Attachment A: Backgrounds - Board of Directors

Carlos D. Tramutola - President

Mr. Tramutola is the founder and chairman of the board of Cimientos, a member of its executive committee and an active member of its development commission. Mr. Tramutola is the president of Strat Consulting, a highly regarded firm focusing on strategic and organizational corporate management issues that he founded in 1990. Its clients are corporations based throughout Latin America and in other countries; Strat has offices in Buenos Aires and Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mr. Tramutola is a professor of corporate strategy in the business administration graduate program of Universidad Católica Argentina.

Mr. Tramutola was chairman of the board of Aguas Argentinas S.A. and prior to the foundation of Strat he was the chief executive of the Organización Techint with which he was affiliated for twenty two years.

Mr. Tramutola was president of IDEA - Instituto para el Desarrollo de Empresarios en Argentina and of ACDE - Asociación Cristiana de Dirigentes de Empresa; vice president of the Argentine chapter of CEAL - Consejo de Empresarios de American Latina, and member of the boards of ILAFA - Instituto Latinoamericano de Fierro y del Acero and Unión Industrial Argentina.

Mr. Tramutola received the "Ejecutivo del Año" Award, was recognized by Gallup as one of the most successful business executives in Argentina and in 1994 received the "Empresario del Año" Award in the privatized companies category. In 2004 the Academia Nacional de Ingeniería awarded Mr. Tramutola the "Ing. Gerardo M. Lassalle" award for his contributions to the development of Argentine industry.

Mr. Tramutola received a degree in industrial engineering from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, took graduate courses at the School of Business Administration of Cornell University and participated in programs at Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

César Gotta - Secretary

Dr. Gotta is the secretary of Cimientos. He is a founder and director of Diagnóstico Médico, a medical center in Buenos Aires. Dr. Gotta is a professor of medical imaging diagnosis at the universities Universidad del Salvador and Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Dr. Gotta is a member of Asociación Médica Argentina, Sociedad Argentina de Radiología, Sociedad Argentina de Gastroenterología and the Radiological Society of North America. He is the author of more than one hundred publications and has participated as guest speaker and director of numerous medical congresses and seminars, both in Argentina and abroad. He is the recipient of the award from the Sociedad Argentina de Radiología in 1971 and 1983, when he received the "Dr. Alfredo Lanari" award; the "J.G. de Mora" award from the Revista Alemana de Medicina in 1981; the "J.M. Jorge" award from the Academia Nacional de Medicina in 1989 and the "Magna cum Laude" award from the Radiological Society of North America in 2001.

Dr. Gotta received his doctorate in medicine degree from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and specialized in medical imaging diagnosis at the Academia Nacional de Medicina.

Luis Ponferrada - Treasurer

Mr. Ponferrada is a member of Cimientos' executive committee and its treasurer. Mr. Ponferrada was the president and general manager of DuPont Argentina S.A. He was counselor to Unión Industrial Argentina and member of several organizations including the Instituto Argentino del Envase, Cámara de la Industria Argentina, IDEA- Instituto para el Desarrollo de Ejecutivos en Argentina and the American Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ponferrada received his law degree with honors from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and studied comparative law at Tulane University. He was a member of the management council of the Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Gerardo Ancarola

At Cimientos, Dr. Ancarola participated in the events commission. He is a founder and partner of Estudio Ancarola & Asociados, a law firm in Buenos Aires. Dr. Ancarola is a director of Nuevo Siglo an online newspaper (www.nuevosiglo-online.com) founded by him in 2002 He is a professor of the undergraduate and doctoral programs in law and journalism of Universidad del Museo Social Argentino, where he is also a director of its publication Foro Político. He is the general secretary of Institución Ortega y Gasset where he directs Cuadernos Orteguiaños, a magazine.

Dr. Ancarola was Minister of Education and Culture of the Province of Buenos Aires. Other prior activities include institutional and academic positions at the schools of law of the universities of Buenos Aires, Belgrano and Del Salvador (Buenos Aires). He was a member of the academic council of the Facultad de Ciencias Políticas, Jurídicas y Económicas of Museo Social Argentino. Between 1976 and 1981 he was a consultant to the World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva.

Dr. Ancarola is a member of Argentina's National Academy of Political and Moral Sciences and a member of the board of directors of the Colegio de Abogados of Buenos Aires. He is the author of numerous essays and articles that have been published in juridical publications. In 2003 he received the "Laurel de Plata" award in journalism from the Rotary Club Argentino. He holds a doctorate law degree from the Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Eduardo Casabal

Mr. Casabal is a member of the finance and administration commission of Cimientos. He was the chief executive officer of Pérez Companc S.A., the Buenos Aires-based oil and gas company, with which he was affiliated for thirty years.

Mr. Casabal is involved in several non for profit and corporate organizations in Argentina. He is a board member of Fundación Pro Vivienda Social, which contributes to poverty solutions through home and living improvements of the low income sector; vice director and treasurer of Cáritas Argentina, and member of the executive committee of Fundación por Pilar, which seeks to generate substantial improvements in health, education and housing conditions in this growing city near Buenos Aires. Mr. Casabal is a board director of Pilaga S.A. Ganadera and Quickfood S.A.

Mr. Casabal was the vice president of Consejo Empresario Argentino and president of ACDE - Asociación Cristiana de Dirigentes de Empresa. He holds a degree in business administration from Universidad Católica Argentina.

Magdalena Estrugamou de Llach

Mrs. Llach is a member of the executive committee of Cimientos and an active member of its programs commission. Mrs. Llach is a graduate in Sociology from the Universidad Católica Argentina. She has worked in research and program development in the health sector.

Eduardo Franck

Mr. Franck is a member of the institutional development commission of Cimientos. He has been affiliated with the Techint organization for twenty two years. Currently he is the assistant to the chief executive officer of Techint S.A and member of the executive committee of Fideicomiso Financiero Edificio La Nación. He was president of Techint Inc., New York, export manager of Siderca S.A. and sales manager of Siderca Corp., Houston. Prior to joining Techint, he was a consultant with Booz Allen & Hamilton in Paris.

Mr. Franck holds degrees in accounting and business administration from the Universidad de Buenos Aires and a MBA from Columbia University.

Juan José Llach

Mr. Llach is a member of the programs commission of Cimientos. He is a principal of the firm Economía y Sociedad in Buenos Aires. At the IAE-Universidad Austral, he is the director of the economics department and a member of the advisory councils of GESE, center for government, corporate, society and economics studies and the governance program for the development of leaders of local communities. He is the president of the editorial council of El Cronista, a daily newspaper, a member the Academia Nacional de Educación and of the Academia Pontificia de Ciencias Sociales. He serves as a member of the board of Autopistas del Sol, S.A. In the social sector, Mr. Llach is a member of the advisory councils of Fundación Balseiro and CIPPEC - Centro para la Implementación de Políticas Públicas para el Crecimiento y la Equidad.

Mr. Llach was Minister of Education of Argentina in 1999 and 2000, and Vice Minister of Economy from 1991 until 1996. He was a researcher at CONICET - Consejo de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas, Fundación Mediterránea and Instituto Torcuato di Tella and professor of economy and sociology at the universities of Buenos Aires, Católica Argentina and Del Salvador (Buenos Aires).

Mr. Llach is the author of five books and more than forty academic articles on Argentine economic history, labor economics and sociology, institutional economics, federalism, hyperinflation, stabilization and economic reform programs and economic growth as well as numerous articles for Argentine newspapers and magazines. He has been awarded numerous prizes and distinctions including twice the Fundación Konex award, the Order of Merit of the French Republic and the Eisenhower Fellowship.

Mr. Llach holds degrees in sociology from Universidad Católica Argentina and economics from Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Juan Carlos Peña

Mr. Peña is a member of the finance and administration commission of Cimientos. He is a partner of Estudio Peña, Freytes & Asociados, a consulting and auditing firm. He is a member of the Asociación Fiscal Internacional and Asociación Argentina de Estudios Fiscales. He is a member of the executive committee of the Comisión de Estudios Tributarios del Consejo Profesional de Ciencias Económicas and member of the Comisión de Asuntos Tributarios of the Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires. He is a professor at various Argentine universities and the author of numerous articles.

In the social sector, he serves in the management council of CESNI - Centro de Estudios para la Nutrición Infantil - and of Fundación Amigos de La Cartuja.

Mr. Peña was a professor of taxation in the undergraduate and graduate programs of the Facultad de Ciencias Economicas, Universidad de Buenos Aires; advisor to Confederaciones Rurales Argentinas and member of the fiscal reform commission at the Ministerio de Economía.

Mr. Peña is a certified public accountant and obtained his degree at the Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Alicia Zanotti de Savanti

Dr. Savanti holds a medical degree from the Universidad de Buenos Aires, a psychology degree from Universidad Católica de Córdoba and a master degree in clinical psychology from Universidad de Buenos Aires. A specialist in children and family psychotherapy, Dr. Savanti is a professor of social psychology at Universidad Católica Argentina and a member of the academic committee of its psychology department; responsible for education at the national

commission of Cáritas Argentina and a director of Apsis, Instituto de Psicoterapia de Niños y Familias.

Enrique Shaw

Mr. Shaw is a member of the institutional development commission of Cimientos. He is a real estate developer. He was a founder and vice president for corporate development of De Remate, the online auction site; prior to that he was a consultant with The Boston Consulting Group, in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Shaw holds a degree in business administration from Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires and a MBA from the J.L. Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. He is a candidate to a master's degree in political science from FLACSO - Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales.

María Cristina T. de Tramutola

Mrs. Tramutola is a member of the events commission of Cimientos. A teacher, during twelve years she taught at public schools in low income areas of Buenos Aires and during ten years at the CESNI – Centro de Estudio sobre Nutrición Infantil.