

Net investment hedge

Currently there are no foreign operational units (subsidiaries) in currencies other than the euro, therefore the Group is not exposed to foreign currency exchange-rate risks.

The Group has well identified the nature of the involved risks, guarantees through its software that each hedge instrument is followed under the Group's risk policy, recording thorough and formally the hedges relationships; the hedges goal and strategy; classification of the hedges relationship; description of the nature of the risk that's being cover; identification of the hedge instrument and covered item; description of initial measure and future effectiveness of the hedge; identification of the excluded, if any, part of the hedge instrument.

The Group will consider discontinued an hedge instrument when it is sold, expires or is realised; the hedge ceases to fulfil the hedge accounting criteria; for the cash flow hedge the expected transaction is unlikely or unexpected; the Group cancels the hedge instruments for managing reasons..

3. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

3.1. Financial risk factors

The group's activities are exposed to a number of financial risk factors: market risk (including currency

exchange risk, fair value risk associated to the interest rate and price risk), credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risks associated to the interest rate. The group maintains a risk management program that focuses its analysis on financial markets to minimise the potential adverse effects of those risks on the group's financial performance.

Risk management is headed by the Financial Department based on the policies approved by the Board of Directors. The treasury identifies, evaluates and employs financial risk hedging measures in close cooperation with the group's operating units. The Board provides principles for managing the risk as a whole and policies that cover specific areas, such as the currency exchange risk, the interest rate risk, the credit risk and the investment of surplus liquidity.

a) Market risk

i) Currency exchange risk

The currency exchange risk is very low, since the group operates mainly in the Iberian market. Bank loans are in euros and all sales and rendered services are performed in Portugal and Spain. Moreover, purchases outside the Euro zone are of irrelevant proportions.

Although the Group holds investments outside the euro-zone in external operations, in Angola, due to the