

SMU'S CREDIT RATING CONFIRMED BY FELLER-RATE AND ICR

Santiago, Chile. April 17, 2020. SMU S.A. (“SMU” or the “Company”) (Santiago Stock Exchange: SMU) announced that during the last week, both of the Company’s credit rating agencies have performed their respective annual reviews, confirming the Company’s A- rating, maintaining a stable outlook, in the case of Feller-Rate, and a positive outlook, in the case of ICR.

The rating reflects the consistent improvements SMU has achieved in its credit indicators over time, which in turn have been the result of the successful implementation of the Company’s strategic plans. The positive outlook reaffirmed by ICR incorporates the fact that the agency “continues to have positive expectations with respect to the consolidation of SMU’s business and financial position going forward, which could lead to upgrades when the economic and political environment have stabilized.”

With respect to the impact of COVID-19, both rating agencies highlighted the defensive nature of the food retail industry. ICR stated that, “We consider that the characteristics of the segment in which the company operates serve to mitigate the negative effects on consumer demand.” Similarly, Feller-Rate’s report indicated that the current situation “will demonstrate how resistant the food retail industry is in the face of downturns in the economic cycle.”



About SMU

SMU is the largest Chilean food retailer, based on number of stores, and the third largest Chilean food retailer, based on revenue for the year ended December 31, 2019. We operate our food retail business in Chile through four different formats: supermarkets (*Unimarc*), cash and carry stores (*Mayorista 10* and *Alvi*), convenience stores (*OK Market*) and an online grocer (*Telemercados*). We also operate in Peru, through two food cash and carry brands, *Mayorsa* and *MaxiAhorro*.

Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements. We have based any such forward-looking statements largely on our current beliefs, expectations and projections about future events and financial trends affecting our business. Although management considers these projections to be reasonable based on information currently available to it, many important factors could cause our actual results to differ substantially from those anticipated in our forward-looking statements. The words "believe," "may," "will," "aim," "estimate," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "expect," "forecast" and similar words are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations, business strategies, financing plans, competitive position, industry environment, potential growth opportunities and the effects of future regulation and competition. By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and risks that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. In light of the risks and uncertainties described above, the forward-looking events and circumstances discussed in this press release might not occur and are not guarantees of future performance. Therefore, we caution readers not to place undue reliance on these statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they were made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements included in this press release because of new information, future events or other factors.

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