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**Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

As of 2/20/2018

Ternium S.A.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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This report contains Ternium S.A.'s consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2017.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

TERNIUM S.A.

By: /s/ Pablo Brizzio

By: /s/ Daniel Novegil

Name: Pablo Brizzio

Name: Daniel Novegil

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Dated: February 20, 2018

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for the years ended on December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015

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Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2017 and 2016

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(All amounts in USD thousands)

Consolidated Income Statements

	Notes	Year ended December 31,		
		2017	2016	2015
Net sales	5	9,700,296	7,223,975	7,877,449
Cost of sales	6	(7,403,025)	(5,384,390)	(6,477,272)
Gross profit		2,297,271	1,839,585	1,400,177
Selling, general and administrative expenses	7	(824,247)	(687,942)	(770,292)
Other operating income (expenses), net	9	(16,240)	(9,925)	9,454
Operating income		1,456,784	1,141,718	639,339
Finance expense	10	(114,583)	(89,971)	(89,489)
Finance income	10	19,408	14,129	7,981
Other financial income (expenses), net	10	(69,915)	37,957	(17,922)
Equity in earnings (losses) of non-consolidated companies	3 & 14	68,115	14,624	(272,810)
Profit before income tax expense		1,359,809	1,118,457	267,099
Income tax expense	11	(336,882)	(411,528)	(207,320)
Profit (Loss) for the year		1,022,927	706,929	59,779
Attributable to:				
Owners of the parent		886,219	595,644	8,127
Non-controlling interest		136,708	111,285	51,652
Profit (Loss) for the year		1,022,927	706,929	59,779
Weighted average number of shares outstanding		1,963,076,776	1,963,076,776	1,963,076,776
Basic and diluted (losses) earnings per share for profit attributable to the		0.45	0.30	0.00

owners of the parent (expressed in
USD per share)

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Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Profit (Loss) for the year	1,022,927	706,929	59,779
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Currency translation adjustment	(95,462)	(141,665)	(409,767)
Currency translation adjustment from participation in non-consolidated companies	(8,931)	53,858	(230,774)
Changes in the fair value of derivatives classified as cash flow hedges and available-for-sale financial instruments	735	641	1,277
Income tax relating to cash flow hedges and available-for-sale financial instruments	(107)	(192)	(371)
Other comprehensive income items	(96)	(1,542)	-
Other comprehensive income items from participation in non-consolidated companies	191	1,054	973
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Remeasurement of post employment benefit obligations	(15,068)	(14,735)	5,277
Income tax relating to remeasurement of post employment benefit obligations	4,916	2,571	(1,946)
Remeasurement of post employment benefit obligations from participation in non-consolidated companies	3,954	(15,817)	(5,113)
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax	(109,868)	(115,827)	(640,444)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	913,059	591,102	(580,665)
Attributable to:			
Owners of the parent	815,434	534,827	(457,750)
Non-controlling interest	97,625	56,275	(122,915)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	913,059	591,102	(580,665)

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

	Notes	Balances as of	
		December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment, net	12	5,349,753	4,135,977
Intangible assets, net	13	1,092,579	842,557
Investments in non-consolidated companies	14	478,348	418,379
Other investments	18	3,380	5,998
Deferred tax assets	20	121,092	85,795
Receivables, net	15	677,299	132,580
Trade receivables, net	16	4,832	1,270
		7,727,283	5,622,556
Current assets			
Receivables, net	15	362,173	79,820
Derivative financial instruments	22	2,304	316
Inventories, net	17	2,550,930	1,647,869
Trade receivables, net	16	1,006,598	633,745
Other investments	18	132,736	144,853
Cash and cash equivalents	18	337,779	183,463
		4,392,520	2,690,066
Non-current assets classified as held for sale		2,763	10,248
		4,395,283	2,700,314
Total Assets		12,122,566	8,322,870
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to the owners of the parent		5,010,424	4,391,298
Non-controlling interest		842,347	775,295
Total Equity		5,852,771	5,166,593
LIABILITIES			

Non-current liabilities

Provisions	19	768,517		6,950	
Deferred tax liabilities	20	513,357		609,004	
Other liabilities	21	373,046		302,784	
Trade payables		2,259		9,305	
Finance lease liabilities	23	69,005		-	
Borrowings	24	1,716,337	3,442,521	396,742	1,324,785

Current liabilities

Current income tax liabilities		52,940		178,112	
Other liabilities	21	357,001		228,081	
Trade payables		897,732		603,119	
Derivative financial instruments	22	6,001		287	
Finance lease liabilities	23	8,030		-	
Borrowings	24	1,505,570	2,827,274	821,893	1,831,492

Total Liabilities

6,269,795 3,156,277

Total Equity and Liabilities

12,122,566 8,322,870

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

	Attributable to the owners of the parent (1)										
	Capital stock (2)	Treasury shares (2)	Initial public offering expenses (3)	Reserves (3)	Capital stock issue discount(4)	Currency translation adjustment	Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interest	T Ec	
Balance as of January 1, 2017	2.004.743	(150.000)	(23.295)	1.420.171	(2.324.866)	(2.336.929)	5.801.474	44.391.298		775.295	5.10
Profit for the year						886.219	886.219		136.708	1.02	
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year											
Currency translation adjustment						(66.735)	(66.735)		(37.658)	(10)	
Remeasurement of post employment benefit obligations				(4.642)			(4.642)		(1.556)	(
Cash flow hedges and others, net of tax				504			504		124		
Others				88			88		7		
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	-	-	-	(4.050)	-	(66.735)	886.219	815.434	97.625	91	
Dividends paid in cash (5)						(196.308)	(196.308)		-	(19	
Dividends paid in cash to							-		(30.573)	(3	

non-controlling
interest (6)

**Balance as of
December 31,
2017**

2.004.743 (150.000) (23.295) 1.416.121 (2.324.866) (2.403.664) 6.491.385 5.010.424 842.347 5.85

(1) Shareholders' equity determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Luxembourg is disclosed in Note 25 (iii).

(2) The Company has an authorized share capital of a single class of 3.5 billion shares having a nominal value of USD 1.00 per share. As of December 31, 2017, there were 2,004,743,442 shares issued. All issued shares are fully paid. Also, as of December 31, 2017, the Company held 41,666,666 shares as treasury shares.

(3) Include mainly legal reserve under Luxembourg law for USD 200.5 million, undistributable reserves under Luxembourg law for USD 1.4 billion, hedge accounting reserve, net of tax effect, for USD 0.6 million and reserves related to the acquisition of non-controlling interest in subsidiaries for USD (88.5) million.

(4) Represents the difference between book value of non-monetary contributions received from shareholders under Luxembourg GAAP and IFRS.

(5) Represents USD 0.10 per share (USD 1.00 per ADS). Related to the dividends distributed on May 3, 2017, and as 41,666,666 shares are held as treasury shares by Ternium, the dividends attributable to these treasury shares amounting to USD 4.2 million were included in equity as less dividend paid.

(6) Corresponds to the dividends paid by Ternium Argentina S.A. (formerly Siderar S.A.I.C.).

Dividends may be paid by Ternium to the extent distributable retained earnings calculated in accordance with Luxembourg law and regulations exist. Therefore, retained earnings included in these consolidated financial statements may not be wholly distributable. See Note 25 (iii). The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

	Attributable to the owners of the parent (1)									
	Capital stock (2)	Treasury shares (2)	Initial public offering expenses	Reserves (3)	Capital stock issue discount(4)	Currency translation adjustment	Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
Balance as of January 1, 2016	2,004,743	(150,000)	(23,295)	1,444,394	(2,324,866)	(2,300,335)	5,382,507	4,033,148	769,849	4,803,000
Profit for the year						595,644	595,644		111,285	706,929
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year										
Currency translation adjustment						(36,594)	(36,594)		(51,213)	(87,807)
Remeasurement of post employment benefit obligations				(25,749)			(25,749)		(2,232)	(28,000)
Cash flow hedges and others, net of tax				229			229		220	449
Others				1,297			1,297		(1,785)	(588)
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	-	-	-	(24,223)	-	(36,594)	595,644	534,827	56,275	595,644
Dividends paid in cash (5)						(176,677)	(176,677)			(176,677)
Dividends paid in cash to									(50,829)	(50,829)

non-controlling
interest (6)

**Balance as of
December 31,
2016**

2,004,743 (150,000) (23,295) 1,420,171 (2,324,866) (2,336,929) 5,801,474 4,391,298 775,295 5,100,000

- (1) Shareholders' equity is determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Luxembourg.
- (2) The Company has an authorized share capital of a single class of 3.5 billion shares having a nominal value of USD 1.00 per share. As of December 31, 2016, there were 2,004,743,442 shares issued. All issued shares are fully paid. Also, as of December 31, 2016, the Company held 41,666,666 shares as treasury shares.
- (3) Include mainly legal reserve under Luxembourg law for USD 200.5 million, undistributable reserves under Luxembourg law for USD 1.4 billion, hedge accounting reserve, net of tax effect, for USD 0.1 million and reserves related to the acquisition of non-controlling interest in subsidiaries for USD (88.5) million.
- (4) Represents the difference between book value of non-monetary contributions received from shareholders under Luxembourg GAAP and IFRS.
- (5) Represents USD 0.090 per share (USD 0.90 per ADS). Related to the dividends distributed on May 4, 2016, and as 41,666,666 shares are held as treasury shares by Ternium, the dividends attributable to these treasury shares amounting to USD 3.7 million were included in equity as less dividend paid.
- (6) Corresponds to the dividends paid by Ternium Argentina S.A. (formerly Siderar S.A.I.C.).

Dividends may be paid by Ternium to the extent distributable retained earnings calculated in accordance with Luxembourg law and regulations exist. Therefore, retained earnings included in these consolidated financial statements may not be wholly distributable. See Note 25 (iii). The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity

	Attributable to the owners of the parent (1)									
	Capital stock (2)	Treasury shares (2)	Initial public offering expenses (3)	Reserves (3)	Capital stock issue discount (4)	Currency translation adjustment (5)	Retained earnings (6)	Total (7)	Non-controlling interest (8)	Total Equity (9)
Balance as of January 1, 2015	2,004,743	(150,000)	(23,295)	1,475,619	(2,324,866)	(1,836,057)	5,551,057	4,697,201	937,502	5,634,703
Profit for the year						8,127	8,127		51,652	59,779
Other comprehensive income (loss) for the year										
Currency translation adjustment						(464,278)	(464,278)		(176,263)	(640,541)
Remeasurement of post employment benefit obligations				(3,218)			(3,218)		1,436	(1,782)
Cash flow hedges, net of tax				714			714		192	906
Others				905			905		68	973
Total comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	(1,599)	-	(464,278)	8,127	(457,750)	(122,915)	(580,632)
Dividends paid in cash (5)						(176,677)	(176,677)		-	(176,677)
								-	(32,743)	(32,743)

Dividends paid in cash to non-controlling interest (6)									
Contributions from non-controlling shareholders in consolidated subsidiaries (7)						-	30,870	30,870	
Sale of participation in subsidiary companies (8)						-	1,509	1,509	
Acquisition of non-controlling interest (9)	29,626					(29,626)	(44,374)	(44,374)	(74,000)
Balance as of December 31, 2015	2,004,743 (150,000)	(23,295)	1,444,394	(2,324,866)	(2,300,335)	5,382,507	4,033,148	769,849	4,803,148

(1) Shareholders' equity is determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Luxembourg.

(2) The Company has an authorized share capital of a single class of 3.5 billion shares having a nominal value of USD 1.00 per share. As of December 31, 2015, there were 2,004,743,442 shares issued. All issued shares are fully paid. Also, as of December 31, 2015, the Company held 41,666,666 shares as treasury shares.

(3) Include mainly legal reserve under Luxembourg law for USD 200.5 million, undistributable reserves under Luxembourg law for USD 1.4 billion, hedge accounting reserve, net of tax effect, for USD (0.4) million and reserves related to the acquisition of non-controlling interest in subsidiaries for USD (88.5) million.

(4) Represents the difference between book value of non-monetary contributions received from shareholders under Luxembourg GAAP and IFRS.

(5) Represents USD 0.090 per share (USD 0.90 per ADS). Related to the dividends distributed on May 6, 2015, and as 41,666,666 shares are held as treasury shares by Ternium, the dividends attributable to these treasury shares amounting to USD 3.7 million were included in equity as less dividend paid.

(6) Corresponds to the dividends paid by Ternium Argentina S.A. (formerly Siderar S.A.I.C.).

(7) Corresponds to the contribution made by Nippon Steel Corporation in connection with its participation in Tenigal, S.R.L. de C.V..

(8) Corresponds to the sale of the participation in Ferrasa Panamá S.A. See note 2.b.

(9) Corresponds to the acquisition on the non-controlling interest in Ternium Colombia S.A.S. (formerly Ferrasa S.A.S.) See note 2.b.

Dividends may be paid by Ternium to the extent distributable retained earnings calculated in accordance with Luxembourg law and regulations exist. Therefore, retained earnings included in these consolidated financial statements may not be wholly distributable. See Note 25 (iii). The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

	Notes	Year ended December 31,		
		2017	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities				
Profit (Loss) for the year		1,022,927	706,929	59,779
Adjustments for:				
Depreciation and amortization	12 & 13	474,299	406,890	433,788
Income tax accruals less payments	27 (b)	(273,443)	182,332	(23,932)
Equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated companies	3 & 14	(68,115)	(14,624)	272,810
Interest accruals less payments	27 (b)	19,484	12,699	5,496
Results on the sale of participation in subsidiary companies	2 (b)	-	-	1,739
Changes in provisions	19	2,783	1,678	3,180
Changes in working capital (1)	27 (b)	(864,970)	(162,373)	509,144
Net foreign exchange results and others		70,894	(33,936)	61,487
Net cash provided by operating activities		383,859	1,099,595	1,323,491
Cash flows from investing activities				
Capital expenditures	12 & 13	(409,402)	(435,460)	(466,643)
Loans to non-consolidated companies	14	(23,904)	(92,496)	(10,416)
Decrease (Increase) in other investments	18	14,986	86,340	(85,946)
Acquisition of business				
Purchase consideration	3	(1,890,989)	-	-
Cash acquired	3	278,162	-	-
Investment in non-consolidated companies	3 & 14	-	(114,449)	(9,600)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		1,124	1,212	1,217
Dividends received from non-consolidated companies		65	183	-
Sale of participation in subsidiary company, net of cash disposed	2 (b)	-	-	(673)
Net cash used in investing activities		(2,029,958)	(554,670)	(572,061)
Cash flows from financing activities				
		(196,308)	(176,677)	(176,677)

Dividends paid in cash to company's shareholders			
Dividends paid in cash to non-controlling interests	(30,573)	(50,829)	(32,743)
Finance Lease payments	(4,157)	-	-
Contributions from non-controlling shareholders in consolidated subsidiaries	-	-	30,870
Acquisition of non-controlling interest	2 (b)	-	(74,000)
Proceeds from borrowings	3,239,121	910,577	822,663
Repayments of borrowings	(1,205,827)	(1,191,770)	(1,379,747)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,802,256	(508,699)	(809,634)
Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	156,157	36,226	(58,204)
Movement in cash and cash equivalents			
At January 1,	183,463	151,491	213,303
Effect of exchange rate changes	(1,841)	(4,254)	(3,608)
Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	156,157	36,226	(58,204)
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, (2)	337,779	183,463	151,491
Non-cash transactions:			
Acquisition of PP&E under lease contract agreements	77,035	-	-

(1) The working capital is impacted by non-cash movement of USD (70.0) million as of December 31, 2017 (USD (73.8) million and USD (210.6) million as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively) due to the variations in the exchange rates used by subsidiaries with functional currencies different from the US dollar.

(2) It includes restricted cash of USD 50, USD 83 and USD 88 as of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively. In addition, the Company had other investments with a maturity of more than three months for USD 135,864, USD 150,851 and USD 237,191 as of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Ternium S.A. (the “Company” or “Ternium”), was incorporated on December 22, 2003 to hold investments in flat and long steel manufacturing and distributing companies. The Company has an authorized share capital of a single class of 3.5 billion shares having a nominal value of USD 1.00 per share. As of December 31, 2017, there were 2,004,743,442 shares issued. All issued shares are fully paid.

Following a corporate reorganization carried out during fiscal year 2005, in January 2006 the Company successfully completed its registration process with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). Ternium’s ADSs began trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol “TX” on February 1, 2006. The Company’s initial public offering was settled on February 6, 2006.

The Company was initially established as a public limited liability company (société anonyme) under Luxembourg’s 1929 holding company regime. Until termination of such regime on December 31, 2010, holding companies incorporated under the 1929 regime (including the Company) were exempt from Luxembourg corporate and withholding tax over dividends distributed to shareholders.

On January 1, 2011, the Company became an ordinary public limited liability company (société anonyme) and, effective as from that date, the Company is subject to all applicable Luxembourg taxes (including, among others, corporate income tax on its worldwide income) and its dividend distributions will generally be subject to Luxembourg withholding tax. However, dividends received by the Company from subsidiaries in high income tax jurisdictions, as defined under Luxembourg law, will continue to be exempt from corporate income tax in Luxembourg under Luxembourg’s participation exemption.

As part of the Company’s corporate reorganization in connection with the termination of Luxembourg’s 1929 holding company regime, on December 6, 2010, the Company contributed its equity holdings in all its subsidiaries and all its financial assets to its Luxembourg wholly-owned subsidiary Ternium Investments S.à.r.l., or Ternium Investments, in exchange for newly issued corporate units of Ternium Investments. As the assets contributed were recorded at their historical carrying amount in accordance with Luxembourg GAAP, the Company’s December 2010 contribution of

such assets to Ternium Investments resulted in a non-taxable revaluation of the accounting value of the Company's assets under Luxembourg GAAP. The amount of the December 2010 revaluation was equal to the difference between the historical carrying amounts of the assets contributed and the value at which such assets were contributed and amounted to USD 4.0 billion. However, for the purpose of these consolidated financial statements, the assets contributed by Ternium to its wholly-owned subsidiary Ternium Investments were recorded based on their historical carrying amounts in accordance with IFRS, with no impact on the financial statements.

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Following the completion of the corporate reorganization, and upon its conversion into an ordinary Luxembourg holding company, the Company voluntarily recorded a special reserve exclusively for tax-basis purposes. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, this special tax reserve amounted to USD 6.9 billion and USD 7.0 billion, respectively. The Company expects that, as a result of its corporate reorganization, its current overall tax burden will not increase, as all or substantially all of its dividend income will come from high income tax jurisdictions. In addition, the Company expects that dividend distributions for the foreseeable future will be imputed to the special reserve and therefore should be exempt from Luxembourg withholding tax under current Luxembourg law.

2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

a) Basis of presentation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) issued and effective or issued and early adopted as at the time of preparing these statements (February 2018), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("EU"). These consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of United States dollars ("USD"), except otherwise indicated.

These Consolidated financial statements fairly present the consolidated equity and consolidated financial situation of Ternium as of December 31, 2017, and the consolidated results of its operations, the Changes in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Changes in Consolidated Net Equity and the Consolidated Cash Flows of Ternium for the year then ended.

Elimination of all material intercompany transactions and balances between the Company and their respective subsidiaries has been made in consolidation.

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These consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities (including derivative instruments) at fair value through profit or loss.

Certain comparative amounts have been reclassified to conform to changes in presentation in the current year. These reclassifications do not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

These consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Directors on February 20, 2018.

Detailed below are the companies whose financial statements have been consolidated and accounted for interest in these consolidated financial statements.

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2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (continued)

Company	Country of Organization	Main activity	Percentage of ownership at December 31,		
			2017	2016	2015
Ternium S.A.	Luxembourg	Holding	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Investments S.à.r.l.	Luxembourg	Holding	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Solutions A.G. (1)	Switzerland	Services	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Participações S.A. (formerly Ternium Brasil S.A.) (1)	Brazil	Holding	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Investments Switzerland AG (1)	Switzerland	Holding	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Internacional España S.L.U. (1)	Spain	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium USA Inc. (1)	USA	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Argentina S.A. (formerly Siderar S.A.I.C.) (2)	Argentina	Manufacturing and selling of flat steel products	60.94%	60.94%	60.94%
Impeco S.A. (3)	Argentina	Manufacturing of pipe products	60.97%	60.97%	60.97%
Prosid Investments S.A. (4)	Uruguay	Holding	60.94%	60.94%	60.94%
Ternium Mexico S.A. de C.V. (5)	Mexico	Holding	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Hylsa S.A. de C.V. (6)	Mexico	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Las Encinas S.A. de C.V. (6)	Mexico	Exploration, exploitation and pelletizing of iron ore	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Ferropak Comercial S.A. de C.V. (6)	Mexico	Scrap services company	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Galvamet America Corp (6)	USA	Manufacturing and selling of insulated panel products	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Transamerica E. & I. Trading Corp. (6)	USA	Scrap services company	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Técnica Industrial S.A. de C.V. (6)	Mexico	Services	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Acedor, S.A. de C.V. (6)	Mexico	Holding	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Galvacer America Inc (7)	USA	Distributing company	-	88.78%	88.72%

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Ternium Gas México S.A. de C.V. (8)	Mexico	Energy services company	88.78%	88.78%	88.72%
Ternium Internacional Guatemala S.A. (9)	Guatemala	Selling of steel products	99.98%	99.98%	99.98%
Consorcio Minero Benito Juarez Peña Colorada S.A.de C.V. (10)	Mexico	Exploration, exploitation and pelletizing of iron ore	44.39%	44.39%	44.36%
Peña Colorada Servicios S.A. de C.V. (10)	Mexico	Services	44.39%	44.39%	44.36%
Exiros B.V. (10)	Netherlands	Procurement and trading services	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%
Servicios Integrales Nova de Monterrey S.A. de C.V. (11)	Mexico	Medical and Social Services	66.14%	66.14%	66.09%
Ternium Internacional Nicaragua S.A.	Nicaragua	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	99.38%	99.38%	99.38%
Ternium Internacional Honduras S.A. de C.V.	Honduras	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	99.18%	99.18%	99.18%
Ternium Internacional El Salvador S.A. de C.V.	El Salvador	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	99.92%	99.92%	99.91%
Ternium Internacional Costa Rica S.A.	Costa Rica	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	99.98%	99.98%	99.98%
Ternium Colombia S.A.S. (formerly Ferrasa S.A.S.) (12)	Colombia	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium del Cauca S.A.S. (formerly Perfilamos del Cauca S.A.S.) (12)	Colombia	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Siderúrgica de Caldas S.A.S. (formerly Siderúrgica de Caldas S.A.S.) (12)	Colombia	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Tenigal S. de R.L. de C.V. (13)	Mexico	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	51.00%	51.00%	51.00%
Ternium Internacional S.A. (14)	Uruguay	Holding and marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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Company	Country of Organization	Main activity	Percentage of ownership at December 31,		
			2017	2016	2015
Ternium Treasury Services S.A. (14)	Uruguay	Financial Services	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Internationaal B.V. (15)	Netherlands	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium International Inc. (15)	Panama	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Procurement S.A. (16)	Uruguay	Procurement services	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Technology & Engineering Services S.A. (16)	Uruguay	Engineering and other services	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium International USA Corporation (17)	USA	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Internacional de Colombia S.A.S. (18)	Colombia	Marketing of steel products	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Ternium Ingeniería y Servicios de México S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	Engineering and other services	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Soluciones Integrales de Gestión S.A. (19)	Argentina	Other services	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Procesadora de Materiales Industriales S.A. (20)	Colombia	Scrap services company	-	-	100.00%
Ferropak Servicios S.A. de C.V. (21)	Mexico	Services	-	-	88.72%
Corporativo Grupo Imsa S.A. de C.V. (21)	Mexico	Services	-	-	88.72%
Ternium International Ecuador S.A. (22)	Ecuador	Marketing of steel products	-	-	100.00%
Ternium Staal B.V. (23)	Netherlands	Holding and marketing of steel products	100.00%	-	-
Ternium Brasil Ltda. (23)	Brazil	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	100.00%	-	-
Ecosteel Gestao de Efuentes Industriais S.A. (23)	Brazil	Other services	100.00%	-	-
	Brazil	Other services	100.00%	-	-

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Ecosteel Gestao de Águas
Industriais S.A. (23)

Ternium del Atlántico S.A.S (24)	Colombia	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	100.00%	-	-
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(1) Indirectly through Ternium Investments S.à.r.l. Total voting rights held: 100.00%.

(2) During the fourth quarter of 2017, Siderar S.A.I.C. changed its business name to Ternium Argentina S.A. Indirectly through Ternium Internacional España S.L.U. Total voting rights held: 60.94%.

(3) Since the fourth quarter of 2017, indirectly through Ternium Argentina S.A. and Soluciones Integrales S.A. Total voting rights held 100.00%. Before that, indirectly through Ternium Argentina S.A. and Ternium Internacional S.A.

(4) Since the fourth quarter of 2017, indirectly through Ternium Argentina S.A. and Ternium Procurement S.A. Total voting rights held 100.00%. Before that, indirectly through Ternium Argentina S.A. and Ternium Internacional S.A.

(5) Since the fourth quarter of 2017, indirectly through Ternium Argentina S.A. and Ternium Internacional España S.L.U. Total voting rights held 100.00%. Before that, indirectly through Ternium Argentina S.A., Ternium Internacional S.A. and Ternium Internacional España S.L.U.

(6) Indirectly through Ternium Mexico S.A. de C.V. Total voting rights held: 100.00%.

(7) This company dissolved as of December 11, 2017.

(8) Indirectly through Ternium Mexico S.A. de C.V. and Tenigal S. de R.L. de C.V. Total voting rights held: 100.00%.

(9) Indirectly through Ternium Internacional España S.L.U. Total voting rights held: 100%.

(10) Total voting rights held: 50.00%.

(11) Indirectly through Ternium Mexico S.A. de C.V. Total voting rights held: 74.50%.

(12) Indirectly through Ternium Internacional España S.L.U.. Total voting rights held: 100.00%. See note 2 (b).

(13) Indirectly through Ternium Internacional España S.L.U.. Total voting rights held: 51.00%.

(14) Indirectly through Ternium Investments Switzerland AG. Total voting rights held: 100.00%.

(15) Since the third quarter of 2017, indirectly through Ternium Investments S.à r.l. Total voting rights held: 100.00%. Before that, indirectly through Ternium Investments Switzerland AG.

(16) Since the third quarter of 2017, indirectly through Ternium Internacional España S.L.U. Total voting rights held: 100.00%. Before that, indirectly through Ternium Investments Switzerland AG.

(17) Since the fourth quarter of 2017, indirectly through Ternium Investments S.à r.l. Total voting rights held: 100.00%. Before that, indirectly through Ternium Internacional S.A.

(18) Indirectly through Ternium Internacional S.A. Total voting rights held 100.00%.

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(19) Since the third quarter of 2017, indirectly through Ternium Investments S.à r.l. and Ternium Internacional España S.L.U. Total voting rights held 100.00%. Before that, indirectly through Ternium Investments S.à r.l. and Technology and Engineering Services S.A.

(20) This company was dissolved as of December 6, 2016.

(21) Merged with Hylsa S.A. de C.V. during the fourth quarter of 2016.

(22) This company was dissolved as of September 27, 2016.

(23) Indirectly through Ternium Investments S.à r.l. Total voting rights held: 100.00%.

(24) Indirectly through Ternium Internacional España S.L.U.. Total voting rights held: 100.00%.

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2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (continued)

The most important non-controlling interest is related to the investment in Ternium Argentina S.A., which is a company listed in the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange. Ternium Argentina stated in its annual accounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, that revenues amounted to USD 2,301 million (2016: USD 1,892 million), net profit from continuing operations to USD 337 million (2016: USD 251 million), total assets to USD 2,820 million (2016: USD 2,415 million), total liabilities to USD 874 million (2016: USD 607 million) and shareholders' equity to USD 1,945 million (2016: USD 1,807 million). All the information related to this investment could be found in the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange webpage.

b) Acquisition of non-controlling interest in Ternium Colombia S.A.S. (formerly Ferrasa S.A.S.)

On January 20, 2015, Ternium entered into an agreement to acquire the remaining 46% interest in Ternium Colombia for a total consideration of USD 74.0 million. The Ternium Colombia transaction closed on April 7, 2015 and it was accounted for as an acquisition of non-controlling interest resulting in a decrease of equity attributable to the owners of the parent company amounting to USD 29.6 million. In addition, on January 20, 2015, Ternium sold its 54% interest in Ferrasa Panamá S.A. for a total consideration of USD 2.0 million, with no significant impact in these consolidated financial statements.

3. ACQUISITION OF BUSINESS

(a) CSA Siderúrgica do Atlântico Ltda. (now Ternium Brasil Ltda.) and thyssenkrupp Slab International B.V. (now Ternium Staal B.V.)

(a) The acquisition

On September 7, 2017, Ternium completed the acquisition from thyssenkrupp AG (“tkAG”) of a 100% ownership interest in thyssenkrupp Slab International B.V. (“tkSI”) and its wholly-owned subsidiary CSA Siderúrgica do Atlântico Ltda. (“CSA”), a steel slab producer with a steelmaking facility located in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and having an annual production capacity of 5 million tons of high-end steel slabs, a deep-water harbor and a 490 MW combined cycle power plant. The acquisition is expected to substantially increase Ternium’s steelmaking capacity and strengthen its business in strategic industrial sectors across Latin America.

As part of the transaction, tkAG assigned to Ternium a slab commitment agreement providing for an arrangement relating to the purchase of CSA-manufactured carbon steel slabs under the terms of a slab frame supply agreement and related annual slab off-take agreements between tkSI and the entity that acquired thyssenkrupp’s former Calvert re-rolling facility in Alabama, United States of America. Such slab commitment agreement provided for a commitment by such entity to purchase from tkSI approximately 2.0 million tons of CSA-manufactured carbon steel slabs per year until September 30, 2019, at the price resulting from the pricing formula set forth therein. This slab commitment agreement was amended on December 20, 2017, spreading deliveries of the remaining slab volumes committed under such agreement through December 2020.

The purchase price paid by Ternium in the acquisition totaled approximately USD 1,891 million.

Ternium began consolidating the balance sheets and results of operations of tkSI and CSA as from September 7, 2017, and CSA changed its name to Ternium Brasil Ltda. and tkSI was renamed Ternium Staal B.V.

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3. ACQUISITION OF BUSINESS (continued)

The acquired business contributed revenues of USD 864 million and a net profit of USD 64 million to the Company for the period from September 7, 2017, to December 31, 2017. Had the acquisition occurred on January 1, 2017, pro-forma revenue and net loss for the year ended December 31, 2017, would have been USD 2,398 million and USD 6 million, respectively. These amounts have been calculated using Ternium Staal B.V.'s consolidated results and adjusting them for the additional depreciation and amortization that would have been recovered assuming the fair value adjustments to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets had applied from January 1, 2017.

(b) Fair value of net assets acquired

The application of the purchase method requires certain estimates and assumptions especially concerning the determination of the fair values of the acquired intangible assets and property, plant and equipment as well as the liabilities assumed at the date of the acquisition. The fair values determined at the acquisition date are based mainly on discounted cash flows and other valuation techniques.

The preliminary allocation of the fair values determined for the assets and liabilities arising from the acquisition is as follows:

Fair value of acquired assets and liabilities:	USD
Property, plant and equipment and Intangible assets	1,573,946
Inventories	400,047
Cash and cash equivalents	278,162
Trade receivables	63,710
Other receivables	705,058
Deferred tax assets	13,686
Provisions	(799,938)
Trade payables	(219,604)
Other assets and liabilities, net	(124,078)
Net assets acquired	1,890,989

According to this preliminary purchase price allocation, no goodwill was recorded.

Ternium entered into several derivative contracts to partially hedge the currency volatility risk associated with the Euro-denominated transaction price. As of the date of the closing of the acquisition, the fair value of those contracts amounted to USD 75.9 million. Such value was deducted from the purchase consideration.

The preliminary purchase price allocation disclosed above is currently under analysis with the assistance of a third-party expert. Following IFRS 3, the Company will continue reviewing the allocation and make any necessary adjustments (mainly over Property, plant and equipment, Intangible assets and Provisions) during the twelve months following the acquisition date.

(c) Main contingencies associated with the acquired business

Contrary to the recognition principles in IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets, IFRS 3 Business Combinations requires an acquirer of a business to recognize contingent liabilities assumed in a business acquisition at the acquisition date even if it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation.

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3. ACQUISITION OF BUSINESS (continued)

The main contingencies recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements pursuant to IFRS 3 Business Combinations in connection with the acquisition of tkSI and CSA include the following:

(i) Fishermen associations' claims

Civil contingencies include lawsuits brought by a number of fishermen associations on behalf of their associates, alleging that the dredge of Ternium Brasil's deep-water port has had a negative impact on fish farming and exploitation activities in the Sepetiba Bay area in Rio de Janeiro and that, as a result, fishermen in that area had suffered damages. A provision in the amount of USD 24.5 million was recorded at the acquisition date in connection with this matter (USD 23.4 million as of December 31, 2017).

(ii) Tax assessments relating to the use of certain ICMS tax credits

The Imposto Sobre Operações Relativas à Circulação de Mercadorias e Serviços, or ICMS, is a Brazilian value-added tax on the services (inter-states) and the transfer of goods in Brazil. Payment of ICMS generates tax credits that, subject to applicable law, rules and regulations, may be either used to offset ICMS payment obligations generated in connection with domestic sales of products and services, or sold and transferred to third parties.

The Rio de Janeiro State Treasury Office is challenging the use by Ternium Brasil of ICMS tax credits generated in connection with purchases of refractory materials in the period from December 2010 through December 2015, and intends to assess taxes and impose fines on Ternium Brasil on the argument that such materials may not be qualified as "raw materials" or "intermediary products" but as "goods for consumption" and, accordingly, ICMS tax credits generated in connection with their purchase are not available and may not be used to offset ICMS payment obligations generated in connection with Ternium Brasil's domestic sales of carbon steel slabs. Ternium Brasil has appealed against the Rio de Janeiro State Treasury Office tax assessments and fines. A provision in the amount of USD 57.7 million was recorded as of the acquisition date in connection with this matter (USD 54.9 million as of December 31, 2017).

(iii) ICMS deferral tax benefit - Unconstitutionality

Through State Law No. 4,529, of March 31, 2005, the State of Rio de Janeiro granted Ternium Brasil a tax incentive consisting of a deferment of ICMS payable by Ternium Brasil in connection with the construction and operation of the company's Rio de Janeiro steelmaking complex. The incentive applies in respect of the acquisition of fixed assets and certain raw materials (i.e. iron ore, pellets, alloys, coke, coal and scrap) and significantly reduces input ICMS credit accumulation by Ternium Brasil. The tax incentive was granted for a period of 20 years from the commencement of the construction works for Ternium Brasil's Rio de Janeiro steel complex.

In 2012, a Brazilian political party filed a direct action of unconstitutionality against the above-mentioned State Law before the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court, predicated on the argument that, since the tax incentive granted pursuant to such State Law had not been approved by Brazil's National Council of Fiscal Policy (Conselho Nacional de Política Fazendária, or CONFAZ), such State Law should be declared unconstitutional. As of the date of these consolidated financial statements, Brazil's Federal Supreme Court has not yet ruled on the matter.

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3. ACQUISITION OF BUSINESS (continued)

In August 2017, the Brazilian Congress enacted Supplementary Law No. 160/2017, instituting a mechanism through which the States may confirm any ICMS incentives they had granted in prior years without CONFAZ approval and, in furtherance of such Supplementary Law, in December 2017 the States adopted ICMS Convention 190/2017, establishing the applicable rules and deadlines for so confirming such ICMS incentives. As per the terms of ICMS Convention 190/2017, all States are required to publish in their official gazettes, on or before March 29, 2018, a list of the ICMS incentives that are to be confirmed pursuant to Supplementary Law No. 160, and then to file all relevant documents concerning such incentives with CONFAZ on or before June 29, 2018. The States may request the postponement of such deadlines, subject to CONFAZ's approval.

As part of such confirmation process, in December 2017 the Rio de Janeiro State tax authorities requested Ternium Brasil to satisfy certain document and information requirements pertaining to its ICMS incentive and, in January 2018, Ternium Brasil filed all documents and information so requested. As of the date of these consolidated financial statements, the Rio de Janeiro State has not concluded its confirmation process and is therefore yet to publish the list of ICMS incentives that are to be confirmed pursuant to Supplementary Law No. 160.

The tax benefits accumulated under Ternium Brasil's ICMS incentive as of the acquisition date amounted to approximately USD 1,089 million. In accordance with the guidance in IFRS 3, the Company recorded as of the acquisition date a provision of USD 651.8 million (including estimated penalties and interest) in connection with this matter, together with an asset of USD 325.9 million arising from its right to recover part of the contingency amount from Thyssenkrup Veerhaven B.V. (USD 620.1 million and USD 310.0 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2017). The calculation of this contingency is provisional and has been determined taking into consideration the probability of negative outcome for the Company, if any, on an estimated total risk of USD 1,630 million (including estimated penalties and interests).

(d) Acquisition financing

The acquisition was mainly financed through an unsecured 5-year syndicated facility in the principal amount of USD 1.5 billion granted to the Company's subsidiary, Ternium Investments S.à.r.l., by a syndicate of banks.

The facility will be repaid in eight consecutive and equal semi-annual installments, commencing on March 5, 2019, and has been guaranteed by the Company's subsidiary, Ternium México, S.A. de C.V. The borrower and the guarantor are subject to certain covenants customary for transactions of this type, including limitations on liens and encumbrances, transactions with affiliates, consolidations and mergers and restrictions on investments. The guarantor is additionally subject to limitations on the sale of certain assets and compliance with a leverage ratio. There are no limitations to the payment of dividends applicable to the borrower or the guarantor, except, with respect to the borrower, upon an event of default under the facility. As of December 31, 2017, the borrower and the guarantor were in compliance with all of its covenants.

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3. ACQUISITION OF BUSINESS (continued)

(b) Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. – USIMINAS (2016)

On January 16, 2012, the Company’s wholly-owned Luxembourg subsidiary Ternium Investments S.à r.l. (“Ternium Investments”), together with the Company’s Argentine majority-owned subsidiary Ternium Argentina S.A. (“Ternium Argentina”), Ternium Argentina’s wholly-owned Uruguayan subsidiary Prosid Investments S.A. (“Prosid”), and Confab Industrial S.A., a Brazilian subsidiary of Tenaris S.A. (“TenarisConfab”), joined Usiminas’ existing control group through the acquisition of 84.7, 30.0, and 25.0 million ordinary shares, respectively. The rights and obligations of the control group members are governed by a shareholders’ agreement. As a result of these transactions, the control group, which holds ordinary shares representing the majority of Usiminas’ voting rights, is formed as follows: Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation Group (“NSSMC”, formerly Nippon Group), with 46.1% of the voting rights within the control group; T/T Group (comprising TenarisConfab, Prosid, Ternium Argentina and Ternium Investments), with 43.3%; and Previdência Usiminas (Usiminas’ employee pension fund), with the remainder 10.6%.

On October 2, 2014, Ternium Investments entered into a purchase agreement with Caixa de Previdência dos Funcionários do Banco do Brasil – PREVI for the acquisition of 51.4 million ordinary shares of Usiminas at a price of BRL 12 per share, for a total amount of BRL 616.7 million. On October 30, 2014, Ternium Investments completed the acquisition. These additional shares are not subject to the Usiminas shareholders agreement, but must be voted in accordance with the control group decisions.

Following discussions with the Staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company re-evaluated and revised the assumptions used to calculate the carrying value of the Usiminas investment at September 30, 2014 and, as a result, wrote down the carrying value of its investment in Usiminas by USD 739.8 million. As of September 30, 2014, the discount rate used to test the investment in Usiminas for impairment was 10.4%.

Usiminas’ financial statements as of December 31, 2015 described a downgraded economic scenario for the company that caused a significant impact on its financial leverage and cash generation. Consequently, Ternium, in a conservative approach, assessed the recoverable value of its investment in Usiminas based on Usiminas ordinary shares average market price for December 2015, and impaired its investment by USD 191.9 million.

On April 20, 2016, Ternium (through Ternium Investments, Ternium Argentina and Prosid) subscribed, in the aggregate, to 8.5 million preferred shares for a total subscription price of BRL 10.9 million (approximately USD 3.1 million). These preferred shares were issued on June 3, 2016.

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3. ACQUISITION OF BUSINESS (continued)

On April 18, 2016, Usiminas' extraordinary general shareholders' meeting approved an issuance of 200 million ordinary shares for an aggregate amount of BRL 1 billion and Usiminas launched a multi-round subscription process. On July 19, 2016, following the completion of the subscription process, Usiminas' extraordinary general shareholders' meeting homologated the capital increase, and Ternium (through Ternium Investments, Ternium Argentina and Prosid) was issued, in the aggregate, 76.4 million ordinary shares for a total subscription price of BRL 382.2 million (approximately USD 110.9 million). Following the issuance of these ordinary shares, Ternium (through Ternium Investments, Ternium Argentina and Prosid) owns a total of 242.6 million ordinary shares and 8.5 million preferred shares, representing 20.5% of Usiminas' capital, and the T/T Group owns 39.6% of Usiminas' ordinary shares and 1.8% of Usiminas' preferred shares. Ternium continues to hold 35.6% of Usiminas' voting rights within the control group and has a participation in Usiminas' results of 20.5%.

As of December 31, 2017, the closing price of the Usiminas ordinary and preferred shares, as quoted on the BM&F Bovespa Stock Exchange, was BRL 10,83 (approximately USD 3,27; 2016: BRL 8,26 – USD 2,53) per ordinary share and BRL 9,10 (approximately USD 2,75; 2016: BRL 4,10 – USD 1,26) per preferred share, respectively. Accordingly, as of December 31, 2017, Ternium's ownership stake had a market value of approximately USD 817.6 million (2016: USD 625.5 million) and a carrying value of USD 466.3 million (2016: USD 411.1 million).

The Company reviews periodically the recoverability of its investment in Usiminas. To determine the recoverable value, the Company estimates the value in use of the investment by calculating the present value of the expected cash flows or its fair value less costs of disposal.

Usiminas financial restructuring process (that started in April 2016 with the capital increase) was completed by the end of August 2017. The completion of this process together with the increase in the share price since June 2016 and the improvement in business conditions may lead to an increase in the value of the investment in Usiminas in future periods.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared following the same accounting policies used in the preparation of the audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The following is a summary of the principal accounting policies followed in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements:

(a) Group accounting

(1) Subsidiary companies and transactions with non-controlling interests

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Company has control. The Company controls an entity when the Company is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Company. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The Company uses the acquisition method of accounting to account for business combinations. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary is the fair values of the assets transferred, the liabilities incurred and the equity interests issued by the Company. The consideration transferred includes the fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at the fair values at the acquisition date. Indemnification assets are recognized at the same time that the Company recognizes the indemnified item and measures them on the same basis as the indemnified item, subject to the need for a valuation allowance for uncollectible amounts. The Company measures the value of a reacquired right recognized as an intangible asset on the basis of the remaining contractual term of the related contract regardless of whether market participants would consider potential contractual renewals in determining its fair value.

On an acquisition-by-acquisition basis, the Company recognizes any non-controlling interest in the acquiree at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquiree's net assets.

The excess of the consideration transferred, the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree and the acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquiree over the fair value of the Company's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If this is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired in the case of a bargain purchase, the difference is recognized directly in the income statement.

The measurement period is the earlier of the date that the acquirer receives the information that it is looking for or cannot obtain the information and one year after the acquisition date. Where the accounting for a business combination is not complete by the end of the reporting period in which the business combination occurred provisional amounts are reported.

The Company treats transactions with non-controlling interests as transactions with equity owners of the Company. For purchases from non-controlling interests, the difference between any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity.

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When the Company ceases to have control or significant influence, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value, with the change in carrying amount recognized in profit or loss. The fair value is the initial carrying amount for the purposes of subsequently accounting for the retained interest as an associate, joint venture or financial asset. In addition, any amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the group had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This may mean that amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified to profit or loss.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealized gains on transactions between group companies are eliminated. Unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group. However, the fact that the functional currency of some subsidiaries is their respective local currency, generates some financial gains (losses) arising from intercompany transactions, that are included in the consolidated income statement under Other financial expenses, net.

(2) Investments in non-consolidated companies

Associated companies are those entities in which Ternium has significant influence, but which it does not control.

Joint arrangements are understood as combinations in which there are contractual agreements by virtue of which two or more companies hold an interest in companies that undertake operations or hold assets in such a way that any financial or operating decision is subject to the unanimous consent of the partners. A joint arrangement is classed as a joint operation if the parties hold rights to its assets and have obligations in respect of its liabilities or as a joint venture if the venturers hold rights only to the investee's net assets.

Investments in non-consolidated companies (associated companies and joint ventures) are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Under this method, interests in joint ventures and associates are initially recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position at cost and adjusted thereafter to recognize the Company's share of the post-acquisition profits or losses in the income statement, and its share of post-acquisition changes in reserves recognized in reserves and in other comprehensive income in the income statement. Unrealized gains on transactions

among the Company and its non-consolidated companies are eliminated to the extent of the Company's interest in such non-consolidated companies; unrealized losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset. When the Company's share of losses in a non-consolidated company equals or exceeds its interest in such non-consolidated company, the Company does not recognize further losses unless it has incurred obligations or made payments on behalf of such non-consolidated company.

The Company's investment in associates and joint ventures includes notional goodwill identified on acquisition.

The Company determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment is impaired. If this is the case, the group calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the investment and its carrying value and recognizes the amount within "Equity on earnings (losses) of non-consolidated companies".

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(b) Foreign currency translation

(1) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Company's subsidiaries and associated companies are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). Except for the Argentine and the non-consolidated companies whose functional currencies are their local currencies, Ternium determined that the functional currency of its subsidiaries is the U.S. dollar. Although Ternium is located in Luxembourg, it operates in several countries with different currencies. The USD is the currency that best reflects the economic substance of the underlying events and circumstances relevant to Ternium as a whole.

(2) Subsidiary companies

The results and financial position of all the group entities (none of which operates in a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency, are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate of each statement of financial position;
- (ii) income and expenses for each income statement are translated at average exchange rates (unless this average is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the rate on the dates of the transactions); and
- (iii) all resulting translation differences are recognized within other comprehensive income.

In the case of a sale or other disposition of any such subsidiary, any accumulated translation differences would be recognized in the income statement as part of the gain or loss on sale.

(3) Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured.

At the end of each reporting period: (i) monetary items denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are translated using the closing rates, (ii) non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a currency other than the functional currency are translated using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions; and (iii) non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a currency other than the functional currency are translated using the exchange rates prevailing at the date when the fair value was determined.

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Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded as gains and losses from foreign exchange and included in "Other financial income (expenses), net" in the consolidated income statement, except when deferred in equity as qualifying cash flow hedges and qualifying net investment hedges. Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities such as equities held at fair value through profit or loss are recognized in profit or loss as part of the "fair value gain or loss," while translation differences on non-monetary financial assets such as equities classified as available for sale are included in the "available for sale reserve" in equity. Ternium had no such assets or liabilities for any of the periods presented.

(c) Financial instruments

Non derivative financial instruments

Non derivative financial instruments comprise investments in equity and debt securities, trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, loans and borrowings, and trade and other payables. Ternium non derivative financial instruments are classified into the following categories:

- Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss: comprises mainly cash and cash equivalents and investments in debt securities held for trading;
- Held-to-maturity instruments: measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there are USD 6.1 million and USD 14.7 million classified under this category, respectively;
- Loans and receivables: measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses;
- Available-for-sale ("AFS") financial assets: gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized within other comprehensive income ("OCI") with the exception of impairment losses, interest calculated using the effective interest method and foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary assets, which are recognized directly in profit or loss. Where the investment is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously

recognized in OCI is included in the income statement for the period. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there are no AFS amounts classified under this category, respectively;

- Other financial liabilities: measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized and derecognized on the settlement date.

Financial assets are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs, except for those financial assets classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognized on an effective yield basis.

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Impairment of financial assets

The Company assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a "loss event") and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. The Company first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists.

For loans and receivables category and for held-to-maturity investments, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognized in the consolidated income statement.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, the reversal of the previously recognized impairment loss is recognized in the consolidated income statement.

Derivative financial instruments

Information about accounting for derivative financial instruments and hedging activities is included in Note 29 "Financial Risk management" and Note 4 (y).

(d) Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings comprise mainly factories and offices. All property, plant and equipment are recognized at historical acquisition or construction cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment (if applicable), except for land, which is carried at acquisition cost less accumulated impairment (if applicable). There are no material residual values for property, plant and equipment items.

Major overhaul and rebuilding expenditures are recognized as a separate asset when future economic benefits are expected from the item, and the cost can be measured reliably.

Ordinary maintenance expenses on manufacturing properties are recorded as cost of products sold in the period in which they are incurred.

Where a tangible fixed asset comprises major components having different useful lives, these components are accounted for as separate items. Spare parts are included in property, plant and equipment.

Leases where the lessor retains a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

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Depreciation method is reviewed at each year end. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method to amortize the cost of each asset to its residual value over its estimated useful life as follows:

Land	No depreciation
Buildings and improvements	10-50 years
Production equipment	5-40 years
Vehicles, furniture and fixtures and other equipment	3-20 years

Property, plant and equipment used in mining activities are depreciated over its useful life or over the remaining life of the mine if shorter and there is no alternative use possible.

The assets' useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each year end. The re-estimation of assets useful lives by the Company did not materially affect depreciation charges in 2017, 2016 and 2015.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the corresponding carrying amounts and are included in the income statement.

If the carrying amount of an asset were greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it would be written down to its recoverable amount (see Note 4 (f) "Impairment").

Amortization charges are included in cost of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses.

(e) Intangible assets

(1) Information system projects

Generally, costs associated with developing or maintaining computer software programs are recognized as an expense as incurred. However, costs directly related to the acquisition and implementation of information systems are recognized as intangible assets if they have a probable economic benefit exceeding the cost beyond one year and comply with the recognition criteria of IAS 38.

Information system projects recognized as assets are amortized using the straight-line method over their useful lives, not exceeding a period of 3 years. Amortization charges are included in cost of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses.

(2) Mining assets

Mining assets include:

- (a) Mining licenses acquired;
- (b) Capitalized exploration and evaluation costs, reclassified from exploration and evaluation costs (see note 4 (e) 3); and
- (c) Capitalized developmental stripping costs (see note 4 (u)).

Mining licenses were recognized as separate intangible assets upon the acquisition of the investment in Mexico and comprise the right to exploit the mines and are recognized at its fair value at acquisition date less accumulated amortization.

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These mining concessions were granted for a 50-year period; following the expiration of the initial concession term, the concessions are renewable for an additional 50-year term in accordance with, and subject to the procedures set forth in, applicable Mexican mining law.

Amortization charge is calculated by using the unit-of-production method, on the basis of actual mineral extracted in each period compared to the estimated mineral reserves, and is included in cost of sales. Any change in the estimation of reserves is accounted for prospectively. The resulting amortization rate for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, is approximately 7%, 7% and 10% per year, respectively.

(3) Exploration and evaluation costs

Exploration and evaluation activities involve the search for iron ore resources, the determination of technical feasibility and the assessment of commercial viability of an identified resource.

Exploration and evaluation costs are measured at cost. Costs directly associated with exploration and evaluation activities are capitalized as intangible assets until the determination of reserves is evaluated. The costs associated to the acquisition of machinery and equipment are recognized as property, plant and equipment. If it is determined that commercial discovery has been achieved, costs incurred are reclassified into Mining assets and amortization starts once production begins.

Exploration costs are tested for impairment when there are indicators that impairment exists. Indicators of impairment include, but are not limited to:

- Rights to explore in an area have expired or will expire in the near future without renewal;
- No further exploration and evaluation is planned or budgeted;
- A decision to discontinue exploration and evaluation in an area because of the absence of commercial reserves; and
- Sufficient data exists to indicate that the book value will not be fully recovered from future development and production.

When analyzing the existence of impairment indicators, the exploration and evaluation areas from the mining cash-generating units will be evaluated.

(4) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the acquisition cost over the fair value of Ternium's participation in acquired companies' net assets at the acquisition date. Under IFRS 3, goodwill is considered to have an indefinite life and not amortized, but is subject to annual impairment testing.

Goodwill is allocated to Cash-generating units ("CGU") for the purpose of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units expected to benefit from the business combination which generated the goodwill being tested. The impairment losses on goodwill cannot be reversed.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the carrying amount of goodwill allocated to the Mexico CGUs was USD 662.3 million, of which USD 619.8 million corresponds to steel operations and USD 42.5 million to mining operations.

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(5) Research and development

Research expenditures are recognized as expenses as incurred. Development costs are recorded as cost of sales in the income statement as incurred because they do not fulfill the criteria for capitalization. Research and development expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 totaled USD 9.8 million, USD 9.2 million and USD 6.2 million, respectively.

(6) Customer relationships acquired in a business combination

In accordance with IFRS 3 and IAS 38, Ternium has recognized the value of customer relationships separately from goodwill in connection with the acquisitions of Grupo Imsa and Ternium Colombia S.A.S. (formerly Ferrasa S.A.S.). These customer relationships were amortized using the straight-line method over a useful life of approximately 10 years. As of December 31, 2017, these assets are fully amortized.

In accordance with IFRS 3 and IAS 38, Ternium has recognized the value of customer relationships in connection with the acquisition of Ternium Staal B.V. The value of the slab commitment agreement by which Ternium Investments S.à r.l. is entitled to invoice, under certain conditions, the price difference between slabs and hot rolled coils will be amortized using the units of slabs sold method.

(7) Trademarks acquired in a business combination

In accordance with IFRS 3 and IAS 38, Ternium has recognized the value of trademarks separately from goodwill in connection with the acquisitions of Grupo Imsa and Ternium Colombia S.A.S. (formerly Ferrasa S.A.S.). As of December 31, 2017, these assets are fully amortized.

Trademarks are amortized using the straight-line method over a useful life of between 5 to 10 years.

(f) Impairment

Assets that have an indefinite useful life (including goodwill) are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to amortization and investments in affiliates are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less cost to sell and the value in use.

To carry out these tests, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (each, a CGU). When evaluating long-lived assets for potential impairment, the Company estimates the recoverable amount based on the value in use of the corresponding CGU. The value in use of each CGU is determined on the basis of the present value of net future cash flows which will be generated by the assets tested.

Determining the present value of future cash flows involves highly sensitive estimates and assumptions specific to the nature of each CGU's activities, including estimates and assumptions relating to amount and timing of projected future cash flows, expected changes in market prices, expected changes in the demand of Ternium products and services, selected discount rate and selected tax rate.

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Ternium uses cash flow projections for the next five years based on past performance and expectations of market development; thereafter, it uses a perpetuity rate. Application of the discounted cash flow (DCF) method to determine the value in use of a CGU begins with a forecast of all expected future net cash flows. Variables considered in forecasts include the gross domestic product (GDP) growth rates of the country under study and their correlation with steel demand, level of steel prices and estimated raw material costs as observed in industry reports.

Cash flows are discounted at rates that reflect specific country and currency risks associated with the cash flow projections. The discount rates used are based on the weighted average cost of capital (WACC), which is considered to be a good indicator of cost of capital. As of December 31, 2017 the discount rate used to test goodwill allocated to the Steel and Mining Mexico CGUs for impairment was 11.49% (as of December 31, 2016, 10.82%).

As a result of the above factors, actual cash flows and values could vary significantly from the forecasted future cash flows and related values derived using discounting techniques. Based on the information currently available, however, Ternium believes that it is not reasonably possible that the variation would cause the carrying amount to exceed the recoverable amount of the CGUs.

Except for the impairment in connection with the investment in Usiminas in 2015 and 2014, during the years 2017, 2016 and 2015, no impairment provisions were recorded in connection with assets that have an indefinite useful life (including goodwill).

(g) Other investments

Other investments consist primarily of investments in financial debt instruments and equity investments where the Company holds a minor equity interest and does not exert significant influence.

All purchases and sales of investments are recognized on the settlement date, which is not significantly different from the trade date, which is the date that Ternium commits to purchase or sell the investment.

Income from financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss is recognized in Other financial income (expenses), net in the consolidated income statement. The fair value of quoted investments is based on current bid prices. If the market for a financial investment is not active or the securities are not listed, the Company estimates the fair value by using standard valuation techniques. Dividends from investments in equity instruments are recognized in the income statement when the Company's right to receive payments is established.

Certain fixed income financial instruments purchased by the Company have been categorized as available for sale if designated in this category or not classified in any of the other categories. The results of these financial investments are recognized in Finance Income in the Consolidated Income Statement using the effective interest method. Unrealized gains and losses other than impairment and foreign exchange results are recognized in Other comprehensive income. On maturity or disposal, net gain and losses previously deferred in Other comprehensive income are recognized in Finance Income in the Consolidated Income Statement.

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(h) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (calculated using the first-in-first-out "FIFO" method) or net realizable value. The cost of finished goods and goods in process comprises raw materials, direct labor, depreciation, other direct costs and related production overhead costs. It excludes borrowing costs. Goods acquired in transit at year end are valued at supplier's invoice cost.

The cost of iron ore produced in our mines comprises all direct costs necessary to extract and convert stockpiled inventories into raw materials, including production stripping costs, depreciation of fixed assets related to the mining activity and amortization of mining assets for those mines under production.

The Company assesses the recoverability of its inventories considering their selling prices, if the inventories are damaged, or if they have become wholly or partially obsolete (see note 4 (bb) (4)).

(i) Trade receivables and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognized initially at fair value, generally the original invoice amount. The Company analyzes its trade receivables on a regular basis and, when aware of a specific counterparty's difficulty or inability to meet its obligations, impairs any amounts due by means of a charge to an allowance for doubtful accounts. Additionally, this allowance is adjusted periodically based on the aging of receivables.

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents and highly liquid short-term securities are carried at fair market value or at a historical cost which approximates fair market value.

For purposes of the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash, bank current accounts and short-term highly liquid investments (original maturity of three months or less at date of acquisition) and overdrafts.

In the consolidated statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are included in borrowings within current liabilities.

(k) Non-current assets (disposal groups) classified as held for sale

Non-current assets (disposal groups) are classified as assets held for sale, complying with the recognition criteria of IFRS 5, and stated at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less cost to sell if their carrying amount is recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use.

The carrying value of non-current assets classified as held for sale, at December 31, 2017 and 2016 totals USD 2.8 million and USD 10.2 million, respectively, which corresponds principally to land and other real estate items. Sale is expected to be completed within a one-year period.

(l) Borrowings

Borrowings are recognized initially for an amount equal to the net proceeds received. In subsequent periods, borrowings are stated at amortized cost following the effective interest method.

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(m) Finance leases

Leases of property, plant and equipment where the Company, as lessee, has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalized at the lease's inception at the fair value of the leased property or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in other short-term and long-term payables. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to the profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the asset's useful life or over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Company will obtain ownership at the end of the lease term.

(n) Income taxes - current and deferred

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws in force in the countries in which Ternium and its subsidiaries operate. Management evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation could be subject to interpretation. A liability is recorded for tax benefits that were taken in the applicable tax return but have not been recognized for financial reporting.

Deferred income taxes are calculated using the liability method on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting, nor taxable profit or loss. The principal temporary differences arise on fixed assets, intangible assets, inventories valuation and provisions for pensions. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at year end. Under IFRS, deferred income tax assets (liabilities) are classified as non-current assets (liabilities).

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent it is probable that future taxable income will be available to offset temporary differences.

Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associated companies, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the Company and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are re-estimated if tax rates change. These amounts are charged or credited to the consolidated income statement or to the item "Other comprehensive income for the year" in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, depending on the account to which the original amount was charged or credited.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(o) Employee liabilities

(1) Post-employment obligations

The Company has defined benefit and defined contribution plans. A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that defines an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation.

The liability recognized in the statement of financial position in respect of defined benefit pension plans is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the end of the reporting period less the fair value of plan assets. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually (at year end) by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method. The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension obligation. In countries where there is no deep market in such bonds, the market rates on government bonds are used.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Past-service costs are recognized immediately in income.

For defined benefit plans, net interest income/expense is calculated based on the surplus or deficit derived by the difference between the defined benefit obligations less plan assets.

For defined contribution plans, the Company pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The Company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognized as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognized as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

Mexico

Ternium Mexico has defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

The valuation of the liabilities for the defined benefit employee retirement plans (pensions and seniority premiums) covers all employees and is based primarily on their years of service, their present age and their remuneration at the date of retirement. The cost of the employee retirement plans (pension, health-care expenses and seniority premiums) is recognized as an expense in the year in which services are rendered in accordance with actuarial studies made by independent actuaries. The formal retirement plans are congruent with and complementary to the retirement benefits established by the Mexican Institute of Social Security. Additionally, the Company has established a plan to cover health-care expenses of retired employees. The Company has established a commitment for the payment of pensions and seniority premiums, as well as for health-care expenses.

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The defined contribution plans provide a benefit equivalent to the capital accumulated with the company's contributions, which are provided as a match of employees' contributions to the plan. The plan provides vested rights according to the years of service and the cause of retirement.

Argentina

Ternium Argentina implemented an unfunded defined benefit employee retirement plan for certain senior officers. The plan is designed to provide certain benefits to those officers (additional to those contemplated under applicable Argentine labor laws) in case of termination of the employment relationship due to certain specified events, including retirement. This unfunded plan provides defined benefits based on years of service and final average salary.

(2) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date, or whenever an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Company recognizes termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either: (i) terminating the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal or (ii) providing termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy.

(3) Other compensation obligations

Employee entitlements to annual leave and long-service leave are accrued as earned.

During 2007, Ternium launched an incentive retention program (the "Program") applicable to certain senior officers and employees of the Company, who will be granted a number of Units throughout the duration of the Program. The

value of each of these Units is based on Ternium's shareholders' equity (excluding non-controlling interest). Also, the beneficiaries of the Program are entitled to receive cash amounts based on (i) the amount of dividend payments made by Ternium to its shareholders, and (ii) the number of Units held by each beneficiary to the Program. Units vest ratably over a period of four years and will be redeemed by the Company ten years after grant date, with the option of an early redemption at seven years after grant date. As the cash payment of the benefit is tied to the book value of the shares, and not to their market value, Ternium valued this long-term incentive program as a long term benefit plan as classified in IAS 19.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the outstanding liability corresponding to the Program amounts to USD 30.8 million and USD 23.4 million, respectively. The total value of the units granted to date under the program, considering the number of units and the book value per share as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, is USD 30.3 million and USD 24.1 million, respectively.

Under Mexican law, Ternium's subsidiaries are required to pay their employees an annual benefit which is determined as a percentage of taxable profit for the year.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(4) Social security contributions

Social security laws in force in the countries in which the Company operates provide for pension benefits to be paid to retired employees from government pension plans and/or private fund managed plans to which employees may elect to contribute. As stipulated by the respective laws, Ternium Argentina and Ternium Mexico make monthly contributions calculated based on each employee's salary to fund such plans. The related amounts are expensed as incurred. No additional liabilities exist once the contributions are paid.

(p) Provisions and other liabilities

Ternium has certain contingencies with respect to existing or potential claims, lawsuits and other proceedings. Unless otherwise specified, Ternium accrues a provision for a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, when it is probable that future cost could be incurred and that cost can be reasonably estimated. Generally, accruals are based on developments to date, Ternium's estimates of the outcomes of these matters and the advice of Ternium's legal advisors.

(q) Trade payables

Trade payables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

(r) Revenue recognition and other income

Revenues are recognized as sales when revenue is earned and is realized or realizable. This includes satisfying all of the following criteria: the arrangement with the customer is evident, usually through the receipt of a purchase order;

the sales price is fixed or determinable; delivery as defined by the risk transfer provision of the sales contracts has occurred, and collectability is reasonably assured. Revenues are shown net of value-added tax, returns, rebates and discounts and after eliminating sales within the group.

Interest income is recognized on an effective yield basis.

(s) Borrowing Costs

The Company capitalizes the borrowing costs incurred to finance construction, acquisition or production of qualifying assets. In the case of specific borrowings, Ternium determines the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalization as the actual borrowing costs incurred on that borrowing during the period less any investment income on the temporary investment of those borrowings. For general borrowings, Ternium determines the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalization by applying a capitalization rate to the expenditures on that asset. The capitalization rate is the weighted average of the borrowing costs applicable to the borrowings that are outstanding during the period, other than borrowings made specifically for the purpose of obtaining a qualifying asset.

The amount of borrowing costs that Ternium capitalizes during a period will not exceed the amount of borrowing costs incurred during that period. At December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, the capitalized borrowing costs are not material.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(t) Cost of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses

Cost of sales and expenses are recognized in the income statement on the accrual basis of accounting.

Commissions, freight and other selling expenses, including shipping and handling costs, are recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Income Statement.

(u) Stripping costs

Stripping costs are the costs associated with the removal of overburden and other waste materials and can be incurred before the mining production commences (“development stripping”) or during the production stage (“production stripping”).

Development stripping costs that contribute to the future economic benefits of mining operations are capitalized as intangible assets (Mining assets). Production stripping costs which are part of on-going activities are included in the cost of the inventory produced (that is extracted) at each mine during the period in which they are incurred.

Capitalization of development stripping costs finishes when the commercial production of the mine commences. At that time, all development stripping costs are presented within Mining assets and depreciated on a unit-of-production basis. It is considered that commercial production begins when the production stage of mining operations begins and continues throughout the life of a mine.

(v) Mining development costs

Mining development costs are the costs associated to the activities related to the establishment of access to the mineral reserve and other preparations for commercial production. These activities often continue during production.

Development expenditures are capitalized and classified as Work in progress. On completion of development, all assets included in Work in progress are individually reclassified to the appropriate category of property, plant and equipment and depreciated accordingly.

(w) Asset retirement obligations

Ternium records asset retirement obligations (“ARO”) initially at the fair value of the legal or constructive obligation in the period in which it is incurred and capitalizes the ARO by increasing the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment. The fair value of the obligation is determined as the discounted value of the expected future cash flows and is included in Provisions. The liability is accreted to its present value through net financing cost and the capitalized cost is depreciated based in the unit of production method.

(x) Earnings per share

Earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net income attributable to shareholders by the daily weighted average number of ordinary shares issued during the year, excluding the average number of shares of the parent Company held by the Group. There are no dilutive securities for the periods presented.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(y) Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

Ternium designates certain derivatives as hedges of a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction. These transactions are classified as cash flow hedges (mainly interest rate swaps, collars, currency forward contracts on highly probable forecast transactions and commodities contracts). The effective portion of the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognized in OCI. Amounts accumulated in OCI are recognized in the income statement in the same period as any offsetting losses and gains on the hedged item. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognized immediately in the income statement. The fair value of Ternium derivative financial instruments (asset or liability) continues to be reflected in the statement of financial position.

For transactions designated and qualifying for hedge accounting, Ternium documents the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. At December 31, 2017 and 2016, the effective portion of designated cash flow hedges (net of taxes) amounted to USD 0.7 million and USD 0.1 million, respectively, and were included under "changes in the fair value of derivatives classified as cash flow hedges" line item in the statement of comprehensive income (see Note 27 (a)).

More information about accounting for derivative financial instruments and hedging activities is included in Note 29 "Financial risk management".

(z) Treasury shares

Acquisitions of treasury shares are recorded at acquisition cost, deducted from equity until disposal. The gains and losses on disposal of treasury shares are recognized under "Reserves" in the consolidated statement of financial position.

(aa) Cash flow

The consolidated statements of cash flows have been prepared using the indirect method and contain the use of the following expressions and their respective meanings:

- a) Operating activities: activities that constitute ordinary Group revenues, as well as other activities that cannot be qualified as investing or financing.
- b) Investing activities: acquisition, sale or disposal by other means of assets in the long-term and other investments not included in cash and cash equivalents.
- c) Financing activities: activities that generate changes in the size and composition of net equity and liabilities that do not form part of operating activities.

(bb) Critical Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Management makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. Actual results may differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The principal estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

(1) Goodwill impairment test

Assessment of the recoverability of the carrying value of goodwill requires significant judgment. Management evaluates goodwill allocated to the operating units for impairment on an annual basis or whenever there is an impairment indicator.

Goodwill is tested at the level of the CGUs. Impairment testing of the CGUs is carried out and the value in use determined in accordance with the accounting policy stated in Note 4(f). The discount rates used for these tests are based on Ternium's weighted average cost of capital adjusted for specific country and currency risks associated with the cash flow projections. The discount rate used at December 31, 2017 was 11.49% and no impairment charge resulted from the impairment test performed. See notes 4(f) and 4(e)(4).

(2) Income taxes

Management calculates current and deferred income taxes according to the tax laws applicable to each subsidiary in the countries in which such subsidiaries operate. However, certain adjustments necessary to determine the income tax provision are finalized only after the balance sheet is issued. In cases in which the final tax outcome is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the income tax and deferred tax provisions in the period in which such determination is made.

Also, when assessing the recoverability of tax assets, management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies.

(3) Loss contingencies

Ternium is subject to various claims, lawsuits and other legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of business, including customer claims in which a third party is seeking reimbursement or indemnity. The Company's liability with respect to such claims, lawsuits and other legal proceedings cannot be estimated with certainty. Periodically, management reviews the status of each significant matter and assesses potential financial exposure. If the potential loss from the claim or proceeding is considered probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated, a liability is recorded. Management estimates the amount of such liability based on the information available and the assumptions and methods it has concluded are appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of IFRS. Accruals for such contingencies reflect a reasonable estimate of the losses to be incurred based on information available, including the relevant litigation or settlement strategy, as of the date of preparation of these financial statements. As additional information becomes available, management will reassess its evaluation of the pending claims, lawsuits and other proceedings and revise its estimates. The loss contingencies provision amounts to USD 768.5 million and USD 7.0 million as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

(4) Allowance for obsolescence of supplies and spare parts and slow-moving inventory

Management assesses the recoverability of its inventories considering their selling prices or whether they are damaged or have become wholly or partly obsolete.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the costs of completion and selling expenses.

The Company establishes an allowance for obsolete or slow-moving inventory in connection with finished goods and goods in process. The allowance for slow-moving inventory is recognized for finished goods and goods in process based on management's analysis of their aging. In connection with supplies and spare parts, the calculation is based on management's analysis of their aging, the capacity of such materials to be used based on their levels of preservation and maintenance, and their potential obsolescence due to technological change.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company recorded no allowance for net realizable value and USD 36.2 million and USD 33.4 million, respectively, as allowance for obsolescence.

(5) Useful Lives and Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment and Other Long-lived Assets

In determining useful lives, management considered, among others, the following factors: age, operating condition and level of usage and maintenance. Management conducted visual inspections for the purpose of (i) determining whether the current conditions of such assets are consistent with normal conditions of assets of similar age; (ii) confirming that the operating conditions and levels of usage of such assets are adequate and consistent with their design; (iii) establishing obsolescence levels and (iv) estimating life expectancy, all of which were used in determining useful lives. Management believes, however, that it is possible that the periods of economic utilization of property, plant and equipment may be different than the useful lives so determined. Furthermore, management believes that this accounting policy involves a critical accounting estimate because it is subject to change from period to period as a result of variations in economic conditions and business performance.

When assessing whether an impairment indicator may exist, the Company evaluates both internal and external sources of information, such as the following:

- whether significant changes with an adverse effect on the entity have taken place during the period, or will take place in the near future, in the technological, market, economic or legal environment in which the entity operates or in the market to which an asset is dedicated;
- whether market interest rates or other market rates of return on investments have increased during the period, and those increases are likely to affect the discount rate used in calculating an asset's value in use and decrease the asset's recoverable amount materially;
- whether the carrying amount of the net assets of the entity is more than its market capitalization;
- whether evidence is available of obsolescence or physical damage of an asset.
- whether significant changes with an adverse effect on the entity have taken place during the period, or are expected to take place in the near future, in the extent to which, or manner in which, an asset is used or is expected to be used. These changes include the asset becoming idle, plans to discontinue or restructure the operation to which an asset belongs, plans to dispose of an asset before the previously expected date, and reassessing the useful life of an asset as finite rather than indefinite; and
- whether evidence is available from internal reporting that indicates that the economic performance of an asset is, or will be, worse than expected.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Considering that no impairment indicators were identified as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company only tested the value of the goodwill for impairment, resulting in no impairment charges to be recognized.

(6) Allowances for doubtful accounts

Management makes estimates of the uncollectibility of our accounts receivable. Management analyses the trade accounts receivable on a regular basis and, when aware of a third party's inability to meet its financial commitments to the Company, management impairs the amount due by means of a charge to the allowance for doubtful accounts. Management specifically analyses accounts receivable and historical bad debts, customer creditworthiness, current economic trends and changes in customer payment terms when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts.

Allowances for doubtful accounts are adjusted periodically in accordance with the aging of overdue accounts. For this purpose, trade accounts receivable overdue by more than 90 days, and which are not covered by a credit collateral, guarantee or similar surety, are fully provisioned. As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, allowance for doubtful accounts totals USD 16.5 million and USD 6.0 million, respectively.

(7) Mining reserve estimates

Reserves are estimates of the amount of product that can be economically and legally extracted from the Company's mining concessions. In order to estimate reserves, a range of geological, technical and economic factors is required to be considered. Estimating the quantity and/or grade of reserves requires complex and difficult geological judgments to interpret the data. Because the economic assumptions used to estimate reserves change from period to period, and because additional geological data is generated during the course of operations, estimates of reserves may change from period to period.

Changes in reported reserves may affect the Company's financial results and financial position, including the following:

- Asset carrying amounts may be affected due to changes in estimated future cash flows.
- Depreciation and amortization charges may change where such charges are determined by the units of production basis, or where the useful economic lives of assets change.
- Stripping costs recognized in Mining assets or charged to results may change due to changes in stripping ratios or the units of production basis of depreciation.
- Asset retirement obligations may change where changes in estimated reserves affect expectations about the timing or cost of these activities.

(8) Post-employment obligation estimates

The Company estimates at each year-end the provision necessary to meet its post-employment obligations in accordance with the advice from independent actuaries. The calculation of post-employment and other employee obligations requires the application of various assumptions. The main assumptions for post-employment and other employee obligations include discount rates, compensation growth rates, pension growth rates and life expectancy. Changes in the assumptions could give rise to adjustments in the results and liabilities recorded and might have an impact on the post-employment and other employee obligations recognized in the future.

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4. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(9) Business combinations

The recognition of business combinations requires the excess of the purchase price of acquisitions over the net book value of assets acquired to be allocated to the assets and liabilities of the acquired entity. The Company makes judgments and estimates in relation to the fair value allocation of the purchase price. If any unallocated portion is positive, it is recognized as goodwill, and if negative, it is recognized in the income statement. See further information in note 3 (a).

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION

REPORTABLE OPERATING SEGMENTS

The Company is organized in two reportable segments: Steel and Mining.

The Steel segment includes the sales of steel products, which comprises slabs, hot rolled coils and sheets, cold rolled coils and sheets, tin plate, welded pipes, hot dipped galvanized and electro-galvanized sheets, pre-painted sheets, billets (steel in its basic, semi-finished state), wire rod and bars and other tailor-made products to serve its customers' requirements. It also includes the sales of energy.

The Steel segment comprises three operating segments: Mexico, Southern Region and Other markets. These three segments have been aggregated considering the economic characteristics and financial effects of each business activity in which the entity engages; the related economic environment in which it operates; the type or class of customer for the products; the nature of the products; and the production processes. The Mexico operating segment comprises the Company's businesses in Mexico. The Southern region operating segment manages the businesses in Argentina, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia and Uruguay. The Other markets operating segment includes businesses mainly in Brazil, United States, Colombia, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

The Mining segment includes the sales of mining products, mainly iron ore and pellets, and comprises the mining activities of Las Encinas, an iron ore mining company in which Ternium holds a 100% equity interest and the 50% of the operations and results performed by Peña Colorada, another iron ore mining company in which Ternium maintains that same percentage over its equity interest. Both mining operations are located in Mexico. For Peña Colorada, the Company recognizes its assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses in relation to its interest in the joint operation.

Ternium's Chief Operating Decision Maker (CEO) holds monthly meetings with senior management, in which operating and financial performance information is reviewed, including financial information that differs from IFRS principally as follows:

- The use of direct cost methodology to calculate the inventories, while under IFRS is at full cost, including absorption of production overheads and depreciation.

- The use of costs based on previously internally defined cost estimates, while, under IFRS, costs are calculated at historical cost (with the FIFO method).

- Other timing and non-significant differences.

Most information on segment assets is not disclosed as it is not reviewed by the CODM.

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

	Year ended December 31, 2017			Total
	Steel	Mining	Inter-segment eliminations	
IFRS				
Net sales	9,700,260	271,477	(271,441)	9,700,296
Cost of sales	(7,465,751)	(212,860)	275,586	(7,403,025)
Gross profit	2,234,509	58,617	4,145	2,297,271
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(811,487)	(12,760)	-	(824,247)
Other operating income, net	(17,011)	771	-	(16,240)
Operating income - IFRS	1,406,011	46,628	4,145	1,456,784
Management view				
Net sales	9,700,260	287,152	(287,116)	9,700,296
Operating income	1,065,605	66,694	(1,291)	1,131,008
Reconciliation items:				
Differences in Cost of sales				325,776
Operating income - IFRS				1,456,784
Financial income (expense), net				(165,090)
Equity in (losses) earnings of non-consolidated companies				68,115
Income before income tax expense - IFRS				1,359,809
Depreciation and amortization - IFRS	(424,529)	(49,770)	-	(474,299)
Year ended December 31, 2016				
	Steel	Mining	Inter-segment eliminations	Total
IFRS				
Net sales	7,221,751	204,894	(202,670)	7,223,975
Cost of sales	(5,391,038)	(192,038)	198,686	(5,384,390)
Gross profit	1,830,713	12,856	(3,984)	1,839,585

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Selling, general and administrative expenses	(677,007)	(10,935)	-	(687,942)
Other operating income, net	(9,543)	(382)	-	(9,925)
Operating income - IFRS	1,144,163	1,539	(3,984)	1,141,718
Management view				
Net sales	7,221,751	208,230	(206,006)	7,223,975
Operating income	936,164	3,871	269	940,303
Reconciliation items:				
Differences in Cost of sales				201,415
Operating income - IFRS				1,141,718
Financial income (expense), net				(37,885)
Equity in (losses) earnings of non-consolidated companies				14,624
Income before income tax expense - IFRS				1,118,457
Depreciation and amortization - IFRS	(361,685)	(45,205)	-	(406,890)

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)

	Year ended December 31, 2015			Total
	Steel	Mining	Inter-segment eliminations	
IFRS				
Net sales	7,875,161	203,105	(200,817)	7,877,449
Cost of sales	(6,456,584)	(214,651)	193,963	(6,477,272)
Gross profit	1,418,577	(11,546)	(6,854)	1,400,177
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(757,078)	(13,214)	-	(770,292)
Other operating income, net	9,151	303	-	9,454
Operating income - IFRS	670,650	(24,457)	(6,854)	639,339
Management view				
Net sales	7,875,161	216,095	(213,807)	7,877,449
Operating income	1,012,282	(3,490)	(640)	1,008,152
Reconciliation items:				
Differences in Cost of sales				(368,813)
Operating income - IFRS				639,339
Financial income (expense), net				(99,430)
Equity in (losses) earnings of non-consolidated companies				(272,810)
Income before income tax expense - IFRS				267,099
Depreciation and amortization - IFRS	(384,380)	(49,408)	-	(433,788)

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The Company has revenues attributable to the Company's country of incorporation (Luxembourg) related to a contract acquired as a part of the business combination disclosed in note 3 (a).

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For purposes of reporting geographical information, net sales are allocated based on the customer's location. Allocation of depreciation and amortization is based on the geographical location of the underlying assets.

	Mexico	Year ended December 31, 2017		Total
		Southern region	Other markets (2)	
Net sales	5,629,267	2,316,444	1,754,585	9,700,296
Non-current assets (1)	4,042,914	643,411	1,756,007	6,442,332

	Mexico	Year ended December 31, 2016		Total
		Southern region	Other markets	
Net sales	4,491,761	1,867,622	864,592	7,223,975
Non-current assets (1)	4,108,539	634,048	235,947	4,978,534

	Mexico	Year ended December 31, 2015		Total
		Southern region	Other markets	
Net sales	4,395,273	2,572,723	909,453	7,877,449
Non-current assets (1)	4,166,148	682,705	246,919	5,095,772

(1) Includes Property, plant and equipment and Intangible assets

(2) Includes the assets related to the business acquisition disclosed in note 3 (a).

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5. SEGMENT INFORMATION (continued)**REVENUES BY PRODUCT**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Semi-finished (1)	123,752	19,878	88,264
Slabs	715,513	-	-
Hot rolled (2)	3,366,697	2,763,403	3,049,433
Cold rolled	1,321,663	1,110,671	1,176,019
Coated (3)	3,391,328	2,900,009	3,004,700
Roll-formed and tubular (4)	472,253	413,991	509,034
Other products (5)	309,090	16,023	49,999
TOTAL SALES	9,700,296	7,223,975	7,877,449

(1) Semi-finished includes billets and round bars.

(2) Hot rolled includes hot rolled flat products, merchant bars, reinforcing bars, stirrups and rods.

(3) Coated includes tin plate and galvanized products.

(4) Roll-formed and tubular includes tubes, beams, insulated panels, roofing and cladding, roof tiles, steel decks and pre-engineered metal building systems.

(5) Other products include mainly sales of energy and pig iron.

6. COST OF SALES

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015

Inventories at the beginning of the year	1,647,869	1,579,120	2,134,034
Acquisition of business (Note 3)	400,047	-	-
Translation differences	(97,148)	(82,515)	(204,512)
Plus: Charges for the year			
Raw materials and consumables used and other movements	6,337,283	4,060,783	4,548,219
Services and fees	110,949	77,698	86,874
Labor cost	673,821	560,513	599,989
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	348,415	314,649	335,302
Amortization of intangible assets	35,275	40,225	48,442
Maintenance expenses	480,496	457,734	507,895
Office expenses	7,350	7,112	6,683
Insurance	7,968	8,432	9,435
(Recovery) Charge of obsolescence allowance	(4,028)	4,600	(4,816)
Recovery from sales of scrap and by-products	(25,973)	(21,010)	(31,096)
Others	31,631	24,918	19,943
Less: Inventories at the end of the year	(2,550,930)	(1,647,869)	(1,579,120)
Cost of Sales	7,403,025	5,384,390	6,477,272

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7. SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Services and fees (1)	86,990	65,965	69,434
Labor cost	229,529	193,118	214,352
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	12,345	13,589	13,761
Amortization of intangible assets	78,264	38,427	36,283
Maintenance and expenses	5,038	3,092	4,957
Taxes	98,786	90,166	130,061
Office expenses	35,922	36,223	40,487
Freight and transportation	259,898	234,801	246,762
(Decrease) Increase of allowance for doubtful accounts	685	288	(824)
Others	16,790	12,273	15,019
Selling, general and administrative expenses	824,247	687,942	770,292

(1) For the year ended December 31, 2017, it includes fees accrued for professional services rendered by PwC to Ternium S.A. and its subsidiaries that amounted to USD 3,501, including USD 2,863 for audit services, USD 91 for audit-related services, USD 229 for tax services and USD 318 for all other services.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, it includes fees accrued for professional services rendered by PwC to Ternium S.A. and its subsidiaries that amounted to USD 3,385, including USD 2,869 for audit services, USD 99 for audit-related services, USD 251 for tax services and USD 166 for all other services.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, it includes fees accrued for professional services rendered by PwC to Ternium S.A. and its subsidiaries that amounted to USD 3,888, including USD 3,535 for audit services, USD 114 for audit-related services, USD 217 for tax services and USD 22 for all other services.

8. LABOR COSTS (Included Cost of sales and Selling, General and Administrative expenses)

		Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015	
Wages, salaries and social security costs	849,354	698,825	754,063	
Termination benefits	25,783	27,048	30,888	
Post-employment benefits (Note 21 (i))	28,213	27,758	29,390	
Labor costs	903,350	753,631	814,341	

As of December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, the quantity of employees was 21,335, 16,725 and 16,739, respectively.

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9. OTHER OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES), NET

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Results of sundry assets	1,190	1,270	2,009
Other operating income	-	-	10,625
Other operating income	1,190	1,270	12,634
Provision for legal claims and other matters (Note 19 and 25 (ii))	(2,783)	(1,678)	(3,180)
Other operating expense	(14,647)	(9,517)	-
Other operating expense	(17,430)	(11,195)	(3,180)
Other operating (expenses) income, net	(16,240)	(9,925)	9,454

10. OTHER FINANCIAL INCOME (EXPENSES), NET

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Interest expense	(114,583)	(89,971)	(89,489)
Finance expense	(114,583)	(89,971)	(89,489)
Interest income	19,408	14,129	7,981
Finance income	19,408	14,129	7,981
Net foreign exchange (loss) gain	(65,479)	20,334	(5,181)
Change in fair value of financial assets	(1,057)	7,663	(8,143)
Derivative contract results	4,132	11,614	(2,058)

Others	(7,511)	(1,654)	(2,540)
Other financial income (expenses), net	(69,915)	37,957	(17,922)

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11. INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Income tax expense for each of the years presented is as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Current tax	(450,384)	(394,045)	(234,040)
Deferred tax (Note 20)			
Deferred tax	106,047	(16,821)	19,463
Effect of changes in tax law on deferred income tax (1)	7,455	2,028	3,080
Withholding tax on dividend distributions (2)	-	(2,690)	4,177
Income tax expense	(336,882)	(411,528)	(207,320)

(1) For 2017, it includes mainly the effects of the Argentine tax reform, which became effective starting January 1, 2018, including a reduction in the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 30% during the first two years (i.e., fiscal years starting on or after January 1, 2018 until December 31, 2019, inclusive) and to 25% going forward. Also, a one-time tax on an asset revaluation for tax purposes was approved. As of the date of these consolidated financial statements, the law has not yet been regulated and the tax authorities have not issued the regulations that establish the operative aspects that will allow the payment of the special tax. The Company is evaluating the exercise of the option, which could be exercised only when the law is regulated.

It also includes the effects of the US tax reform, which among other provisions, reduced the US corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%, effective January 1, 2018. This required a revaluation of the deferred tax assets and liabilities and certain current tax payables to the newly enacted tax rates at the date of enactment. Consequently, the Company has recorded a net adjustment to deferred income tax benefit of USD 5.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017.

For 2016, it includes mainly the effects of the Colombian tax rate reform which introduced an increase from 39% to 40% in 2016, 42% in 2017 and 43% in 2018 and of the Mexican mining tax. For 2015, it includes mainly the effects of the Mexican mining tax.

(2) It includes the 10% withholding tax on dividend distributions made by Argentine companies to foreign beneficiaries since 2013.

Income tax expense for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015 differed from the amount computed by applying the statutory income tax rate in force in each country in which the company operates to pre-tax income as a

result of the following:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
Income before income tax	1,359,809	1,118,457	267,099
Income tax expense at statutory tax rate	(387,666)	(324,592)	(135,974)
Non taxable income	16,232	606	4,980
Non deductible expenses	(24,070)	(5,838)	(19,408)
Effect of currency translation on tax base (1)	51,167	(81,042)	(64,175)
Withholding tax on dividend distributions	-	(2,690)	4,177
Effect of changes in tax law	7,455	2,028	3,080
Income tax expense	(336,882)	(411,528)	(207,320)

(1)Ternium applies the liability method to recognize deferred income tax on temporary differences between the tax bases of assets and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. By application of this method, Ternium recognizes gains and losses on deferred income tax due to the effect of the change in the value on the tax basis in subsidiaries, which have a functional currency different to their local currency, mainly Mexico.

Tax rates used to perform the reconciliation between tax expense (income) and accounting profit are those in effect at each relevant date or period in each applicable jurisdiction.

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12. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET

	Year ended December 31, 2017						Total
	Land	Buildings and improvements	Production equipment	Vehicles, furniture and fixtures	Work in progress	Spare parts	
Values at the beginning of the year							
Cost	528,991	1,590,063	4,238,201	165,590	337,814	82,652	6,943,311
Accumulated depreciation	-	(538,548)	(2,146,874)	(121,912)	-	-	(2,807,334)
Net book value at January 1, 2017	528,991	1,051,515	2,091,327	43,678	337,814	82,652	4,135,977
Opening net book value	528,991	1,051,515	2,091,327	43,678	337,814	82,652	4,135,977
Translation differences	(677)	(45,808)	(42,248)	(1,188)	(13,982)	(3,697)	(107,600)
Acquisition of business (note 3)	32,187	505,339	602,654	4,102	80,878	31,878	1,257,038
Additions	2,778	9,385	84,035	2,307	341,575	16,274	456,354
Capitalized borrowing costs	-	-	-	-	563	-	563
Disposals / Consumptions	(1,139)	(14,776)	(167)	(922)	(612)	(14,063)	(31,679)
Transfers	(98)	101,661	174,321	13,501	(290,215)	690	(140)
Depreciation charge	-	(73,880)	(269,272)	(13,898)	-	(3,710)	(360,760)
Closing net book value	562,042	1,533,436	2,640,650	47,580	456,021	110,024	5,349,753
Values at the end of the year							
Cost	562,042	2,096,959	4,927,478	151,883	456,021	113,188	8,307,571
Accumulated depreciation	-	(563,523)	(2,286,828)	(104,303)	-	(3,164)	(2,957,818)
	562,042	1,533,436	2,640,650	47,580	456,021	110,024	5,349,753

**Net book value at
December 31, 2017**

	Year ended December 31, 2016						
	Land	Buildings and improvements	Production equipment	Vehicles, furniture and fixtures	Work in progress	Spare parts	Total
Values at the beginning of the year							
Cost	528,435	1,505,296	4,066,687	95,202	456,132	87,858	6,739,610
Accumulated depreciation	-	(500,464)	(1,950,353)	(70,437)	-	(10,790)	(2,532,044)
Net book value at January 1, 2016	528,435	1,004,832	2,116,334	24,765	456,132	77,068	4,207,566
Opening net book value	528,435	1,004,832	2,116,334	24,765	456,132	77,068	4,207,566
Translation differences	(1,429)	(50,903)	(38,985)	(1,516)	(29,336)	(4,809)	(126,978)
Additions	611	8,161	1,539	5,908	371,575	19,075	406,869
Capitalized borrowing costs	-	-	-	-	1,759	-	1,759
Disposals / Consumptions	(1,217)	(2,048)	(265)	(1,234)	(660)	(16,232)	(21,656)
Transfers	2,591	157,454	266,704	30,617	(461,656)	945	(3,345)
Depreciation charge	-	(65,981)	(254,000)	(14,862)	-	6,605	(328,238)
Closing net book value	528,991	1,051,515	2,091,327	43,678	337,814	82,652	4,135,977
Values at the end of the year							
Cost	528,991	1,590,063	4,238,201	165,590	337,814	82,652	6,943,311
Accumulated depreciation	-	(538,548)	(2,146,874)	(121,912)	-	-	(2,807,334)
Net book value at December 31, 2016	528,991	1,051,515	2,091,327	43,678	337,814	82,652	4,135,977

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13. INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET

	Year ended December 31, 2017						Total
	Information system projects	Mining assets	Exploration and evaluation costs	Customer relationships and other contractual rights	Trademarks	Goodwill	
Values at the beginning of the year							
Cost	215,662	202,931	5,689	298,475	73,665	662,307	1,458,729
Accumulated depreciation	(164,203)	(106,424)	-	(272,923)	(72,622)	-	(616,172)
Net book value at January 1, 2017	51,459	96,507	5,689	25,552	1,043	662,307	842,557
Opening net book value	51,459	96,507	5,689	25,552	1,043	662,307	842,557
Translation differences	(1,730)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,730)
Acquisition of business (note 3)	2,731	-	-	314,177	-	-	316,908
Additions	35,867	8,076	9,829	-	-	-	53,772
Disposals / Consumptions	(32)	-	-	-	-	-	(32)
Transfers	(512)	5,185	(5,185)	(4,845)	-	-	(5,357)
Depreciation charge	(26,874)	(15,431)	-	(70,191)	(1,043)	-	(113,539)
Closing net book value	60,909	94,337	10,333	264,693	-	662,307	1,092,579
Values at the end of the year							
Cost	249,379	216,196	10,333	604,931	73,935	662,307	1,817,081
Accumulated depreciation	(188,470)	(121,859)	-	(340,238)	(73,935)	-	(724,502)
Net book value at December 31, 2017	60,909	94,337	10,333	264,693	-	662,307	1,092,579

Year ended December 31, 2016

	Information system projects	Mining assets	Exploration and evaluation costs	Customer relationships and other contractual rights	Trademarks	Goodwill	Total
Values at the beginning of the year							
Cost	201,815	188,813	5,294	298,475	73,665	662,307	1,430,369
Accumulated depreciation	(135,072)	(92,557)	-	(243,312)	(71,222)	-	(542,163)
Net book value at January 1, 2016	66,743	96,256	5,294	55,163	2,443	662,307	888,206
Opening net book value	66,743	96,256	5,294	55,163	2,443	662,307	888,206
Translation differences	(1,216)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,216)
Additions	19,775	14,118	398	-	-	-	34,291
Disposals / Consumptions	(69)	-	(3)	-	-	-	(72)
Depreciation charge	(33,774)	(13,867)	-	(29,611)	(1,400)	-	(78,652)
Closing net book value	51,459	96,507	5,689	25,552	1,043	662,307	842,557
Values at the end of the year							
Cost	215,662	202,931	5,689	298,475	73,665	662,307	1,458,729
Accumulated depreciation	(164,203)	(106,424)	-	(272,923)	(72,622)	-	(616,172)
Net book value at December 31, 2016	51,459	96,507	5,689	25,552	1,043	662,307	842,557

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14. INVESTMENTS IN NON-CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
At the beginning of the year	418,379	250,412
Equity in earnings (losses) of non-consolidated companies	68,115	14,624
Other comprehensive income	(4,786)	39,077
Acquisition of additional shares (note 3)	-	114,449
Dividends from non-consolidated companies	(3,360)	(183)
At the end of the year	478,348	418,379

The principal investments in non-consolidated companies, all of which are unlisted, except for Usiminas, are:

Company	Country of incorporation	Main activity	Voting rights at		Value at	
			December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. - USIMINAS	Brazil	Manufacturing and selling of steel products	34.39%	34.39%	466,299	411,134
Techgen S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	Provision of electric power	48.00%	48.00%	6,862	3,444
Other non-consolidated companies (1)					5,187	3,801
					478,348	418,379

(1) It includes the investment held in Finma S.A.I.F., Arhsa S.A., Techinst S.A., Recrotek S.R.L. de C.V. and Gas Industrial de Monterrey S.A. de C.V.

(a) Usinas Siderurgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. – USIMINAS

Usiminas is a Brazilian producer of high quality flat steel products used in the energy, automotive and other industries.

As of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the value of the investment in Usiminas is comprised as follows:

Value of investment	As of December 31, 2017	As of December 31, 2016
At the beginning of the year	411,134	239,960
Share of results (1)	63,030	16,832
Other comprehensive income	(4,570)	39,893
Dividends	(3,295)	-
Acquisition of additional shares (note 3)	-	114,449
At the end of the year	466,299	411,134

(1) It includes the adjustment of the values associated to the purchase price allocation.

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14. INVESTMENTS IN NON-CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES (continued)

The investment in Usiminas is based in the following calculation:

Usiminas' shareholders' equity	4,164,086
Percentage of interest of the Company over shareholders' equity	20.47%
Interest of the Company over shareholders' equity	852,263
Purchase price allocation	78,688
Goodwill	314,218
Impairment	(778,870)
Total Investment in Usiminas	466,299

On February 8, 2018, Usiminas approved its annual accounts as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, which state that revenues, net profit from continuing operations and shareholders' equity amounted to USD 3,368 million, USD 100 million and USD 4,164 million, respectively.

Summarized balance sheet (in million USD)	USIMINAS	
	As of December 31, 2017	As of December 31, 2016
Assets		
Non-current	5,662	6,086
Current	1,494	1,277
Other current investments	164	472
Cash and cash equivalents	535	221
Total Assets	7,855	8,056
Liabilities		
Non-current	637	753
Non-current borrowings	1,707	2,104
Current	622	517
Current borrowings	299	21
Total Liabilities	3,265	3,395
Non-controlling interest	426	508
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Shareholders' equity	4,164	4,153
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Summarized income statement (in million USD)	USIMINAS	
	Year ended December 31, 2017	Year ended December 31, 2016
Net sales	3,368	2,443
Cost of sales	(2,854)	(2,292)
Gross Profit	514	151
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(206)	(180)
Other operating income (loss), net	(78)	(61)
Operating income	230	(90)
Financial expenses, net	(145)	(17)
Equity in earnings of associated companies	49	40
Profit (Loss) before income tax	134	(67)
Income tax benefit	(34)	(99)
Net profit (loss) before non-controlling interest	100	(166)
Non-controlling interest in other subsidiaries	(26)	(28)
Net profit (loss) for the year	74	(194)

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14. INVESTMENTS IN NON-CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES (continued)*(b) Techgen S.A. de C.V.*

Techgen is a Mexican natural gas-fired combined cycle electric power plant in the Pesquería area of the State of Nuevo León, Mexico. The company started producing energy on December 1st, 2016 and is fully operational. As of February 2017, Ternium, Tenaris, and Tecpetrol International S.A. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of San Faustin S.A., the controlling shareholder of both Ternium and Tenaris) completed their investments in Techgen. Techgen is currently owned 48% by Ternium, 30% by Tecpetrol and 22% by Tenaris. Ternium and Tenaris also agreed to enter into power supply and transportation agreements with Techgen, pursuant to which Ternium and Tenaris will contract 78% and 22%, respectively, of Techgen's power capacity of 900 megawatts. During 2017 and 2016, Techgen's shareholders made additional investments in Techgen, in the form of subordinated loans, which in the case of Ternium amounted to USD 23.9 million and USD 92.5 million, respectively, which are due in June 2020 .

For commitments from Ternium in connection with Techgen, see note 25.

15. RECEIVABLES, NET – NON CURRENT AND CURRENT

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
Receivables with related parties (Notes 26 and 14 (b))	126,859	103,525
Employee advances and loans	4,171	3,888
Advances to suppliers for the purchase of property, plant and equipment	27,734	7,077
Advances to suppliers for the purchase of property, plant and equipment with related parties (Note 26)	3,252	283
Tax credits (1)	202,853	17,371
Others (1)	312,430	436
Receivables, net – Non-current	677,299	132,580
	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016

Value added tax	149,021	13,027
Tax credits	77,887	32,430
Employee advances and loans	6,429	6,645
Advances to suppliers	44,239	3,223
Advances to suppliers with related parties (Note 26)	3	-
Expenses paid in advance	13,244	9,148
Government tax refunds on exports	32,522	2,599
Receivables with related parties (Note 26)	29,190	709
Others	9,638	12,039
Receivables, net – Current	362,173	79,820

(1) The increase in tax credits and other receivables corresponds mainly to the business acquisition included in note 3 (a).

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16. TRADE RECEIVABLES, NET – NON CURRENT AND CURRENT

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
Trade receivables	4,832	1,270
Trade receivables, net – Non-current	4,832	1,270
Current accounts	926,310	633,622
Trade receivables with related parties (Note 26)	96,831	6,142
Allowance for doubtful accounts (Note 19)	(16,543)	(6,019)
Trade receivables, net - Current	1,006,598	633,745

Trade receivables, net as of December 31, 2017

	Total	Fully performing	Past due
Guaranteed	412,036	366,902	45,134
Not guaranteed	615,937	543,791	72,146
Trade receivables	1,027,973	910,693	117,280
Allowance for doubtful accounts (Note 19)	(16,543)	-	(16,543)
Trade receivables, net	1,011,430	910,693	100,737

Trade receivables, net as of December 31, 2016

	Total	Fully performing	Past due
Guaranteed	343,338	309,730	33,608
Not guaranteed	297,696	262,165	35,531
Trade receivables	641,034	571,895	69,139
Allowance for doubtful accounts (Note 19)	(6,019)	-	(6,019)
Trade receivables, net	635,015	571,895	63,120

17. INVENTORIES, NET

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
Raw materials, materials and spare parts	616,870	401,481
Goods in process	1,251,779	811,378
Finished goods	423,372	281,770
Goods in transit	295,106	186,673
Obsolescence allowance (Note 19)	(36,197)	(33,433)
Inventories, net	2,550,930	1,647,869

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18. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND OTHER INVESTMENTS – NON CURRENT AND CURRENT

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
Investments in companies under cost method	252	-
Investments in debt instruments	3,128	5,998
Other investments, net – Non-current	3,380	5,998

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
(i) Other investments		
Other deposits with maturity of more than three months	132,736	144,853
Other investments - Current	132,736	144,853
(ii) Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and banks	100,739	70,711
Restricted cash	50	83
Short-term bank deposits	229,239	70,760
Other deposits with maturity of less than three months	7,751	41,909
Cash and cash equivalents	337,779	183,463

19. ALLOWANCES AND PROVISIONS – NON CURRENT AND CURRENT

Provisions and allowances - Non current	Liabilities Legal claims and other matters	Liabilities Asset retirement obligation
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Year ended December 31, 2017

Values at the beginning of the year	6,950	18,301
Translation differences	(39,757)	853
Acquisition of business (note 3)	799,938	-
Additions	3,112	8,675
Reversals	(329)	-
Uses	(1,397)	-
At December 31, 2017	768,517	27,829
Year ended December 31, 2016		
Values at the beginning of the year	8,142	18,273
Translation differences	(1,290)	(3,102)
Additions	2,757	3,130
Reversals	(1,079)	-
Uses	(1,580)	-
At December 31, 2016	6,950	18,301

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19. ALLOWANCES AND PROVISIONS – NON CURRENT AND CURRENT (continued)

Provisions and allowances - Current	Deducted from assets	Liabilities	
	Allowance	Asset	
	for doubtful	retirement	
	accounts	obligation	
	Obsolence		
	allowance		
Year ended December 31, 2017			
Values at the beginning of the year	6,019	33,433	4,262
Translation differences	(504)	(860)	246
Acquisition of business (note 3)	10,822	12,385	-
Additions	1,365	9,959	443
Reversals	(680)	(13,987)	-
Uses	(479)	(4,733)	(2,292)
At December 31, 2017	16,543	36,197	2,659
Year ended December 31, 2016			
Values at the beginning of the year	7,585	32,445	1,132
Translation differences	(656)	(900)	(276)
Additions	2,574	16,616	4,031
Reversals	(2,286)	(12,016)	-
Uses	(1,198)	(2,712)	(625)
At December 31, 2016	6,019	33,433	4,262

20. DEFERRED INCOME TAX

Deferred income taxes are calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using the tax rate of the applicable country.

Changes in deferred income tax are as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
At the beginning of the year	(523,209)	(511,456)
Acquisition of business (note 3)	13,686	-
Translation differences	(1,052)	3,351
Effect of changes in tax law (note 11)	7,455	2,028
Withholding tax on dividend distributions (note 11)	-	(2,690)
Credits (Charges) directly to other comprehensive income	4,808	2,379
Deferred tax (charge) credit (note 11)	106,047	(16,821)
At the end of the year	(392,265)	(523,209)

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20. DEFERRED INCOME TAX (continued)

The changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities (prior to offsetting the balances within the same tax jurisdiction) during the year are as follows:

Deferred tax liabilities	PP&E	Inventories	Intangible assets	Other	Total at December 31, 2017
At the beginning of the year	(625,963)	(48,637)	(28,050)	(3,050)	(705,700)
Translation differences	6,907	(215)	67	(29)	6,730
Credits (Charges) directly to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(108)	(108)
Withholding tax on dividend distributions	-	-	-	-	-
Effect of changes in tax law	17,293	185	352	11	17,841
Income statement credit (charge)	61,924	(8,339)	8,939	1,120	63,644
At the end of the year	(539,839)	(57,006)	(18,692)	(2,056)	(617,593)
Deferred tax assets	Provisions	Trade receivables	Tax losses (1)	Other	Total at December 31, 2017
At the beginning of the year	53,188	7,488	56,297	65,518	182,491
Translation differences	(501)	(273)	-	(7,008)	(7,782)
Acquisition of business (note 3)	-	-	-	13,686	13,686
Credits (Charges) directly to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	4,916	4,916
Effect of changes in tax law	(2,692)	(238)	-	(7,456)	(10,386)
Income statement credit (charge)	11,106	1,223	(12,942)	43,016	42,403
At the end of the year	61,101	8,200	43,355	112,672	225,328

(1) As of December 31, 2017, the recognized deferred tax assets on tax losses amount to USD 43,355 and there are net unrecognized deferred tax assets of USD 1.2 billion and unrecognized tax losses amounting to USD 1.9 billion.

These two last effects are connected to the acquisition of Ternium Brasil (see note 3 (a)).

Deferred tax liabilities	PP&E	Inventories	Intangible assets	Other	Total at December 31, 2016
At the beginning of the year	(599,522)	(52,723)	(38,652)	(10,387)	(701,284)
Translation differences	5,634	360	169	181	6,344
Charges directly to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(192)	(192)
Withholding tax on dividend distributions	-	-	-	(2,690)	(2,690)
Effect of changes in tax law	1,062	(103)	1,433	6	2,398
Income statement credit (charge)	(33,137)	3,829	9,000	10,032	(10,276)
At the end of the year	(625,963)	(48,637)	(28,050)	(3,050)	(705,700)

Deferred tax assets	Provisions	Trade receivables	Tax losses (2)	Other	Total at December 31, 2016
At the beginning of the year	45,368	6,193	67,784	70,483	189,828
Translation differences	(2,399)	(289)	-	(305)	(2,993)
Charges directly to other comprehensive income	-	-	-	2,571	2,571
Effect of changes in tax law	17	(3)	-	(384)	(370)
Income statement credit (charge)	10,202	1,587	(11,487)	(6,847)	(6,545)
At the end of the year	53,188	7,488	56,297	65,518	182,491

(2) As of December 31, 2016, the recognized deferred tax assets on tax losses amount to USD 56,297 and there are no net unrecognized deferred tax assets.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the entity a) has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognized amounts; and b) intends to settle the tax on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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20. DEFERRED INCOME TAX (continued)

The amounts shown in the statement of financial position (prior to offsetting the balances within the same tax jurisdiction) include the following:

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
Deferred tax assets to be recovered after more than 12 months	155,350	131,407
Deferred tax assets to be recovered within 12 months	69,978	51,084
Deferred tax liabilities to be settled after more than 12 months	(558,890)	(653,503)
Deferred tax liabilities to be settled within 12 months	(58,703)	(52,197)
	(392,265)	(523,209)

21. OTHER LIABILITIES – NON CURRENT AND CURRENT

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
(i) Other liabilities - Non current		
Post-employment benefits	275,950	252,624
Other employee benefits	31,312	31,724
Asset retirement obligation (note 19) (1)	27,829	18,301
Other	37,955	135
Other liabilities – Non-current	373,046	302,784

(1) The asset in connection with this liability is included in Property, plant and equipment.

Post-employment benefits

The amounts recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position are determined as follows:

	Post-employment benefits	
	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
Present value of unfunded obligations	275,950	252,624
Liability in the statement of financial position	275,950	252,624

The amounts recognized in the consolidated income statement are as follows:

	Post-employment benefits	
	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Current service cost	6,555	9,565
Interest cost	21,658	18,193
Total included in labor costs	28,213	27,758

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21. OTHER LIABILITIES – NON CURRENT AND CURRENT (continued)

Changes in the liability recognized in the consolidated statement of financial position are as follows:

	Post-employment benefits As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
At the beginning of the year	252,624	273,792
Transfers, new participants and funding of the plan	840	(231)
Total expense	28,213	27,758
Remeasurements	15,068	14,735
Effect of changes in demographic assumptions	(4,950)	(2,600)
Effect of changes in financial assumptions	14,110	(1,360)
Effect of experience adjustments	5,908	18,695
Translation differences	10,527	(41,783)
Contributions paid	(31,322)	(21,647)
At the end of the year	275,950	252,624

The principal actuarial assumptions used were as follows:

Mexico	Year ended December 31,	
	2017	2016
Discount rate	7.75%	8.00%
Compensation growth rate	5.00%	5.00%
	Year ended December 31,	
Argentina	2017	2016
Discount rate	6.00% - 7.00%	7.00%
Compensation growth rate	2.00% - 3.00%	2.00%

The sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to changes in the weighted principal assumptions is as follows:

	Impact on defined benefit obligation		
	Change in assumption	Increase in assumption	Decrease in assumption
Discount rate	1.00%	-9.5%	10.5%
Compensation growth rate	1.00%	1.6%	-3.5%
Pension growth rate	1.00%	-2.9%	0.7%
Life expectancy	1 year	2.6%	-4.4%

The estimated future payments for the next five years will be between 19.0 and 23.0 million per year.

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21. OTHER LIABILITIES – NON CURRENT AND CURRENT (continued)

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
(ii) Other liabilities - Current		
Payroll and social security payable	183,249	130,889
VAT liabilities	79,085	49,633
Other tax liabilities	30,927	26,987
Termination benefits	1,816	2,164
Related Parties (Note 26)	6,215	3,744
Asset retirement obligation (Note 19)	2,659	4,262
Others	53,050	10,402
Other liabilities – Current	357,001	228,081

22. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**Net fair values of derivative financial instruments**

The net fair values of derivative financial instruments at December 31, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
Contracts with positive fair value		
Interest rate swap contracts	302	-
Foreign exchange contracts	2,002	316
	2,304	316
Contracts with negative fair value		

Interest rate swap contracts	-	(257)
Foreign exchange contracts	(6,001)	(30)
	(6,001)	(287)

Derivative financial instruments breakdown is as follows:

(a) Interest rate contracts

Fluctuations in market interest rates create a degree of risk by affecting the amount of the Company's interest payments and the value of its floating-rate debt. As of December 31, 2017, most of the Company's long-term borrowings were at variable rates.

During 2012 and 2013, Ternium entered into several forward starting interest rate swap agreements in order to fix the interest rate to be paid over an aggregate amount of USD 100 million, at an average rate of 1.92%. These agreements are effective from July 2014, will due on July 2022 and have been accounted for as cash flow hedges. As of December 31, 2017, the after-tax cash flow hedge reserve related to these agreements amounted to USD 0.6 million.

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22. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Changes in fair value of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges for each of the years presented are included below:

	Gross amount	Cash flow hedges Income tax	Total
At December 31, 2015	(566)	170	(396)
(Decrease) / Increase	(179)	54	(125)
Reclassification to income statement	820	(246)	574
At December 31, 2016	75	(22)	53
(Decrease) / Increase	363	3	366
Reclassification to income statement	372	(110)	262
At December 31, 2017	810	(129)	681

The gross amount of the pre-tax reserve recorded in other comprehensive income at December 31, 2017 (amounting to a gain of USD 0.7 million) is expected to be reclassified to the income statements in accordance to the payments of interests in connection with the borrowings hedged by these derivative contracts, during 2018 and up to the end of the life of the borrowing in 2022.

(b) Foreign exchange contracts

From time to time, Ternium's subsidiaries enter into derivative agreements to manage their exposure to currencies other than the USD, in accordance with the Company's policy for derivative instruments.

During 2017, 2016 and 2015, Prosid Investments entered into several non-deliverable forward agreements in order to manage the exchange rate exposure generated by Ternium Argentina's debt in ARS. As of December 31, 2017, the notional amount on these agreements amounted to USD 324.7 million.

Furthermore, during 2017, 2016 and 2015, Ternium Colombia S.A.S. (formerly Ferrasa S.A.S.) has entered into non-deliverable forward agreements to manage the exposure of certain trade receivables denominated in its local currency. As of December 31, 2017, the notional amount on these agreements amounted to USD 22.0 million.

As part of the acquisition of the subsidiary in Brazil, the Company maintained several non-deliverable forward agreements which were entered into to manage the exchange rate exposure generated by financial debt in BRL. As of December 31, 2017, the outstanding notional amounts in USD are offset on these agreements.

During December 2017, Ternium Mexico entered into a forward agreement in order to manage the exchange rate exposure generated by future payables in EUR related to the investment plan. As of December 31, 2017, the notional amount on this agreement amounted to USD 46.7 million.

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22. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

The net fair values of the exchange rate derivative contracts as of December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were as follows:

Currencies	Contract	Notional amount	Fair value at December 31,	
			2017	2016
ARS/USD	ND Forward - Buy ARS	6.4 billion ARS 187.0 million	(6,534)	316
ARS/USD	ND Forward - Sell ARS	ARS 65.7 billion	533	-
COP/USD	ND Forward - Sell COP	COP 39.0 million	17	-
EUR/USD	ND Forward - Buy EUR	EUR 67.2 million	224	-
BRL/USD	ND Forward - Buy BRL	BRL 61.1 million	1,514	-
BRL/USD	ND Forward - Sell BRL	BRL 5.3 million	247	-
EUR/USD	ND Forward - Sell EUR	EUR	-	(30)
			(3,999)	286

ARS: Argentine pesos; COP: Colombian pesos; EUR: Euros; USD: US dollars; BRL: Brazilian reais.

23. FINANCE LEASES

As of December 31, 2017, the Company is part to a contract that qualifies as financial lease agreement with Air Liquide Argentina S.A., being the object of the lease a plant for the provision of industrial gas located in the Company's plant in San Nicolas, Argentina. This contract does not consider a purchase option of the related asset on its expiry date. The total commitment generated a current finance lease liability of USD 8.0 million and a non-current

finance lease liability of USD 69.0 million. The total finance lease liability to be paid on expiry of the lease contract amounts to USD 77.0 million.

The reconciliation of the minimum future payments and the present value of the contract are as follows:

	As of December 31, 2017
Commitments in relation to finance leases are payable as follows:	
Within one year	8,328
Later than one year but not later than five years	33,312
Later than five years	79,810
Minimum lease payments	121,450
Future finance charges	(44,415)
Total Financial lease liabilities	77,035
The present value of finance lease liabilities is as follows:	
Within one year	8,030
Later than one year but not later than five years	27,208
Later than five years	41,797
Total minimum lease payments	77,035

Property, plant and equipment include a net book value of USD 61.4 million in connection with assets leased to the Company under this finance lease. The lease term is 15 years and the amortization period of the related asset is 15 years as well.

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24. BORROWINGS

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
(i) Non-current		
Bank borrowings	1,724,454	398,851
Less: debt issue costs	(8,117)	(2,109)
	1,716,337	396,742
(ii) Current		
Bank borrowings	1,510,820	823,563
Less: debt issue costs	(5,250)	(1,670)
	1,505,570	821,893
Total Borrowings	3,221,907	1,218,635

The maturity of borrowings is as follows:

	Expected Maturity Date				
	2018	2019	2020 and thereafter	At December 31, (1) 2017	2016
Fixed Rate	1,112,760	13,929	19,942	1,146,631	404,926
Floating Rate	392,810	409,015	1,273,451	2,075,276	813,709
Total	1,505,570	422,944	1,293,393	3,221,907	1,218,635

(1) As most borrowings incorporate floating rates that approximate market rates and the contractual repricing occurs mostly every 1 month, the fair value of the borrowings approximates their carrying amount and it is not disclosed separately.

The weighted average interest rates - which incorporate instruments denominated mainly in US dollars and Argentine pesos and which do not include the effect of derivative financial instruments nor the devaluation of these local currencies - at year-end were as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2017	2016
Bank borrowings	4.76%	6.92%

The nominal average interest rates shown above were calculated using the rates set for each instrument in its corresponding currency and weighted using the dollar-equivalent outstanding principal amount of said instruments at December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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24. BORROWINGS (continued)

Breakdown of borrowings by currency is as follows:

Currencies	Contract	As of December 31,	
		2017	2016
USD	Floating	2,061,106	790,772
USD	Fixed	791,158	141,889
ARS	Floating	2,377	-
ARS	Fixed	328,060	234,576
COP	Floating	11,793	23,520
COP	Fixed	18,500	19,163
GTQ	Fixed	8,913	8,715
		3,221,907	1,218,635

USD: US dollars; ARS: Argentine pesos; COP: Colombian pesos; GTQ: Guatemalan quetzales.

Ternium's most significant borrowings as of December 31, 2017, were those incurred under Ternium México's syndicated loan facilities, in order to improve its maturity profile in 2013, under Tenigal's syndicated loan facility, in order to finance the construction of its hot-dipped galvanizing mill in Pesquería, Mexico, and under Ternium Investments S.à r.l., in order to finance the acquisition of Ternium Brasil:

Date	Borrower	Type	In USD million		Maturity
			Original principal amount	Outstanding principal amount as of December 31, 2017	
November 2013	Ternium Mexico	Syndicated loan	800	155	November 2018
Years 2012 and 2013	Tenigal	Syndicated loan	200	125	July 2022
September 2017			1,500	1,500	

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The main covenants on these loan agreements are limitations on liens and encumbrances, limitations on the sale of certain assets and compliance with financial ratios (i.e. leverage ratio and interest coverage ratio). As of December 31, 2017, Ternium was in compliance with all of its covenants.

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25. CONTINGENCIES, COMMITMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS

Ternium is involved in litigation arising from time to time in the ordinary course of business. The Company recorded a provision for those cases in which there is a probable cash outflow and the outcome can be reliably estimated. Based on management's assessment and the advice of legal counsel, it is not anticipated that the ultimate resolution of existing litigation would be material to Ternium's consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity. For the contingencies related to Ternium Brasil, please refer to note 3 (a).

(i) Tax claims and other contingencies

(a) Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional (CSN) – Tender offer litigation

In 2013, the Company was notified of a lawsuit filed in Brazil by Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional (CSN) and various entities affiliated with CSN against Ternium Investments S.à r.l., its subsidiary Siderar, and Confab Industrial S.A., a Brazilian subsidiary of Tenaris S.A. The entities named in the CSN lawsuit had acquired a participation in Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. – USIMINAS (Usiminas) in January 2012. The CSN lawsuit alleges that, under applicable Brazilian laws and rules, the acquirers were required to launch a tag-along tender offer to all non-controlling holders of Usiminas ordinary shares for a price per share equal to 80% of the price per share paid in such acquisition, or BRL 28.8, and seeks an order to compel the acquirers to launch an offer at that price plus interest. If so ordered, the offer would need to be made to 182,609,851 ordinary shares of Usiminas not belonging to Usiminas' control group; Ternium Investments and Siderar's respective shares in the offer would be 60.6% and 21.5%.

On September 23, 2013, the first instance court dismissed the CSN lawsuit, and on February 8, 2017, the court of appeals of São Paulo maintained the understanding of the first instance court. On March 6, 2017, CSN filed a motion for clarification against the decision of the court of appeals, which was rejected on July 19, 2017. On August 18, 2017, CSN filed with the court of appeals an appeal seeking the review and reversal by the Superior Court of Justice of the decision issued by the court of appeals. The Superior Court of Justice is restricted to the analysis of alleged violations to federal laws and cannot assess matters of fact. The court of appeals must decide whether CSN's appeal meets the requirements for submission to the Superior Court of Justice. If declared admissible, the Superior Court of Justice will also review admissibility, and, if also declared admissible, will then render a decision on the merits.

Ternium continues to believe that all of CSN's claims and allegations are groundless and without merit, as confirmed by several opinions of Brazilian legal counsel, two decisions issued by the Brazilian securities regulator (CVM) in February 2012 and December 2016, and the first and second instance court decisions referred to above. Accordingly, no provision was recorded in these Consolidated Financial Statements.

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(b) Shareholder claims relating to the October 2014 acquisition of Usiminas shares

On April 14, 2015, the staff of the CVM determined that an acquisition of additional ordinary shares of Usiminas by Ternium Investments made in October 2014, triggered a requirement under applicable Brazilian laws and regulations for Usiminas' controlling shareholders to launch a tender offer to all non-controlling holders of Usiminas ordinary shares. The CVM staff's determination was made further to a request by Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation (NSSMC) and its affiliates, who alleged that Ternium's 2014 acquisition had exceeded a threshold that triggers the tender offer requirement. In the CVM staff's view, the 2014 acquisition exceeded the applicable threshold by 5.2 million shares. On April 29, 2015, Ternium filed an appeal to be submitted to the CVM's Board of Commissioners. On May 5, 2015, the CVM staff confirmed that the appeal would be submitted to the Board of Commissioners and that the effects of the staff's decision would be stayed until such Board rules on the matter. On June 15, 2015, upon an appeal filed by NSSMC, the CVM staff changed its earlier decision and stated that the obligation to launch a tender offer would fall exclusively on Ternium. Ternium's appeal has been submitted to the CVM's Board of Commissioners and it is currently expected that such Board will rule on the appeal in 2018. In the event the appeal is not successful, under applicable CVM rules Ternium may elect to sell to third parties the 5.2 million shares allegedly acquired in excess of the threshold, in which case no tender offer would be required.

(c) Potential Mexican income tax adjustment

In March 2015, the Mexican tax authorities, as part of a tax audit to Ternium Mexico with respect to fiscal year 2008, challenged the deduction by Ternium Mexico's predecessor IMSA Acero of a tax loss arising from an intercompany sale of shares in December 2008. Although the tax authorities have not yet determined the amount of their claim, they have indicated in a preliminary report that they have observations that may result in an income tax adjustment currently estimated at approximately USD 58.4 million, including interest and fines.

Ternium Mexico requested an injunction from the Mexican courts against the audit observations, and also filed its defense and supporting documents with the Mexican tax authorities. The Company, based on the advice of counsel, believes that an unfavorable outcome in connection with this matter is not probable and, accordingly, no provision has been recorded in its financial statements.

(d) Tax claim on Argentine personal assets tax for 2008, 2009 and 2010

On June 28, 2016, Ternium Argentina was notified of a tax assessment by the Argentine tax authorities (AFIP) for allegedly omitted taxes in its capacity as substitute obligor for the personal assets tax for 2008, 2009 and 2010 over the investment held by its shareholder Ternium España S.L.U. In its assessment, AFIP challenged the availability of the benefits contemplated under the double taxation treaty between Argentina and Spain then in effect and required Ternium Argentina to pay taxes and related interest for approximately USD 15.9 million as of such date. On August 4, 2016, Ternium Argentina appealed AFIP's assessment before the National Tax Court.

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In March 2017, Ternium decided to include this tax assessment in an official fiscal plan, which condoned part of the related interest and the whole amount in connection with fines. The total payment, which also included the principal and interest for the fiscal periods 2011 and 2012, amounted to USD 12.8 million, extinguishing all the liabilities related to this tax claim.

(ii) Commitments

The following are Ternium's main off-balance sheet commitments:

(a) Ternium Argentina signed agreements to cover 80% of its required iron ore, pellets and iron ore fines volumes until December 31, 2021, for an estimated total amount of US USD 844.0 million. Although they do not set a minimum amount or a minimum commitment to purchase a fixed volume, under certain circumstances a penalty is established for the party that fails of:

- 7% in case the annual operated volume is between 70% and 75% of the total volume of purchases of the Company; such percentage is applied over the difference between the actual purchased volume and the 80% of the total volume of purchases.
- 15% in case the annual operated volume is lower than 70% of the total volume of purchases of the Company; such percentage is applied over the difference between the actual purchased volume and the 80% of the total volume of purchases.

(b) Ternium Argentina entered into a contract with Tenaris, a related company of Ternium, for the supply of steam generated at the power generation facility that Tenaris owns in the compound of the Ramallo facility of Ternium Argentina. Under this contract, Tenaris has to provide 250 tn/hour of steam, and Ternium Argentina has the obligation to take or pay this volume. The amount of this outsourcing agreement totals USD 11.4 million and is due to terminate in 2018.

(c) Ternium Argentina also signed various contracts for the provision of natural gas, assuming firm commitments for a total of USD 18.6 million payable during the 2018 financial year.

(d) Ternium Argentina signed an agreement with Air Liquide Argentina S.A. for the supply of oxygen, nitrogen and argon until 2021, for an aggregate amount of USD 30.9 million, which is due to terminate in 2032.

(e) On April 24, 2017, Ternium Mexico entered into a 25-year contract (effective as of December 1, 2016, through December 1, 2041) with Techgen, S.A. de C.V. for the supply of 699 MW (which represents 78% of Techgen's capacity) and covers most of Ternium Mexico's facilities electricity needs. Monthly payments are determined on the basis of capacity charges, operation costs, back-up power charges, and transmission charges. As of the seventh contract year (as long as Techgen's existing or replacing bank facility has been repaid in full), Ternium Mexico has the right to suspend or early terminate the contract if the rate payable under the agreement is higher than the rate charged by Comisión Federal de Electricidad ("CFE") or its successors. Ternium Mexico may instruct Techgen to sell to any affiliate of Ternium Mexico, to CFE, or to any other third party all or any part of unused contracted energy under the agreement and Ternium Mexico will benefit from the proceeds of such sale.

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(f) On December 20, 2000, Hylsa (Ternium Mexico's predecessor) entered into a 25-year contract with Iberdrola Energía Monterrey, S.A. de C.V. ("Iberdrola"), a Mexican subsidiary of Iberdrola Energía, S.A., for the supply of energy to four of Ternium Mexico's plants. On March 31, 2008, two of those plants were terminated by Iberdrola. The contracted electrical demand as of December 31, 2017, is 51.7 MW. Iberdrola currently supplies approximately 8.5% of Ternium Mexico's electricity needs under this contract. Although the contract was to be effective through 2027, on April 28, 2014, Ternium Mexico and Iberdrola entered into a new supply contract and terminated the previous one. In consideration of the termination of the previous contract, Iberdrola has granted Ternium Mexico a credit of USD 750 thousand per MW of the 111.2 MW originally contracted capacity, resulting over time in a total value of USD 83.4 million. In addition, Iberdrola agreed to recognize to Ternium México USD 15.0 million through discounted rates. As a result of the above mentioned credit and discount, the company expects to incur in electricity rates comparable to those obtained in the past under the previous contract's terms for a period that is estimated to be approximately 1 year. Following such period, Ternium Mexico's rates under the contract will increase to market rates with a 2.5% discount; however, Ternium Mexico will be entitled to terminate the contract without penalty.

(g) Several Ternium Mexico's subsidiaries which have facilities throughout the Mexican territory are parties to a long term energy purchase agreement for purchased capacity of electricity with Tractebel Energía de Monterrey, S. de R.L. de C.V., and is committed to pay Tractebel for the contracted capacity and for the consumed energy. The monthly payments are calculated considering the capacity charges, operation costs, back-up power charges, and transmission charges, less any steam credits. The contracted amount is of USD 8.8 million and the contract will terminate in April 2018.

(h) Following the maturity of a previously existing railroad freight services agreement during 2013, in April 2014, Ternium México and Ferrocarril Mexicano, S. A. de C. V. ("Ferromex") entered into a new railroad freight services agreement pursuant to which Ferromex will transport Ternium Mexico's products through railroads operated by Ferromex for a term of five years through 2019. Subject to Ternium's board approval, both Ternium Mexico and Ferromex would be required to make (within a period of 36 months) certain investments to improve the loading and unloading of gondolas. The total investment commitment of Ternium México and Ferromex was already invested as of December 31, 2017. Under the agreement, Ternium Mexico has guaranteed to Ferromex a minimum average transport load of 200,000 metric tons per month in any six-month period. In the event that the actual per-month average transport loads in any six-month period were lower than such guaranteed minimum, Ternium Mexico would be required to compensate Ferromex for the shortfall so that Ferromex receives a rate equivalent to a total transport load of 1,200,000 metric tons for such six-month period. However, any such compensation will not be payable if the lower transport loads were due to adverse market conditions, or to adverse operating conditions at Ternium Mexico's facilities.

(i) Ternium México issued a guarantee letter covering up to approximately USD 40.4 million of the obligations of Gas Industrial de Monterrey, S.A. de C.V. (“GIMSA”), under the natural gas trading agreement between GIMSA and Pemex Transformación Industrial (“Pemex”). The credit line granted by Pemex in connection with this natural gas trading agreement amounted to approximately USD 40.4 million. As of December 31, 2017, the outstanding amount under the natural gas trading agreement was USD 12.8 million, which is below the amount included in the guarantee letter issued by Ternium México.

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(j) Techgen is a party to gas transportation capacity agreements with Kinder Morgan Gas Natural de Mexico, S. de R.L. de C.V., Kinder Morgan Texas Pipeline LLC and Kinder Morgan Tejas Pipeline LLC for the whole transportation capacity starting on August 1, 2016 and ending during the second half of 2036. As of December 31, 2017, the outstanding value of this commitment was approximately USD 265 million. Ternium's exposure under the guarantee in connection with these agreements amounts to USD 127 million, corresponding to the 48% of the agreements' outstanding value as of December 31, 2017.

(k) Ternium issued a Corporate Guarantee covering 48% of the obligations of Techgen under a syndicated loan agreement between Techgen and several banks led by Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, and Natixis, New York Branch acting as joint bookrunners. The loan agreement amounted to USD 800 million and the proceeds were used by Techgen in the construction of the facility. As of December 31, 2017, the outstanding amount under the loan agreement was USD 720 million, as a result the amount guaranteed by Ternium was approximately USD 346 million. The main covenants under the Corporate Guarantee are limitations to the sale of certain assets and compliance with financial ratios (e.g. leverage ratio). As of December 31, 2017, Techgen and Ternium, as guarantor, were in compliance with all of their covenants.

(l) During 2006, CSA, the predecessor of Ternium Brasil, has entered into a 15-year contract denominated "Contrato de comercialização de energia elétrica no ambiente regulado – CCEAR por disponibilidade" to provide electric energy to 24 distributors starting on 2011. Under this contract, Ternium Brasil has to provide 200 MW average per year and the price is adjusted by the Brazilian inflation index. The penalty for not delivering the volume of energy of the contract is the difference between the spot price and the unit variable cost (calculated and published by the Agência Nacional de Energia Elétrica), calculated per hour.

(m) Ternium Brasil signed an exclusivity agreement with Vale S.A. for the purchase of iron ore (pellets, sinter feed and lump ore), which is due to terminate in 2029. The total purchased volume, in accordance with the actual production capacity, is of approximately 8.0 million tons per year. Ternium Brasil has not the obligation to take or pay the mentioned volume and only should pay logistic costs in case of not purchasing the contracted volume.

(n) Ternium Brasil, for its activity of energy generation through gas and steam turbines, signed on March 2017 a contract with GE Global Parts and Products GMBH, General Electric International Inc. and Alstom Energia Térmica e

Indústria Ltda. for the maintenance services of such turbines (including the supply of spare parts) for a period of 20 years. The amount of the entire contract totals USD 190.7 million.

(o) Ternium Brasil also signed on November 2007 a contract with Primetals Technologies Brazil Ltda. for the provision of maintenance services at a central workshop for the entire steel mill complex, including caster maintenance for the steel plant. The amount of the mentioned services totals approximately USD 53.0 million per year and is due to terminate on November 2024. Ternium Brasil is currently using more hours than the minimum quantity of contracted hours.

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25. CONTINGENCIES, COMMITMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS (continued)

(p) Ternium Brasil is a party to a long-term contract with the Consortium formed by Air Liquide Brasil Ltda., AirSteel Ltda., White Martins Gases Industriais Ltda., White Martins Steel Ltda. and ThyssenKrupp MinEnergy GmbH for the supply of air, oxygen, nitrogen and argon for an aggregate amount of USD 55.0 million per year to satisfy the requirements up to January 2029. The contract has minimum daily-required volumes.

(q) Ternium Brasil signed on January 2015 a contract with Companhia Distribuidora de Gás do Rio de Janeiro for the supply of natural gas. This agreement is due to terminate on December 2019 and it totals an aggregate amount of USD 33.9 million per year or 61.3 million m3 per year. Ternium Brasil is currently purchasing more than the minimum volume required by the contract, which is 85% of the volume mentioned before.

(iii) Restrictions on the distribution of profits

Under Luxembourg law, at least 5% of net income per year calculated in accordance with Luxembourg law and regulations must be allocated to a reserve until such reserve has reached an amount equal to 10% of the share capital. At December 31, 2017, this reserve reached the above-mentioned threshold.

As of December 31, 2017, Ternium may pay dividends up to USD 3.1 billion in accordance with Luxembourg law and regulations.

Shareholders' equity under Luxembourg law and regulations comprises the following captions:

	As of December 31, 2017
Share capital	2,004,743
Legal reserve	200,474
Non distributable reserves	1,414,122
Reserve for own shares	59,600

Accumulated profit at January 1, 2017	3,135,868
Loss for the year	(32,012)
Total shareholders' equity under Luxembourg GAAP	6,782,795

26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As of December 31, 2017, Techint Holdings S.à r.l. (“Techint”) owned 62.02% of the Company’s share capital and Tenaris Investments S.à r.l. (“Tenaris”) held 11.46% of the Company’s share capital. Each of Techint and Tenaris were controlled by San Faustin S.A., a Luxembourg company (“San Faustin”). Rocca & Partners Stichting Administratiekantoor Aandelen San Faustin (“RP STAK”), a Dutch private foundation (Stichting), held voting shares in San Faustin sufficient in number to control San Faustin. No person or group of persons controls RP STAK.

For commitments with Related parties, see note 25.

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26. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

	2017	Year ended December 31, 2016	2015
(i) Transactions			
(a) Sales of goods and services			
Sales of goods to non-consolidated parties	453,551	-	-
Sales of goods to other related parties	164,694	29,480	103,686
Sales of services and others to non-consolidated parties	177	737	1,590
Sales of services and others to other related parties	660	654	1,153
	619,082	30,871	106,429
(b) Purchases of goods and services			
Purchases of goods from non-consolidated parties	404,891	144,673	163,782
Purchases of goods from other related parties	57,941	58,929	48,150
Purchases of services and others from non-consolidated parties	13,126	12,836	14,993
Purchases of services and others from other related parties	111,439	126,859	128,618
	587,397	343,297	355,543
(c) Financial results			
Income with non-consolidated parties	7,611	3,507	17
	7,611	3,507	17
(d) Dividends received			
Dividends received from non-consolidated parties	3,360	183	-
	3,360	183	-
(e) Other income and expenses			
Income (expenses), net with non-consolidated parties	2,723	1,660	3,667
Income (expenses), net with other related parties	247	712	706
	2,970	2,372	4,373
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27. OTHER REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**(a) Statement of comprehensive income**

	Gross amount	Cash flow hedges Income tax	Total	Currency translation adjustment
At December 31, 2015	(566)	170	(396)	(3,064,838)
(Decrease) / Increase	(179)	54	(125)	(87,807)
Reclassification to income statement	820	(246)	574	-
At December 31, 2016	75	(22)	53	(3,152,645)
(Decrease) / Increase	363	3	366	(104,393)
Reclassification to income statement	372	(110)	262	-
At December 31, 2017	810	(129)	681	(3,257,038)

(b) Statement of cash flows

	Year ended December 31,		
	2017	2016	2015
(i) Changes in working capital (1)			
Inventories	(540,162)	(151,263)	349,662
Receivables and others	(108,257)	488	(16,987)
Trade receivables	(303,114)	(161,670)	142,670
Other liabilities	40,230	89,032	(2,936)
Trade payables	46,333	61,040	36,735
	(864,970)	(162,373)	509,144
(ii) Income tax accrual less payments			
Tax accrued (Note 11)	336,882	411,528	207,320
Taxes paid	(610,325)	(229,196)	(231,252)

	(273,443)	182,332	(23,932)
(iii) Interest accruals less payments			
Interest accrued (Note 10)	114,583	89,971	89,489
Interest paid	(95,099)	(77,272)	(83,993)
	19,484	12,699	5,496

(1) Changes in working capital are shown net of the effect of exchange rate changes.

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27. OTHER REQUIRED DISCLOSURES (continued)**(c) Financial debt reconciliation**

	Financial debt			Total
	Finance lease liabilities	Short term borrowings	Long term borrowings	
As of December 31, 2015	-	(913,786)	(607,237)	(1,521,023)
Cash flows	-	302,648	(34,154)	268,494
Reclassifications	-	(246,182)	246,182	-
Foreign exchange adjustments	-	(17,245)	(1,591)	(18,836)
Other non cash movements	-	52,672	58	52,730
As of December 31, 2016	-	(821,893)	(396,742)	(1,218,635)
Cash flows	364	(540,918)	(1,511,860)	(2,052,414)
Reclassifications	-	(192,547)	192,547	-
Acquisitions - finance leases	(76,879)	-	-	(76,879)
Foreign exchange adjustments	(14,949)	(32,574)	(371)	(47,894)
Other non cash movements	14,429	82,362	89	96,880
As of December 31, 2017	(77,035)	(1,505,570)	(1,716,337)	(3,298,942)

28. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The following amendments, standards and interpretations have been applied on the year starting January 1, 2017:

- Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealized Losses – Amendments to IAS 12.
- Disclosure initiative – amendments to IAS 7.
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2014-2016 Cycle.

These amendments did not impact significantly the Company's consolidated financial statements.

The following standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not mandatory for the financial year beginning January 1, 2017 and have not been early adopted:

International Financial Reporting Standard 9, "Financial instruments"

In July 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 9, "Financial instruments", which replaces the guidance in IAS 39. It includes requirements on the classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities, as well as an expected credit losses model that replaces the current incurred loss impairment model. IFRS 9 must be applied on annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The Company's management has reviewed its financial assets and liabilities and is not expecting a material impact from the adoption of the new standard on January 1, 2018.

The new hedge accounting rules will align the accounting for hedging instruments more closely with the Company's risk management practices. As a general rule, it is probable that some hedge relationships might be eligible for hedge accounting, as the standard introduces a more principles-based approach. The Company has confirmed that its current hedge relationships will qualify as continuing hedges upon the adoption of IFRS 9.

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28. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (continued)

The new impairment model requires the recognition of impairment provisions based on expected credit losses (ECL) rather than only incurred credit losses as is the case under IAS 39. It applies to financial assets classified at amortized cost, debt instruments measured at FVOCI, trade receivables, loan commitments and certain financial guarantee contracts. Based on the assessments undertaken to date, the Company does not expect a material impact in the loss allowance for trade receivables.

The new standard also introduces expanded disclosure requirements and changes in presentation. These are expected to change the nature and extent of the Company's disclosures about its financial instruments particularly in the year of the adoption of the new standard.

International Financial Reporting Standard 15, "Revenue from contracts with customers"

In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15, "Revenue from contracts with customers", which sets out the requirements in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and which is based on the principle that revenue is recognized when control of a good or service is transferred to the customer. IFRS 15 must be applied on annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

The Company's management has assessed the effects of applying the new standard on the Company's financial statements and has not identified any material impact in the application of the new standard.

International Financial Reporting Standard 16, "Leases"

In January 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16, "Leases", which will result in almost all leases being recognized on the balance sheet, as the distinction between operating and finance leases is removed. Under the new standard, an asset (the right to use the leased item) and a financial liability to pay rentals are recognized. IFRS 16 must be applied on annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2019. The Company's management is currently assessing the potential impact that the application of this standard may have on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Other standards and interpretations non-significant for the Company's financial statements:

- Amendments to IAS 12 - Recognition of Deferred Tax Assets for Unrealized Losses
- Amendment to IFRS 2 - Classification and Measurement of Share-based Payment Transactions
- Transfers of Investment Property – Amendments to IAS 40

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29. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

1) Financial risk factors

Ternium's activities expose the Company to a variety of risks: market risk (including the effects of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and commodities prices), credit risk and liquidity risk.

Ternium's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the financial performance. Ternium's subsidiaries may use derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures.

1.1) Market Risk

(i) Foreign exchange rate risk

Ternium operates and sells its products in different countries, and as a result is exposed to foreign exchange rate volatility. In addition, the Company entered into several borrowings that contain covenants providing for the compliance with certain financial ratios, including ratios measured in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. This situation exposes Ternium to a risk of non-compliance derived from volatility in foreign exchange rates. Ternium's subsidiaries may use derivative contracts in order to hedge their exposure to exchange rate risk derived from their trade and financial operations.

Ternium's foreign exchange policy is to minimize the negative impact of fluctuations in the value of other currencies with respect to the U.S. dollar. Ternium's subsidiaries monitor their net cash flows in currencies other than the U.S. dollar, and analyze potential hedging according to market conditions. This hedging can be carried out by netting positions or by financial derivatives. However, regulatory or legal restrictions in the countries in which Ternium's subsidiaries operate, could limit the possibility of the Company carrying out its hedging policy.

Ternium has foreign operations, whose net assets are exposed to foreign currency translation risk, some of which may impact net income. The fact that some subsidiaries have measurement currencies other than the U.S. dollar may, at times, distort the results of the hedging efforts as reported under IFRS.

The following table shows a breakdown of Ternium's assessed financial position exposure to currency risk as of December 31, 2017. These balances include intercompany positions where the intervening parties have different functional currencies.

USD million Exposure to	Functional currency	
	USD	ARS
US dollar (USD)	-	(102)
EU euro (EUR)	14	(5)
Argentine peso (ARS)	(0)	-
Mexican peso (MXN)	(434)	-
Brazilian real (BRL)	(194)	(3)
Colombian peso (COP)	21	-
Other currencies	(2)	-

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29. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

The main relevant exposures correspond to:

(a) Argentine peso vs. US dollar

The cumulative devaluation for the Argentine peso during 2017 was 14.8%. The devaluation generated a negative effect of USD 97 million, included as currency translation adjustment in Other comprehensive income in connection with the valuation of Ternium's Argentine subsidiaries' equities (mainly Ternium Argentina S.A.), and a loss of USD 47 million, included as net foreign exchange results in the Income Statement.

If the Argentine peso had weakened by 1% against the US dollar, it would have generated a pre-tax loss of USD 1.1 million as of December 31, 2017, and a pre-tax loss of USD 0.7 million as of December 31, 2016.

(b) Mexican peso vs. US dollar

If the Mexican peso had weakened by 1% against the US dollar, it would have generated a pre-tax gain of USD 4.3 million and USD 5.5 million as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

(c) Colombian peso vs. US dollar

If the Colombian peso had weakened by 1% against the US dollar, it would have generated a pre-tax loss of USD 0.2 million and a pre-tax gain of USD 0.1 million as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

(d) Brazilian real vs. US dollar

If the Brazilian real had weakened by 1% against the US dollar, it would have generated a pre-tax gain of USD 1.9 million as of December 31, 2017.

We estimate that if the Argentine peso, Mexican peso, Colombian peso and Brazilian real had weakened simultaneously by 1% against the US dollar with all other variables held constant, total pre-tax income for the year would have been USD 4.9 million higher (USD 4.9 million higher as of December 31, 2016), as a result of foreign exchange gains/losses on translation of US dollar-denominated financial position, mainly trade receivables, trade payables, borrowings and other liabilities.

Considering the same variation of the currencies against the US dollar of all net investments in foreign operations amounting to USD 1.2 billion, the currency translation adjustment included in total equity would have been USD 11.9 million lower (USD 10.4 million lower as of December 31, 2016), arising mainly from the adjustment on translation of the equity related to the Argentine peso and the Brazilian real.

(ii) Interest rate risk

Ternium manages its exposure to interest rate volatility through its financing alternatives and hedging instruments. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Company to the risk of increased interest expense in the event of a raise in market interest rates, while borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the Company to a variation in its fair value. The Company's interest-rate risk mainly arises from long-term borrowings that bear variable-rate interest that is partially fixed through different derivative transactions, such as interest rate swaps.

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29. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

Ternium's nominal weighted average interest rate for its debt instruments, which do not include neither the effect of derivative financial instruments, nor the devaluation of the local currencies, was 4.76% and 6.92% for 2017 and 2016, respectively. These rates were calculated using the rates set for each instrument in its corresponding currency and weighted using the dollar-equivalent outstanding principal amount of each instrument as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Ternium's total variable interest rate debt amounted to USD 2,075 million (64.4% of total borrowings) at December 31, 2017 and USD 814 million (66.8% of total borrowings) at December 31, 2016.

If interest rates on the aggregate average notional of US dollar denominated borrowings held during 2016, excluding borrowings with derivatives contracts mentioned in Note 22 (a), had been 100 basis points higher with all other variables held constant, total pre-tax income for the year ended December 31, 2017 would have been USD 20.5 million lower (USD 13.5 million lower as of December 31, 2016).

1.2) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions. Ternium's subsidiaries have credit guidelines in place to ensure that derivative and treasury counterparties are limited to high credit quality financial institutions.

Ternium invests in financial assets with a minimum credit rating of investment grade established by an international qualification agency renowned in the financial market, in line with corporate investment portfolio policies. Approximately 75.7% of the Company's liquid financial assets correspond to investment grade rated instruments as of December 31, 2017, in comparison with approximately 65.7% as of December 31, 2016.

Ternium has no significant concentrations of credit risk from customers. No single customer accounts for more than five percent of Ternium's sales. Ternium's subsidiaries have policies in place to ensure that sales are made to customers with an appropriate credit history, and that credit insurances, letters of credit or other instruments are requested to reduce credit risk whenever deemed necessary. The subsidiaries maintain allowances for potential credit losses. The utilization of credit limits is regularly monitored.

Trade and other receivables are carried at face value less allowance for doubtful accounts, if applicable. This amount does not differ significantly from fair value. The other receivables do not contain significant impaired assets.

As of December 31, 2017, trade receivables total USD 1,011.4 million (USD 635.0 million as of December 31, 2016). These trade receivables are collateralized by guarantees under letter of credit and other bank guarantees of USD 2.6 million (USD 2.4 million as of December 31, 2016), credit insurance of USD 380.0 million (USD 326.9 million as of December 31, 2016) and other guarantees of USD 15.0 million (USD 7.6 million as of December 31, 2016).

As of December 31, 2017, trade receivables of USD 910.7 million (USD 571.9 million as of December 31, 2016) were fully performing.

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As of December 31, 2017, trade receivables of USD 117.3 million (USD 69.1 million as of December 31, 2016) were past due (mainly up to 180 days).

The amount of the allowance for doubtful accounts was USD 16.5 million as of December 31, 2017 (USD 6.0 million as of December 31, 2016).

The carrying amounts of the Company's trade and other receivables as of December 31, 2017, are denominated in the following currencies:

Currency	USD million
US dollar (USD)	971
EU euro (EUR)	27
Argentine peso (ARS)	53
Mexican peso (MXN)	163
Brazilian real (BRL)	760
Colombian peso (COP)	76
Other currencies	1
	2,051

1.3) Liquidity risk

Management maintains sufficient cash and marketable securities and credit facilities to finance normal operations. Management monitors rolling forecasts of the group's liquidity reserve on the basis of expected cash flow.

The table below analyses financial liabilities into relevant maturity groups based on the remaining period at the date of the statement of financial position to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

USD million	2018	2019	2020	2021	Thereafter
Borrowings	1,506	423	430	411	452
Interests to be accrued (1)	76	45	32	20	10
Trade payables and other liabilities	909	22	15	14	16
Total	2,491	490	477	445	478

(1) These amounts do not include the effect of derivative financial instruments.

As of December 31, 2017, total borrowings less cash and cash equivalents and other current and non-current investments amounted to USD 2,748.3 million.

1.4) Capital risk

Ternium seeks to maintain an adequate debt/equity ratio considering the industry and the markets where it operates. The year-end ratio debt over debt plus equity is 0.36 and 0.19 as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Company does not have to comply with regulatory capital adequacy requirements as known in the financial services industry.

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29. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)**2) Financial instruments by category and fair value hierarchy level**

The accounting policies for financial instruments have been applied to the line items below. According to the scope and definitions set out in IFRS 7 and IAS 32, employers' rights and obligations under employee benefit plans, and non-financial assets and liabilities such as advanced payments and income tax payables, are not included.

As of December 31, 2017 (in USD thousands)	Loans and receivables	Assets at fair value through profit or loss	Held to maturity	Total
(i) Assets as per statement of financial position				
Receivables	488,718	-	-	488,718
Derivative financial instruments	-	2,304	-	2,304
Trade receivables	1,011,430	-	-	1,011,430
Other investments	30,231	99,505	6,129	135,865
Cash and cash equivalents	101,444	236,335	-	337,779
Total	1,631,823	338,144	6,129	1,976,096

As of December 31, 2017 (in USD thousands)	Derivatives	Other financial liabilities	Held to maturity	Total
(ii) Liabilities as per statement of financial position				
Other liabilities	-	116,549	-	116,549
Trade payables	-	860,767	-	860,767
Derivative financial instruments	6,001	-	-	6,001
Finance lease liabilities	-	77,035	-	77,035
Borrowings	-	3,221,907	-	3,221,907
Total	6,001	4,276,258	-	4,282,259

As of December 31, 2016 (in USD thousands)	Loans and receivables	Assets at fair value through profit or loss	Held to maturity	Total
(i) Assets as per statement of financial position				
Receivables	127,241	-	-	127,241
Derivative financial instruments	-	316	-	316
Trade receivables	635,015	-	-	635,015
Other investments	52,995	83,117	14,739	150,851
Cash and cash equivalents	83,437	100,026	-	183,463
Total	898,688	183,459	14,739	1,096,886

As of December 31, 2016 (in USD thousands)	Derivatives	Other financial liabilities	Held to maturity	Total
(ii) Liabilities as per statement of financial position				
Other liabilities	-	35,107	-	35,107
Trade payables	-	580,941	-	580,941
Derivative financial instruments	287	-	-	287
Borrowings	-	1,218,635	-	1,218,635
Total	287	1,834,683	-	1,834,970

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Fair Value by Hierarchy

Following the requirements contained in IFRS 13, Ternium categorizes each class of financial instrument measured at fair value in the statement of financial position into three levels, depending on the significance of the judgment associated with the inputs used in making the fair value measurements:

- Level 1 comprises financial assets and financial liabilities whose fair values have been determined on the basis of quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 includes financial assets and financial liabilities for which fair values have been estimated using inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices).
- Level 3 comprises financial instruments for which inputs to estimate fair value of the assets or liabilities are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The following table presents the assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value as of December 31, 2017 and 2016:

Description	Fair value measurement as of December 31, 2017 (in USD thousands):		
	Total	Level 1	Level 2
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
Cash and cash equivalents	236,335	236,335	-
Other investments	99,505	99,505	-

Derivative financial instruments	2,304	-	2,304
Total assets	338,144	335,840	2,304
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			
Derivative financial instruments	6,001	-	6,001
Total liabilities	6,001	-	6,001

Fair value measurement as of December 31, 2016
(in USD thousands):

Description	Total	Level 1	Level 2
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
Cash and cash equivalents	100,026	100,026	-
Other investments	83,117	78,105	5,012
Derivative financial instruments	316	-	316
Total assets	183,459	178,131	5,328
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss			
Derivative financial instruments	287	-	287
Total liabilities	287	-	287

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There were no significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and there were no financial assets and liabilities considered as Level 3.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the reporting date. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by Ternium is the current mid price. These instruments are included in Level 1 and comprise primarily corporate and sovereign debt securities.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (such as certain debt securities, certificates of deposits with original maturity of more than three months, forward and interest rate derivative instruments) is determined by using valuation techniques which maximize the use of observable market data when available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in Level 2. Ternium values its assets and liabilities included in this level using mid prices, interest rate curves, broker quotations, current exchange rates and forward rates volatilities obtained from market contributors as of the valuation date.

If one or more of the significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the instruments are included in Level 3. Ternium values its assets and liabilities in this level using observable market inputs and management assumptions which reflect the Company's best estimate on how market participants would price the asset or liability at measurement date.

3) Accounting for derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognized in the statement of financial position at cost and subsequently measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are disclosed under "Other financial income (expenses), net" line item in the income statement. Ternium does not hedge its net investments in foreign entities.

Ternium designates certain derivatives as hedges of a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction. These transactions are classified as cash flow hedges (mainly interest rate swaps). The effective portion of the fair value of derivatives that are designated and qualify as cash flow hedges is recognized within other comprehensive income. Amounts accumulated in other comprehensive income are recognized in the income statement in the same period than any offsetting losses and gains on the hedged item. The gain or loss relating to the ineffective portion is recognized immediately in the income statement. The fair value of Ternium derivative financial instruments (asset or liability) continues to be reflected on the statement of financial position.

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29. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (continued)

For transactions designated and qualifying for hedge accounting, Ternium documents at inception the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The Company also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions are highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items. At December 31, 2017, the effective portion of designated cash flow hedges amounts to USD 0.7 million (net of taxes) and is included as “Cash flow hedges” line item in the statement of comprehensive income.

The fair values of various derivative instruments used for hedging purposes are disclosed in Note 22. The full fair value of a hedging derivative is classified as a non-current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is more than 12 months and as a current asset or liability when the remaining maturity of the hedged item is less than 12 months.

Changes in the fair value of any derivative instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting under IAS 39 are recognized immediately in the income statement.

4) Fair value estimation

The estimated fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the instrument could be exchanged in a current transaction between willing parties, other than in a forced or liquidation sale.

For the purpose of estimating the fair value of financial assets and liabilities with maturities of less than one year, the Company uses the market value less any estimated credit adjustments. For other investments, the Company uses quoted market prices.

As most borrowings incorporate floating rates that approximate market rates and the contractual repricing occurs mostly every 1 month, the fair value of the borrowings approximates their carrying amount and it is not disclosed

separately.

In assessing the fair value of derivatives and other financial instruments, Ternium uses a variety of methods, including, but not limited to, estimated discounted value of future cash flows using assumptions based on market conditions existing at each year end.

30. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS - AGREEMENT REGARDING GOVERNANCE OF USIMINAS

On February 8, 2018, the Company announced that its subsidiary Ternium Investments S.à r.l. had entered into a binding and immediately effective agreement (the “Agreement”) with Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation (“NSSMC”), establishing certain new governance rules for Usiminas as well as certain undertakings for the settlement of legal disputes. The new governance rules for Usiminas include, among others, an alternation mechanism for the nomination of each of the CEO and the Chairman of the Usiminas board of directors, as well as a new mechanism for the nomination of other members of Usiminas’ executive board. In addition, the Agreement incorporates an exit mechanism.

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Under the Agreement, the right to nominate the CEO and the Chairman will alternate between Ternium and NSSMC at a 4-year interval, comprising two consecutive 2-year terms. For the initial four years, Ternium will be entitled to nominate the CEO and NSSMC will be entitled to nominate the Chairman. Initially, Ternium and NSSMC intend to nominate Sergio Leite as Usiminas' CEO and Ruy Hirschheimer as Usiminas' Chairman of the Board, respectively. The executive board will be composed of six members, including the CEO and five Vice-Presidents, with Ternium and NSSMC nominating three members each. The Agreement includes an exit mechanism consisting of a buy-and-sell procedure, exercisable at any time during the term of the existing Usiminas shareholders' agreement after the fourth-and-a-half-year anniversary from the coming election of Usiminas' executive board in May 2018. Such buy-and-sell procedure would allow either Ternium or NSSMC to purchase all or a majority of the Usiminas shares held by the other party.

Ternium Investments S.à r.l. and its subsidiaries Siderar S.A.I.C. and Prosid Investments, together with Confab Industrial S.A., a Brazilian subsidiary of Tenaris S.A., are parties to the T/T Group within the Usiminas controlling group. Pursuant to the Agreement, the T/T Group members will use their reasonable best efforts to negotiate and execute an amended and restated Usiminas' shareholders' agreement together with the other minority shareholders of the control group, Previdência Usiminas, Metal One Corporation and Mitsubishi Corporation do Brasil S.A., having the same termination date as the existing Usiminas shareholders' agreement. If any non-affiliated controlling group shareholder for any reason does not enter into the new shareholders agreement on or before April 10, 2018, the T/T Group members will enter into a separate Usiminas' shareholders' agreement only among themselves and their affiliates that are shareholders of Usiminas, which will operate as an upper-level agreement in respect of the existing shareholders agreement and will more fully reflect and implement the new governance rules as between them and their affiliates.

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