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Mr. General Manager
In Your Office.

Ref.: TRML – Commercial (Art. 1072-A of the Fiscal Code,
Arts. 9 and 80 of Law 56 of 1995).

Dear Manager, Sir:

For your information, we are pleased to indicate to you herein below that the Reference Rate of the Local Market for commercial financing (TRML – Commercial) for the year 2001 is **ELEVEN POINT ONE EIGHTH PERCENT (11.1/8 %)** per annum.

Said rate is fixed based upon the average of the rates on commercial loans registered in the second semester of 2000 and communicated by the ten (10) Banks having the highest involvement in said market, for purposes of Article 1072-A of the Fiscal Code and Articles 9 (Numeral 7) and 80 (Numeral 2) of Law 56 of November 27 1995.

Yours truly,

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Delia Cárdenas
Superintendent

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