condition of the corresponding contracts. This is a very agile institution and the procedure is simple.

The contract establishes the terms in which capital may be brought into the country, and that must not exceed 8 years for mining investments and 3 years for all others.

Foreign investors may repatriate their capital after one year has elapsed, counted as from the date in which it has been brought in. Related profits may be repatriated any time, without limitation as to the amount thereof, previous payment of Chilean taxes.

In the case of manufacturing or extractive industry projects which exceed US$ 50,000,000, all or part of the proceeds from exports can be maintained abroad in order to cover expenses or to repatriate capital or profits. The foregoing must be agreed upon in the foreign investment contract.

Chapter XIV of Compendium of Foreign Exchange Regulations of the Central Bank

These provisions apply to individuals, corporations or entities which bring capital into the country in the form of foreign exchange which is registered by the Central Bank. A certificate is issued by the Central Bank upon registration. This procedure only applies to capital brought into the country in the form of foreign currency.

Registered investors may repatriate capital or profits under the terms and conditions provided by the specific Central Bank regulations in force at the time the foreign exchange has been converted into local currency. Capital may be repatriated only after one year has elapsed. There is no limit as to the time or amounts for the repatriation of profits.

Taxation System for the Foreign Investor in Accordance with DL600

Foreign investors who enter into a foreign investment contract with the Republic of Chile, under the terms of the Foreign Investment Statute, can choose between the two fixed rate systems set forth in the Statute. In this manner, the foreign investor can opt for a general invariable and fixed rate of 42%, for a period of ten years, as from the start up of the company's operations.

The first category tax of 15% is included in this fixed over-all tax rate of 42%. The former is paid yearly by the company, the same as in the mentioned general tax system.