. Privileged information

All BACO People are required, while performing the tasks entrusted to them, to properly manage privileged information such as to know and comply with corporate procedures referring to market abuse. Any conduct liable to constitute market abuse or facilitate its commission is specifically prohibited. In any case, the purchase or sale of shares of BACO or of companies outside BACO shall always be based on absolute and transparent fairness.

2.4. Information means

It is responsibility of BACO to provide third parties with true, prompt, transparent and accurate information.

Relations with the media are exclusively dealt with by the departments specifically appointed to do so; information to be supplied to media representatives, as well as the undertaking to provide such information, have to be agreed upon beforehand by BACO People.

3. <u>Relations with institutions. associations. local communities</u>

BACO encourages dialogue with Institutions and with organized associations of civil society in all the countries where it operates.

3.1 Authorities and Public Institutions

BACO, through its People, actively and fully cooperates with Authorities.

BACO People, as well as external collaborators whose actions may somehow be referred to BACO, must have behaviors towards the Public Administration characterized by fairness, transparency and traceability. These relations have to be exclusively dealt with by the departments and individuals specifically appointed to do so, in compliance with approved plans and corporate procedures.

It is forbidden to make, induce or encourage false statements to Authorities.

3.2 Political organizations and trade unions

BACO does not make any direct or indirect contributions in whatever form to political parties, movements, committees, political organizations and trade unions, nor to their representatives and candidates.

3.3 Development of local Communities

BACO is committed to actively contribute to promoting the quality of life, the socioeconomic development of the communities where BACO operates and to the development of their human resources and capabilities, while conducting its business activities according to standards that are compatible with fair commercial practices.

BACO activities are carried out in the awareness of the social responsibility that BACO has

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towards all of its Stakeholders and in particular the local communities in which it operates, in the belief that the capacity for dialogue and interaction with civil society constitutes an important asset for the company. BACO respects the cultural, economic and social rights of the local communities in which it operates and undertakes to contribute, as far as possible, to their exercise, with particular reference to the right to adequate nutrition, drinking water, the highest achievable level of physical and mental health, decent dwellings, education, abstaining from actions that may hinder or prevent the exercise of such rights.

BACO promotes transparency of the information addressed to local communities, with particular reference to the topics that they are most interested in. Forms of continuous and informed consultancy are also promoted, through the relevant BACO structures, in order to take into due consideration, the legitimate expectations of local communities in conceiving and conducting corporate activities and in order to promote a proper redistribution of the profits deriving from such activities.

BACO therefore undertakes to promote the knowledge of its corporate values and principles, at every level of its organization, also through adequate control procedures, and to protect the rights of local communities, with particular reference to their culture, institutions, ties and life styles.

Within the framework of their respective responsibilities, BACO People are required to participate in the definition of single initiatives in compliance with BACO policies and intervention programs, to implement them according to criteria of absolute transparency and support them as an integral part of BACO objectives.

3.4 Promotion of "nonprofit" activities

The philanthropic activity of BACO is in line with its vision and attention to sustainable development.

BACO therefore undertakes to foster and support, as well as to promote among its People, its "nonprofit" activities which demonstrate the company's commitment to help meet the needs of those communities where it operates.

4. <u>Relations with customers and suppliers</u>

4.1 Customers and consumers

BACO pursues its business success on markets by offering quality products and services under competitive conditions while respecting the rules protecting fair competition.

BACO undertakes to respect the right of consumers not to receive products harmful to their health and physical integrity and to get complete information on the products offered to them.

BACO acknowledges that the esteem of those requesting products or services is of primary importance for success in business. Business policies are aimed at ensuring the quality of



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goods and services, safety and compliance with the precautionary principle. Therefore, BACO People shall:

comply with in-house procedures concerning the management of relations with customers and consumers;

supply, with efficiency and courtesy, within the limits set by the contractual conditions, highquality products meeting the reasonable expectations and needs of customers and consumers;

supply accurate and exhaustive information on products and services and be truthful in advertisements or other kind of communication, so that customers and consumers can make informed decisions.

4.2 Suppliers and external collaborators

BACO undertakes to look for suppliers and external collaborators with suitable professionalism and committed to sharing the principles and contents of the Code and promotes the establishment of long-lasting relations for the progressive improvement of performances while protecting and promoting the principles and contents of the Code.

In relationships regarding tenders, procurement and, generally, the supply of goods and/or services and of external collaborations (including consultants, agents, etc.), BACO People shall:

secure the cooperation of suppliers and external collaborators in guaranteeing the continuous satisfaction of customers and consumers, to an extent adequate to that legitimately expected by them, in terms of quality, costs and delivery times;

use as much as possible, in compliance with the laws in force and the criteria for legality of transactions with related parties, products and services supplied by BACO companies at arm's length and market conditions;

state in contracts the Code acknowledgement and the obligation to comply with the principles contained therein;

comply with, and demand compliance with, the conditions contained in contracts;

maintain a frank and open dialogue with suppliers and external collaborators in line with good commercial practice; promptly inform superiors, about any possible violations of the Code; inform the relevant BACO Corporate structure about any serious problems that may arise with a particular supplier or external collaborator, in order to evaluate possible consequences for BACO.

The remuneration to be paid shall be exclusively proportionate to the services to be rendered and described in the contract and payments shall not be allowed to any party different from the contract party nor in a third Country different from the one of the parties or where the contract has to be performed.

5. Management. employees and collaborators of BACO



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5.1. Development and protection of Human Resources

People are basic components in the company's life. The dedication and professionalism of management and employees represent fundamental values and conditions for achieving BACO objectives.

BACO is committed to developing the abilities and skills of management and employees so that their energy and creativity can have full expression for the fulfilment of their potential in their working performance, such as to protect working conditions as regards both mental and physical health and dignity. Undue pressure or discomfort is not allowed, while appropriate working conditions promoting development of personality and professionalism are fostered.

BACO undertakes to offer, in full compliance with applicable legal and contractual provisions, equal opportunities to all its employees, making sure that each of them receives a fair statutory and wage treatment exclusively based on merit and expertise, without discrimination of any kind. Competent departments shall:

adopt in any situation criteria of merit and ability (and anyhow strictly professional) in all decisions concerning human resources;

select, hire, train, compensate and manage human resources without discrimination of any kind;

create a working environment where personal characteristics or beliefs do not give rise to discrimination and which allows the serenity of all BACO People.

BACO wishes that BACO People, at every level, cooperate in maintaining a climate of common respect for a person's dignity, honor and reputation. BACO shall do its best to prevent attitudes that can be considered as offensive, discriminatory or abusive. In this regard, any behaviors outside the working place which are particularly offensive to public sensitivity are also deemed relevant.

In any case, any behaviors constituting physical or moral violence are forbidden without any exception.

5.2. Knowledge Management

BACO promotes culture and the initiatives aimed at disseminating knowledge within its structures, and at pointing out the values, principles, behaviors and contributions in terms of innovation of professional families in connection with the development of business activities and to the company's sustainable growth.

BACO undertakes to offer tools for interaction among the members of professional families, working groups and communities of practice, as well as for coordination and access to knowhow, and shall promote initiatives for the growth, dissemination and systematization of knowledge relating to the core competences of its structures and aimed at defining a



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reference framework suitable for guaranteeing operating consistency.

All BACO people shall actively contribute to Knowledge Management as regards the activities that they are in charge of, in order to optimize the system for knowledge sharing and distribution among individuals.

5.3. Corporate security

BACO engages in the study, development and implementation of strategies, policies and operational plans aimed at preventing and overcoming any intentional or non-intentional behavior which may cause direct or indirect damage to BACO People and/or to the tangible and intangible resources of the company. Preventive and defensive measures, aimed at minimizing the need for an active response - always in proportion to the attack - to threats to people and assets, are favored.

All BACO People shall actively contribute to maintaining an optimal corporate security standard, abstaining from unlawful or dangerous behaviors, and reporting any possible activities carried out by third parties to the detriment of BACO assets or human resources to superiors or to the body they belong to.

In any case requiring particular attention to personal safety, it is compulsory to strictly follow the indications in this regard supplied by BACO, abstaining from behaviors which may endanger one's own safety or the safety of others, promptly reporting any danger for one's own safety, or the safety of third parties, to one's superior.

5.4. Harassment or mobbing in the workplace

BACO supports any initiatives aimed at implementing working methods for the achievement of a better organization.

BACO demands that there shall be no harassment or mobbing behaviors in personal working relationships either inside or outside the company. Such behaviors are all forbidden, without exceptions. Such harassment is for instance:

the creation of an intimidating, hostile, isolating or in any case discriminatory environment for individual employees or groups of employees;

unjustified interference in the work performed by others;

the placing of obstacles in the way of the work prospects and expectations of others merely for reasons of personal competitiveness or because of other employees.

Any form of violence or harassment, either sexual harassment or harassment based on personal and cultural diversity, is forbidden. Such harassment is for instance:

subordinating decisions on someone's working life to the acceptance of sexual attentions, or personal and cultural diversity;

encouraging employees to sexual favors through the influence of a role; proposing private interpersonal relations, despite express or reasonably obvious non-acceptance;

alluding to disabilities and physical or psychic impairment, or to forms of cultural, religious



or sexual diversity.

5.5. Abuse of alcohol or drugs and no smoking

All BACO People shall personally contribute to promoting and maintaining a climate of common respect in the workplace; particular attention is paid to respect of the feelings of others

of others.

BACO will therefore consider individuals who work under the effect of alcohol or drugs, or substances with similar effect, during the performance of their work activities and in the workplace, as being aware of the risk they cause. Chronic addiction to such substances, when it affects work performance, shall be considered similar to the above-mentioned events in terms of contractual consequences; BACO is committed to favor social action in this field as provided for by employment contracts.

It is forbidden to:

hold, consume, offer or give for whatever reason, drugs or substances with similar effect, at work and in the workplace;

smoke in the workplace. BACO supports voluntary initiatives addressed to People to help them quit smoking and, in identifying possible smoking areas, shall take into particular consideration the condition of those suffering physical discomfort from exposure to smoke in the workplace shared with smokers and requesting to be protected from "passive smoking" in their place of work.

III. Tools for implementing the Code of Ethics

1. Internal control and risk management system

BACO is committed to promoting and maintaining an adequate internal control and risk management system, by adopting and implementing all useful instruments to direct, manage and monitor business activities with the aim of ensuring compliance with laws and company procedures, protecting corporate assets, efficiently and effectively managing activities and providing accurate and complete accounting and financial data, as well ensuring a proper process of identification, measurement, management and monitoring of main business risks.

The responsibility for implementing an effective system of internal control and risk management is shared at every level of BACO organizational structure; therefore, all BACO People, according to their functions and responsibilities, shall define and actively participate in the correct functioning of the system of internal control and risk management.

BACO promotes the dissemination, at every level of its organization, of policies and procedures characterized by awareness of the existence of controls and by an informed and voluntary control-oriented mentality; consequently, BACO management in the first place and all BACO People in any case shall contribute to and participate in BACO system of



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internal control and risk management and, with a positive attitude, involve its collaborators in this respect.

Each employee shall be held responsible for the corporate tangible and intangible assets relevant to his/her job. No employee can make, or let others make, improper use of assets and equipment belonging to BACO.

Any practices and attitudes linked to the perpetration or to the participation in the perpetration of frauds are forbidden without any exception.

Control and watch structures, BACO Internal Audit department and appointed auditing companies shall have full access to all data, documents and information necessary to perform their own relevant activities.

1.1 Conflicts of interest

BACO acknowledges and respects the right of its People to take part in investments, business and other kinds of activities other than the activity performed in the interest of BACO, provided that such activities are permitted by law and are compatible with the obligations assumed towards BACO. BACO adopts internal regulatory instruments that ensure transparency and fairness, substantive and procedural, of the transactions involving interests of Directors and Statutory Auditors and transactions with related parties.

BACO management and employees shall avoid and report any conflicts of interest between personal and family economic activities and their tasks within the company. In particular, everyone shall point out any specific situations and activities of economic or financial interest (owner or member) to them or, as far as they know, of economic or financial interest to relatives of theirs or relatives by marriage within the 2nd degree of kinship, or to persons actually living with them, also involving suppliers, customers, competitors, third parties, or the relevant controlling companies or subsidiaries, and shall point whether they perform corporate administration or control or management functions therein.

Moreover, conflicts of interest are determined by the following situations:

using one's position in the company or the information or business opportunities acquired during one's work, to undue personal advantage or to that of third parties;

carrying-out of work activities by employees and/or their family members at suppliers, subcontractors, competitors.

In any case, BACO management and employees shall avoid any situation and activity where a conflict with the Company's interests may arise, or which can interfere with their ability to make impartial decisions in the best interests of BACO and in full accordance with the principles and contents of the Code, or in general with their ability to fully comply with their functions and responsibilities. Any situation that may constitute or give rise to a conflict of interest shall be immediately reported to one's superior within management, or to the body one belongs to. Furthermore, the party concerned shall abstain from taking part in the



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operational/decision-making process, and the relevant superior within management, or the relevant body, shall:

identify the operational solutions suitable for ensuring, in the specific case, transparency and fairness of behaviors in the performance of activities; transmit to the parties concerned - and for information to one's superior, as well as to the Guarantor - the necessary written instructions;

- file the received and transmitted documentation.

1.2 Transparency of accounting records

Accounting transparency is grounded on the use of true, accurate and complete information which form the basis for the entries in the books of accounts. Each member of company bodies, of management or employee shall cooperate, within their own field of competence, in order to have operational events properly and timely registered in the books of accounts.

It is forbidden to behave in a way that may adversely affect transparency and traceability of the information within financial statements.

For each transaction, the proper supporting evidence has to be maintained in order to allow:

easy and punctual accounting entries;

identification of different levels of responsibility, as well as of task distribution and segregation;

accurate representation of the transaction so as to avoid the probability of any material or interpretative error.

Each record shall reflect exactly what is shown by the supporting evidence. All BACO People shall cause that the documentation can be easily traced and filed according to logical criteria.

BACO People who become aware of any omissions, forgery, negligence in accounting or in the documents on which accounting is based, shall bring the facts to the attention of their superior, or to the body they belong to.

2. Health. safety. environment and public safety protection

BACO activities shall be carried out in compliance with applicable worker health and safety, environmental and public safety protection agreements, international standards and laws, regulations, administrative practices and national policies of the Countries where it operates.

BACO actively contributes as appropriate to the promotion of scientific and technological development aimed at protecting the environment and natural resources. The operative management of such activities shall be carried out according to advanced criteria for the protection of the environment and energy efficiency, with the aim of creating better working conditions and protecting the health and safety of employees as well as the environment.



BACO People shall, within their areas of responsibility, actively participate in the process of risk prevention as well as environmental, public safety and health protection for themselves, their colleagues and third parties.

3. <u>Research. innovation and intellectual property protection</u>

BACO promotes research and innovation activities by management and employees, within their functions and responsibilities. Any intellectual assets generated by such activities are an important and fundamental heritage of BACO.

Research and innovation focus in particular on the promotion of products, instruments, processes and behaviors supporting energy efficiency, reduction of environmental impact, attention to health and safety of employees, of customers and of the local communities where BACO operates, and in general sustainability of business activities.

BACO People shall actively contribute, within their functions and responsibilities, to managing intellectual property in order to allow its development, protection and enhancement.

4. <u>Confidentiality</u>

4.1. Protection of business secret

BACO activities constantly require the acquisition, storing, processing, communication and dissemination of information, documents and other data regarding negotiations, administrative proceedings, financial transactions, and know-how (contracts, deeds, reports, notes, studies, drawings, pictures, software, etc.) that may not be disclosed to the outside pursuant to contractual agreements, or whose inopportune or untimely disclosure may be detrimental to corporate interest.

Without prejudice to the transparency of the activities carried out and to the information obligations imposed by the provisions in force, BACO People shall ensure the confidentiality required by the circumstances for each piece of news they have got to know of because of their working function.

Any information, knowledge and data acquired or processed during one's work or because of one's tasks at BACO, belong to BACO and may not be used, communicated or disclosed without specific authorization of one's superior within management in compliance with specific procedures.

4.2 Protection of privacy

BACO is committed to protecting information concerning its People and third parties, whether generated or obtained inside BACO or in the conduct of BACO business, and to avoiding improper use of any such information.

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BACO intends to guarantee that processing of personal data within its structure's respects fundamental rights and freedoms, as well as the dignity of the parties concerned, as contemplated by the legal provisions in force.

Personal data must be processed in a lawful and fair way and, in any case, the data collected and stored is only that which is necessary for certain, explicit and lawful purposes. Data shall be stored for a period of time no longer than necessary for the purposes of collection.

BACO undertakes moreover to adopt suitable preventive safety measures for all databases storing and keeping personal data, in order to avoid any risks of destruction and losses or of unauthorized access or unallowed processing.

BACO People shall:

obtain and process only data that are necessary and adequate to the aims of their work and responsibilities;

obtain and process such data only within specified procedures, and store said data in a way that prevents unauthorized parties from having access to it; represent and order data in a way-ensuring that any party with access authorization may easily get an outline thereof which is as accurate, exhausting and truthful as possible;

disclose-such data pursuant to specific procedures or subject to the express authorization by their superior and, in any case, only after having checked that such data may be disclosed, also making reference to absolute or relative constraints concerning third parties bound to BACO by a relation of whatever nature and, if applicable, after having obtained their consent.

4.3 Membership in associations, participation in initiatives, events or external meetings

Membership in associations, participation in initiatives, events or external meetings is supported by BACO if compatible with the working or professional activity provided. Membership and participation considered as such are:

membership in associations, conferences, congresses, seminars, courses; drawing up of articles, essays and publications in general;

participation in public events in general.

In this regard, BACO's management and employees in charge of illustrating, or providing to the outside data or news concerning BACO objectives, aims, results and points of view, shall not only comply with corporate procedures relating to market abuse, but also obtain the necessary authorization from their superior within management for the lines of action to follow and the texts.

IV. Code of Ethics scope of application and reference structures

The principles and contents of the Code apply to BACO People and activities.

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Subsidiaries listed on the Stock Exchange receive the Code and adopt it, adjusting it - where necessary - to the characteristics of their company in accordance with their management independence.

The representatives indicated by BACO in the company bodies of partially owned companies, in consortia and in joint ventures shall promote the principles and contents of the Code within their own respective areas of competence.

Directors and management must be the first to give concrete form to the principles and contents of the Code, by assuming responsibility for them both towards the inside and the outside and by enhancing trust, cohesion and a sense of team-work, as well as providing a behavior model for their collaborators in order to have them comply with the Code and make questions and suggestions on specific provisions.

1. Obligation to know the Code and to report any possible violation thereof

The Code is made available to BACO People in compliance with applicable standards, and is also available on the internet and Intranet sites of BACO.

Each of BACO People is expected to know the principles and contents of the Code as well as the reference procedures governing own functions and responsibilities.

Each of BACO People shall:

refrain from all conduct contrary to such principles, contents and procedures; carefully select, as long as within their field of competence, their collaborators, and have them fully comply with the Code;

require any third parties having relations with BACO to confirm that they know the Code; immediately report to their superiors or the body they belong to, any remarks of theirs or information supplied by Stakeholders concerning a possible violation or any request to violate the Code.

BACO People are not allowed to conduct personal investigations, nor to exchange information, except to their superiors, or to the body that they belong to.

2. **Reference structures and supervision**

BACO is committed to ensuring:

the widest dissemination of the principles and contents of the Code among BACO People and the other Stakeholders, providing any possible instruments for understanding and clarifying the interpretation and the implementation of the Code, as well as for updating the Code as required to meet evolving civil sensibility and relevant laws;

the execution of checks on any notice of violation of the Code principles and contents or of reference procedures; an objective evaluation of the facts and, if necessary, the adoption of appropriate sanctions; that no one may suffer any retaliation whatsoever for having provided information regarding possible violations of the Code or of reference procedures.



3. <u>Code review</u>

The Code review will be carried out upon the approval of the Board of Directors of BACO, after hearing the opinion of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

The proposal is made taking into consideration the Stakeholders' evaluation with reference to the principles and contents of the Code, promoting active contribution and notification of possible deficiencies by Stakeholders themselves.

4. <u>Contractual value of the Code</u>

Respect of the Code's rules is an essential part of the contractual obligations of all BACO People pursuant to and in accordance with applicable law.

Any violation of the Code's principles and contents may be considered as a violation of primary obligations under labor relations or of the rules of discipline and can entail the consequences provided for by law, including termination of the work contract and compensation for damages arising out of any violation.