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# **Shareholders Meeting**

**Transaction Rationale** 

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**Top 3 Topics To Be Voted** 



#### **Shares Conversion**

Voluntary conversion periods of A shares into B shares for 5 years

#### **B** Shares Listing

 Initiate B share listing process at the Spanish and NY Stock Exchanges

#### Strategy and Business Model

# A well grounded business model with a sharp business strategy to continue developing a growth story



#### **Business Strategy**

- Proprietary technology, EPC capabilities and business domain knowledge are the key levers for growth
- 2. Extend our **international footprint** to capture growth opportunities in new markets
- 3. Growth focused on **integrated product** (concessions) will require less capital while providing stability in revenues and high profitability
- 4. Rotate assets for value creation and reinvestment in the business
- 5. Add value and **differentiate** through Operation & Services
- 6. **Reduce volatility** on Biofuels business through concessions and technology

# Business evolution from an engineering based company to a technology driven company



#### **Technology Investment**

Strong leadership achieved in CSP, water desalination, biofuels and recycling as a consequence of many years developing innovative technology



Technology as an engine for growth requires continuous 3 to 5 years investment plans plus a strong shareholder's commitment

#### **Geographical Footprint**

Our global footprint provides phenomenal opportunities for growth, while making the business resilient due to its geographical diversification

- ✓ 74,500 M€ of identified opportunities worldwide in the current pipeline
- Focused in strong markets:
  North America, EU and LatAm
- Gaining traction in promising markets: MENA, Asia, Australia



Developing a new geography organically requires five to ten years of continuous efforts

### Integrated Product has proven to be a profitable business with high returns to foster growth

- EPC margin covers the equity required
- ✓ Shareholder's Total IRR\* > 15%
  - Total IRR between 18% and 120% achieved in 11 asset rotations since end 2010
- O&S becomes an additional source of revenue and profit
- Asset rotation at maturity shall yield additional return



The cycle of an integrated product usually takes 8 years: 3 of contract signing and permitting, 3 for EPC and 2 for operation before the asset becomes a candidate for rotation

#### To successfully implement our strategy, we have identified two major requirements





- Introduce flexibility in the balance sheet
- Match business origination and funding
- Access to larger and more stable capital market
- Diversify to a more competitive and global range of financing sources
- The long term strategy (technological foundation, international expansion and concession-type business model) requires:
  - 1. Long term shareholder's commitment
  - 2. Strong management team fully aligned

**Transaction Rationale** 

The Split of A shares into B shares in addition to a possible listing in the US will support the long term strategic plan which requires financial flexibility with access to the US capital markets and shall keep the support of a strong shareholder base to overcome global financial uncertainty ahead



#### **Transaction Structure (I)**

Following the shares split 83.8% of the total shares will be comprised of B shares



#### Side-by-Side Comparison

Class B shares have the same economic rights as class A shares as validated by First Reserve through their investment in November 2011



**Transaction Structure (II)** 

#### In a following round shareholders have the option to call for conversion to fully turn A shares into B shares within specific window periods

#### Voluntary Exchange

 Shareholders seeking liquidity may exchange at their discretion remaining A shares for B shares (1:1 ratio) during a 5 year period.

		<b>Application Period</b>	<b>Board Approval</b>	Estimated Listing Date*
	1st Exchange	30 Sep – 15 Oct	before 31 Oct	9Nov
Monthly Windows	2nd Exchange	16 Oct – 15 Nov	before 30 Nov	9Dic
Mo	3rd Exchange	16 Nov – 15 Dic	before 31 Dic	9Jan
	4th Exchange	16 Dic – 15 Jan	before 31 Jan	9Feb

Quarterly Windows

5th Exchange	16 Jan – 15 Apr	before 30 Apr	9 May
Following Trimestral Exchanges	<b>16 – 15</b> (3rd month)	before the month end	9 of the following month
Last Exchange (2017)	16 Oct – 31 Dic	before 15 Jan	9 Feb

\* Company not responsible for any delay during regulatory processing

#### **Transaction Objectives**

The transaction shall generate additional benefits that make it even more appealing in terms of increased liquidity while protecting minorities shareholders

#### Increase liquidity

- Listing of B shares
- Additional liquidity in B shares upon voluntary conversion of As to Bs
- ✓ Inclusion of FRC class B shares as listed shares
- ✓ Future listing of B shares in the US (upon approval by SEC and NYSE)

#### Preserve economic rights for all shareholders

- ✓ 100% of economic rights remain unchanged
- Maintain similar voting rights post-split

#### Maximum protection for minority shareholders

- ✓ 180 days lock up for Inversion Corporativa and Abengoa to sell any shares
- ✓ 180 days lock up for Abengoa for any capital increase
- Transaction requires majority vote of minority holders
- ✓ Further clauses added to protect minority rights (as described on pages 16 and 17)

### The minorities have full power to approve the transaction, setting a unique precedent in this kind of transactions

#### Approval process supported by best corporate governance practices

- Abengoa's Board of Directors appointed a special committee formed by independent board members to analyze the transaction
- Negotiation of terms between special committee and rest of the Board
  - Limitation on Inversión Corporativa (voting power restricted to current 56%, lock-up for 6 months and restriction on ratio 1 A-to-4 B voting and economic rights)
  - Protection of minority shareholders (basing most of the rights on the number of shares instead of on the number of votes)
- Special committee of independents board members has recommended the transaction (advised by External Financial Advisor)
- Favorable vote of Abengoa's Board of Directors
- Committed favorable vote of Inversión Corporativa and First Reserve (63% of total shares)

#### The transaction needs to be approved by the majority of the minority shareholders\*

### Abengoa will amend its bylaws to provide minority shareholders of B shares the new rights

Minority Rights	Current	Post-Split
Right to call an EGM and include topics for discussion in the Agenda	5% of the voting power	5% of the total number of A and/or B shares
Right to contest decisions taken by the AGM / EGM or the Board of Directors	5% of the voting power	5% of the total number of A and/or B shares
Attendance to the AGM / EGM	375 A shares or 37,500 B shares	375 A or B shares
Right to exercise liability actions against members of the Board	5% of the voting power	5% of the total number of A and/or B shares
Right to request a notary in the AGM / EGM	1% of the voting power	1% of the total number of A and/or B shares

The following amendments to Abengoa by-laws will ensure most of the minority rights are based on the number of shares and not on the voting power



#### **Final Conclusions**

#### An approval that paves the way for an ambitious long term growth plan







#### Appendix

#### Transaction Background: Key Events





**Debt Maturity Profile** 

#### No significant maturities in the next 24 months

#### **Corporate Debt Maturity Profile (M€)**



Note: Maturities exclude revolving facilities

#### Long Term Founder-led Approach

Inversión Corporativa's controlling stake since Abengoa's inception, together with an efficient and strong management team has allowed Abengoa to historically achieve constant and attractive returns for its shareholders

### Stable Core Shareholder Base. Inversión Corporativa has never disposed of Abengoa's shares



#### Since Abengoa's IPO in 1996, the stake of Inversión Corporativa in the Company has not changed

Shareholding stability, together with an efficient and influenced management team has led to high profitability and returns for its shareholders

Inversión Corporativa fully supports the long-term vision and strategic plan of Abengoa

#### **Attractive Historical Returns**



Source: Company filings.

(1) Calculated as net income attributable to the parent company or the year "n" divided by the average of the equity for year "n" and the year "n-1" (excluding minorities).

Strong protection for minorities makes the transaction significantly more appealing than other recent stock splits

		Google <sup>®</sup> Split - Apr 2012	<b>GRIFOLS</b> Stock Dividend – Dec 2011	ABENGOA Split - 2012
Optionality	Favourable Vote of Special Majority at the EMG	×	×	$\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$
	Controlling Shareholder Sale Restriction	✓	×	✓
	Lock-up for the Controlling Shareholder	×	*	✓
	Conversion Mechanism (Voluntary)	×	*	✓
	Preserves Minority Rights	×	×	$\checkmark\checkmark$
Liquidity	Fundamental Value Split	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark\checkmark$
	Relative Market Liquidity (New Share vs. Existing)	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark\checkmark$
Value	Same Dividend?	$\checkmark$	<b>*</b> (1)	✓
	Same Liquidation Preferential?	$\checkmark$	<b>X</b> (2)	$\checkmark$
	Takeover Protection?	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$
	Tax Free?	✓	✓	✓

Source: Company reports.

(1) Same dividend for a minimum annual dividend of  $\in 0.10$  / share.

Low Voting B Shares Are Commonly Accepted

Within international markets, there are several structures which enable new investors to acquire economic rights while strategic investors maintain control





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