MEXICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INC

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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the month of February 2012
FOMENTO ECONÓMICO MEXICANO, S.A.B. DE C.V.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)
Mexican Economic Development, Inc. (Translation of Registrant's name into English)
United Mexican States
(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

General Anaya No. 601 Pte. Colonia Bella Vista Monterrey, Nuevo León 64410 México
(Address of principal executive offices)
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SIGNATURES

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

FOMENTO ECONÓMICO MEXICANO, S.A. DE C.V.

By: /s/ Javier Astaburuaga Javier Astaburuaga Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 27, 2012

Edgar Filing: MEXICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INC - Form 6-K FEMSA Closes 2011 with Double-Digit Revenue and Operating Income Growth Across Operations Monterrey, Mexico, February 27, 2012 — Fomento Económico Mexicano, S.A.B. de C.V. ("FEMSA") announced today its operational and financial results for the fourth quarter and full year 2011. Fourth Quarter 2011 Highlights: FEMSA consolidated total revenues and income from operations grew 24.5% and 24.9%, respectively, compared to the fourth quarter of 2010. Coca-Cola FEMSA income from operations increased 27.9% driven by double-digit operating income growth in the South America and Mexico & Central America divisions, including the integration of Grupo Tampico and CIMSA in Mexico. FEMSA Comercio achieved total revenues growth of 16.9% and income from operations growth of 15.7% driven by new store openings and 8.0% growth in same-store sales. 2011 Full Year Highlights: FEMSA consolidated total revenues and income from operations grew 19.6% and 19.4%, respectively, compared to 2010 driven by Coca-Cola FEMSA and FEMSA Comercio.

- **Coca-Cola FEMSA income from operations increased 18.0%.** Strong growth in the South America division was the main driver, combined the integration of Grupo Tampico and CIMSA in Mexico.
- FEMSA Comercio continued its pace of strong floor space growth by opening 1,135 net new stores in 2011. Income from operations increased 20.7%.
- **Ordinary dividend of Ps. 6.200 billion** proposed by FEMSA's Board of Directors, to be paid in 2012 subject to approval at the annual shareholders meeting in March 2012, representing an increase of 34.8% over the prior year and 138.5% over the dividend paid in 2010.

José Antonio Fernández Carbajal, Chairman and CEO of FEMSA, commented: "2011 was a strong year for our company. Despite a volatile economic environment, demand for our products remained healthy, and we stayed the course and managed to convert that demand into robust financial results by focusing our time, efforts and resources on the extraordinary opportunities for Coca-Cola FEMSA and OXXO.

For Coca-Cola FEMSA, this was a historic year. We leveraged our financial and operating flexibility to firmly advance on our strategy to grow through accretive mergers and acquisitions—from our incursion into the dairy category through our joint acquisition of Grupo Industrias Lacteas in Panama to our mergers with the beverage divisions of Grupo Tampico, Grupo CIMSA, and Grupo Fomento Queretano in Mexico. And at FEMSA Comercio, our robust top-line growth in 2011 was driven by our continuing store expansion and our comparable same-store sales growth of 9.2 percent, ahead of trend and reinforcing our position as an industry benchmark. Our progress in mapping and understanding consumers' needs and adjusting our value proposition to better fulfill those needs significantly contributed to our same store sales growth. We also made great strides in our sustainability efforts, from launching joint watershed-conservation initiatives with the Inter-American Development Bank, the Global Environment Facility and the Nature Conservancy, to making significant progress in our renewable energy projects, particularly wind power, to ensuring that every one of our managers now incorporates sustainability objectives in their annual performance metrics.

And so we look at 2012 with optimism and renewed energy, ready to keep moving our company forward by pursuing and overcoming new challenges."

FEMSA Consolidated

On April 30, 2010, FEMSA announced the closing of the strategic transaction pursuant to which FEMSA agreed to exchange 100% of its beer operations for a 20% economic interest in the Heineken Group ("the transaction"). For more information regarding this acquisition, please refer to the transaction filings available at www.femsa.com/investor. FEMSA's consolidated results for the fourth quarter and for the full year of 2011 reflect the transaction effects.

Total revenues increased 24.5% compared to 4Q10 to Ps. 56.834 billion. Coca-Cola FEMSA accounted for the majority of the incremental consolidated revenues.

For the full year of 2011, consolidated total revenues increased 19.6% to Ps. 203.044 billion. This growth resulted mainly from double-digit growth at Coca-Cola FEMSA and FEMSA Comercio.

Gross profit increased 25.8% compared to 4Q10 to Ps. 24.478 billion in 4Q11. Gross margin increased 50 basis points compared to the same period in 2010 to 43.1% of total revenues.

For the full year of 2011, gross profit increased 19.8% to Ps. 85.035 billion. Gross margin increased 10 basis points compared to the same period in 2010 to 41.9% of total revenues.

Income from operations increased 24.9% to Ps. 8.884 billion in 4Q11 as compared to the same period in 2010. Consolidated operating margin remained at 15.6% of total revenues, compared to 4Q10.

For the full year of 2011, income from operations increased 19.4% to Ps. 26.904 billion. Our consolidated operating margin in 2011 remained at 13.3% as a percentage of total revenues compared to the same period of 2010.

Net income from continuing operations increased 9.3% to Ps. 7.111 billion in 4Q11 compared to 4Q10, including the fact that this line incorporates FEMSA's implied 20% participation in Heineken's fourth quarter 2011 net income. The figure reflects growth in income from operations and the variation in FEMSA's 20% participation in Heineken's net income which more than compensated the effect of non-recurring items. These include the tough comparison base caused by the income from the sale of our flexible packaging business in 4Q10, as well as write offs of certain non-productive assets at Coca-Cola FEMSA during 4Q11. The effective income tax rate on continuing operations was 25.6% in 4Q11.

For the full year of 2011, net income from continuing operations increased 15.2% to Ps. 20.684 billion compared to the same period of 2010, mainly due to the growth in income from operations which more than compensated for an increase in the other expenses line largely driven by the net effect of non-recurring items. These include the tough comparison base caused by income from the sale of our flexible packaging business and the sale of the *Mundet* brand to The Coca-Cola Company during 2010. The full-year effective income tax rate on continuing operations was 27.1%.

Net consolidated income increased 9.3% compared to 4Q10 to Ps. 7.111 billion in 4Q11, reflecting the increase in FEMSA's net income from continuing operations. **Net majority income** for 4Q11 resulted in Ps. 1.50 per FEMSA Unit¹. Net majority income per FEMSA ADS was US\$ 1.08 for the quarter. For the full year of 2011, net majority income per FEMSA Unit¹ was Ps. 4.23 (US\$ 3.03 per ADS).

Capital expenditures increased to Ps. 5.239 billion in 4Q11, driven by back-end loaded capacity-related investments at Coca-Cola FEMSA and incremental investments at FEMSA Comercio mainly related to store expansion. For the full year of 2011, capital expenditures increased to Ps. 12.515 billion, for the reasons described above.

Our **consolidated balance sheet** as of December 31, 2011, recorded a cash balance of Ps. 27.658 billion (US\$ 1.983 billion), an increase of Ps. 0.495 billion (US\$ 35.5 million) compared to the same period in 2010. Short-term debt was Ps. 5.573 billion (US\$ 399.5 million), while long-term debt was Ps. 23.194 billion (US\$ 1.663 billion). Our consolidated net debt balance was Ps. 1.109 billion (US\$ 79.5 million).

Soft Drinks - Coca-Cola FEMSA

Coca-Cola FEMSA's financial results and discussion are incorporated by reference from Coca-Cola FEMSA's press release, which is attached to this press release or visit www.coca-colafemsa.com.

FEMSA Comercio

Total revenues increased 16.9% compared to 4Q10 to Ps. 19.619 billion in 4Q11 mainly driven by the opening of 413 net new stores in the quarter, reaching 1,135 total net new store openings for the year. As of December 31, 2011, FEMSA Comercio had a total of 9,561 convenience stores, above target relative to the objective for 2011. Same-store sales increased an average of 8.0% for the quarter over 4Q10, reflecting a 4.1% increase in store traffic and a 3.8% increase in average customer ticket.

For the full year of 2011, total revenues increased 19.0% to Ps. 74.112 billion. FEMSA Comercio's same-store sales increased an average of 9.2%, driven by a 4.6% increase in store traffic and a 4.3% increase in average customer ticket.

Gross profit increased by 19.2% in 4Q11 compared to 4Q10, resulting in a 70 basis point gross margin expansion to 37.4% of total revenues. This increase reflects (i) a positive mix shift due to the growth of higher margin categories, (ii) a more effective collaboration and execution with our key supplier partners combined with a more efficient use of promotion-related marketing resources. For the full year of 2011, gross margin expanded by 60 basis points to 34.4% of total revenues.

Income from operations increased 15.7% over 4Q10 to Ps. 2.289 billion in 4Q11. Operating expenses increased 20.8% to Ps. 5.049 billion, largely driven by the growing number of stores as well as by incremental expenses such as the strengthening of FEMSA Comercio's organizational structure, mainly IT-related and targeted marketing programs. Operating expense growth above gross profit growth resulted in a 10 basis point contraction of operating margins to 11.7% of total revenues in 4Q11.

For the full year of 2011, income from operations increased 20.7% to Ps. 6.276 billion, resulting in an operating margin of 8.5%, which represents a 10 basis point expansion from the prior year.

FEMSA Units consist of FEMSA BD Units and FEMSA B Units. Each FEMSA BD Unit is comprised of one Series B Share, two Series D-B Shares and two Series D-L Shares. Each FEMSA B Unit is comprised of five Series B Shares. The number of FEMSA Units outstanding as of December 31, 2011 was 3,578,226,270 equivalent to the total number of FEMSA Shares outstanding as of the same date, divided by 5. February 27, 2012 Page 3

Recent Developments

In accordance with Mexican regulations, FEMSA is adopting International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) beginning January 1, 2012. The Company will release its quarterly and full year results for 2011 under IFRS prior to the release of its 1st quarter 2012 results.

Financing has been secured from a consortium of banks to build the largest wind power farm in Latin America, to be located in the state of Oaxaca, which will provide FEMSA's operating subsidiaries as well as Heineken's operations in Mexico with almost 400 megawatts of clean, renewable energy for the next 20 years. FEMSA and Macquarie Capital participated during the development phase of the project as short-term investors in order to enable the project to move forward, and have now sold their ownership stakes to Mitsubishi Corporation, with ample experience in energy-generation projects, and PPGM, a Netherlands-based pension fund service provider. Macquarie Mexico Infrastructure Fund also participated during the development phase and remains as a long-term investor. Going forward FEMSA's role will be solely as energy off-taker. This news underscores FEMSA's long-term objective to derive as much as 85% of its electrical energy needs from clean, renewable sources, while representing an economically attractive solution.

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION:

Our Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2011 Conference Call will be held on: Tuesday February 28, 2011, 12:00 PM Eastern Time (11:00 AM Mexico City Time). To participate in the conference call, please dial: Domestic US: (877) 718-5099 International: (719) 325-4937, Conference Id 7481125. The conference call will be webcast live through streaming audio. For details please visit www.femsa.com/investor.

If you are unable to participate live, the conference call audio will be available on http://ir.FEMSA.com/results.cfm.

FEMSA is a leading company that participates in the non-alcoholic beverage industry through Coca-Cola FEMSA, the largest independent bottler of Coca-Cola products in the world in terms of sales volume; in the retail industry through FEMSA Comercio, operating the largest and fastest-growing chain of convenience stores in Latin America, and in the beer industry, through its ownership of the second largest equity stake in Heineken, one of the world's leading brewers with operations in over 70 countries.

The translations of Mexican pesos into US dollars are included solely for the convenience of the reader, using the noon day buying rate for pesos as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at December 31, 2011, which

was 13.9510 Mexican pesos per US dollar.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report may contain certain forward-looking statements concerning our future performance that should be considered as good faith estimates made by us. These forward-looking statements reflect management's expectations and are based upon currently available data. Actual results are subject to future events and uncertainties, which could materially impact our actual performance.

FEMSA
Consolidated Income Statement

Millions of Pesos

	For the four 2011 (A)	% of	ter of: 2010	% of rev.	% Increase		For the t	welv	we month % of rev.	hs of: 2010	% of rev.	% Increas	ı.e
Total revenues	56,834	100.0	45,664	100.0	24.5		203,044	1	100.0	169,702		19.6	
Cost of sales	32,356	56.9	26,200	57.4	23.5		118,009		58.1	98,732	58.2	19.5	
Gross profit	24,478	43.1	19,464	42.6	25.8		85,035		41.9	70,970	41.8	19.8	
Administrative expenses	2,237	3.9	2,055	4.5	8.9		8,249		4.1	7,766	4.6	6.2	
Selling expenses	13,357	23.6	10,294	22.5	29.8		49,882		24.5	40,675	24.0	22.6	
Operating expenses	15,594	27.5	12,349	27.0	26.3		58,131		28.6	48,441	28.5	20.0	
Income from operations	8,884	15.6	7,115	15.6	24.9		26,904		13.3	22,529	13.3	19.4	
Other (expenses) income	(1,369)		248		N.S		(2,830)		(63)	N.S	
Interest expense Interest income	(772) 220		(993) 418		(22.3 (47.4		(2,934 999)		(3,265 1,104)	(10.1 (9.5)
Interest expense, net	(552)		(575)		(4.0)	(1,935)		(2,161)	(10.5)
Foreign exchange (loss) gain	246		(7)		N.S		1,165			(614)	N.S	
(Loss) gain on monetary position	57		122		(53.3)	146			410		(64.4)
Gain (loss) on financial	75		61		23.0		(159)		212		N.S	
instrument ⁽¹⁾													
Integral result of financing	(174)		(399)		(56.4)	(783)		(2,153)	(63.6)
Participation in Heineken results ⁽²⁾	2,222		597		N.S		5,080			3,319		53.1	
Income before income tax	9,563		7,561		26.5		28,371			23,632		20.1	
Income tax Net income from	2,452		1,058		N.S		7,687			5,671		35.5	
continuing operations	7,111		6,503		9.3		20,684			17,961		15.2	
Gain from													
transaction with Heineken, net of taxes ⁽³⁾	-		-		-		-			26,623		N.S	
Net Income from FEMSA's former beer operations ⁽⁴⁾	-		-		-		-			706		N.S	

Net consolidated income	7,111	6,503	9.3	20,684	45,290	(54.3)
Net majority income	5,367	4,939	8.7	15,133	40,251	(62.4)
Net minority income	1,744	1,564	11.5	5,551	5,039	10.2	

(A) We integrated Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA to Coca Cola FEMSA operations since October, 2011 and December, 2011 respectively.

EBITDA & CAPEX										
Income from operations	8,884	15.6	7,115	15.6	24.9	26,904	13.3	22,529	13.3	19.4
Depreciation	1,261	2.2	1,058	2.3	19.2	4,604	2.3	3,827	2.3	20.3
Amortization & other	627	1.2	553	1.2	13.4	2,450	1.1	2,061	1.2	18.9
EBITDA	10,772	19.0	8,726	19.1	23.4	33,958	16.7	28,417	16.7	19.5
CAPEX	5,239		3,771		38.9	12,515		11,171		12.0
FINANCIAL RATIOS	2011		2010		Var. p.p					
Liquidity ⁽⁵⁾	1.53		1.69		(0.16)					
Interest coverage ⁽⁶⁾	19.51		15.18		4.34					
Leverage ⁽⁷⁾	0.44		0.46		(0.02)					
Capitalization ⁽⁸⁾	13.42 %		14.22%		(0.79)					

⁽¹⁾ Includes solely derivative instruments that do not meet hedging criteria for accounting purposes.

Total debt = short-term bank loans + current maturities long-term debt + long-term bank loans.

⁽²⁾ Represents the equity-method participation in Heineken's results.

⁽³⁾ Represents the difference between the market value of the Heineken shares (20% equity interest) and the book value of FEMSA's former beer operations, net of transaction tax, as of April 30, 2010.

⁽⁴⁾ Represents the net income of FEMSA's former beer operations for the period ended April 30, 2010.

⁽⁵⁾ Total current assets / total current liabilities.

⁽⁶⁾ Income from operations + depreciation + amortization & other / interest expense, net.

⁽⁷⁾ Total liabilities / total stockholders' equity.

⁽⁸⁾ Total debt / long-term debt + stockholders' equity.

FEMSA

Consolidated Balance Sheet

Millions of Pesos

As of December 31:

ASSETS	2011 (A)	2010%Increase	
Cash and cash equivalents	27,658	27,163	1.8
Accounts receivable	10,499	7,702	36.3
Inventories	14,385	11,314	27.1
Other current assets	6,425	5,281	21.7
Total current assets	58,967	51,460	14.6
Investments in shares	78,972	68,793	14.8
Property, plant and equipment, net	53,402	41,911	27.4
Intangible assets ⁽¹⁾	71,608	52,340	36.8
Other assets	11,755	9,074	29.5
TOTAL ASSETS	274,704	223,578	22.9
LIABILITIES & STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Bank loans	638	1,578	(59.6)
Current maturities long-term debt	4,935	1,725	N.S
Interest payable	216	165	30.9
Operating liabilities	32,841	27,048	21.4
Total current liabilities	38,630	30,516	26.6
Long-term debt (2)	23,194	21,510	7.8
Labor liabilities	2,258	1,883	19.9
Other liabilities	19,508	16,656	17.1
Total liabilities	83,590	70,565	18.5
Total stockholders' equity	191,114	153,013	24.9
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	274,704	223,578	22.9

⁽A) Grupo Tampico and CIMSA were integrated to FEMSA's Balance Sheet.

⁽¹⁾ Includes mainly the intangible assets generated by acquisitions.

⁽²⁾ Includes the effect of derivative financial instruments on long-term debt.

December 31, 2011

DEBT MIX (2)	%	Average
DEDI MIIA	Integr	atio R ate

Denominated in:

Mexican pesos 63.1 % 6.6 % Dollars 26.7 % 4.3 % Colombian pesos 5.6 % 6.4 % Argentinan pesos 3.6 % 17.3 % Brazilian Reals 1.0 % 8.8 % Total debt 100.0% 6.3 %

Fixed rate⁽²⁾ 59.4 % Variable rate⁽²⁾ 40.6 %

% of Total Debt 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018+ DEBT MATURITY PROFILE 19.7% 14.9% 5.0 % 10.0% 8.8 % 8.7 % 32.9 %

Coca-Cola FEMSA

Results of Operations

Millions of Pesos

	For the f	ourth qu	arter of:			For the tw	elve mo			
	2011 (A)	% of rev.	2010	% of rev.	% Increase	2011 ^(A)	% of rev.	2010	% of rev.	% Increase
Total revenues	36,187	100.0	27,991	100.0	29.3	124,715	100.0	103,456	100.0	20.5
Cost of sales	19,696	54.4	15,017	53.6	31.2	67,488	54.1	55,534	53.7	21.5
Gross profit	16,491	45.6	12,974	46.4	27.1	57,227	45.9	47,922	46.3	19.4
Administrative expenses	1,342	3.7	1,260	4.5	6.5	5,185	4.2	4,451	4.3	16.5
Selling expenses	8,652	23.9	6,634	23.7	30.4	31,890	25.6	26,392	25.5	20.8
Operating expenses	9,994	27.6	7,894	28.2	26.6	37,075	29.7	30,843	29.8	20.2
Income from operations	6,497	18.0	5,080	18.1	27.9	20,152	16.2	17,079	16.5	18.0
Depreciation	879	2.4	683	2.4	28.7	3,269	2.6	2,633	2.5	24.2
Amortization & other	380	1.1	346	1.2	9.8	1,577	1.2	1,310	1.3	20.4
EBITDA	7,756	21.4	6,109	21.8	27.0	24,998	20.0	21,022	20.3	18.9
Capital expenditures	3,446		2,516		37.1	7,826		7,478		4.6
Average Mexican Peso	os of each	year.								

(A) We integrated Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA to Coca Cola FEMSA operations since October, 2011 and December, 2011 respectively.

Sales volumes										
(Millions of unit cases)										
Mexico and Central America	410.3	56.0	348.3	52.8	17.8	1,510.8	57.0	1,379.3	55.2	9.5
South America	322.0	44.0	311.6	47.2	3.4	1,137.9	43.0	1,120.2	44.8	1.6
Total	732.3	100.0	659.9	100.0	11.0	2,648.7	100.0	2,499.5	100.0	6.0

FEMSA Comercio

Results of Operations

Millions of Pesos

	For the fourth quarter of:					For the tw	elve mo			
	2011	% of	2010	% of	%	2011	% of	2010	% of	%
	2011	rev	2010	rev	Increase	2011	rev	2010	rev	Increase
Total revenues	19,619	100.0	16,781	100.0	16.9	74,112	100.0	62,259	100.0	19.0
Cost of sales	12,281	62.6	10,624	63.3	15.6	48,636	65.6	41,220	66.2	18.0
Gross profit	7,338	37.4	6,157	36.7	19.2	25,476	34.4	21,039	33.8	21.1
Administrative expenses	382	1.9	310	1.8	23.2	1,438	1.9	1,186	1.9	21.2
Selling expenses	4,667	23.8	3,869	23.1	20.6	17,762	24.0	14,653	23.5	21.2
Operating expenses	5,049	25.7	4,179	24.9	20.8	19,200	25.9	15,839	25.4	21.2
Income from operations	2,289	11.7	1,978	11.8	15.7	6,276	8.5	5,200	8.4	20.7
Depreciation	312	1.6	266	1.6	17.3	1,175	1.6	990	1.6	18.7
Amortization & other	187	0.9	166	1.0	12.7	707	0.9	607	0.9	16.5
EBITDA	2,788	14.2	2,410	14.4	15.7	8,158	11.0	6,797	10.9	20.0
Capital expenditures	1,376		1,136		21.1	4,096		3,324		23.2
Average Mexican Pesos of e	ach year									
Information of OXXO Stores										
Total stores						9,561		8,426		13.5
Net new convenience stores	413		415		(0.5)) 1,135 (2	.)	1,092 (2	.)	3.9
Same store data: (1)										
Sales (thousands of pesos)	665.9		616.4		8.0	663.9		608.0		9.2
Traffic (thousands of transactions)	25.5		24.5		4.1	25.7		24.6		4.6
Ticket (pesos)	26.1		25.1		3.8	25.8		24.8		4.3

⁽¹⁾ Monthly average information per store, considering same stores with more than 12 months of operations.

⁽²⁾ For the last twelve months for each period.

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Macroeconomic Information

			End of period, Exchange Rates							
	Inflation				Dec-11		Dec-10			
	4Q 201	1	December-11 December-11	l	Per USD	Per Mx. Peso	Per USD	Per Mx. Peso		
Mexico	2.60	%	3.82	%	13.98	1.0000	12.36	1.0000		
Colombia	0.75	%	3.72	%	1,942.70	0.0072	1,913.98	0.0065		
Venezuela	5.86	%	27.57	%	4.30	3.2509	4.30	2.8737		
Brazil	1.46	%	6.50	%	1.88	7.4521	1.67	7.4163		
Argentina	2.08	%	9.51	%	4.30	3.2478	3.98	3.1079		
Euro Zone	0.77	%	2.75	%	0.77	18.0454	0.75	16.4061		

Stock Listing Information

Mexican Stock Exchange

Ticker: KOFL

NYSE (ADR)

Ticker: KOF

Ratio of KOF L to KOF = 10:1

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2011 FOURTH-QUARTER AND FULL-YEAR RESULTS

	Fourth Qu	ıarter		YTD			
	2011	2010	$\Delta\%$	2011	2010	$\Delta\%$	
Total Revenues	36,187	27,991	29.3 %	124,715	103,456	20.5%	
Gross Profit	16,491	12,974	27.1 %	57,227	47,922	19.4%	
Operating Income	6,497	5,080	27.9 %	20,152	17,079	18.0%	
Net Controlling Interest Income	3,207	3,022	6.1 %	10,615	9,800	8.3 %	
EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	7,756	6,109	27.0 %	24,998	21,022	18.9%	
Net Debt (2)	9,913	4,817	105.8%				
Net Debt / EBITDA (3)	0.40	0.23					
EBITDA/ Interest Expense, net (3)	22.02	14.37					
Earnings per Share (3)	5.69	5.31					
Capitalization (4)	19.2 %	19.4 %	9				
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Expressed in millions of Mexican pesos

See reconciliation table on page 8 except for Earnings per Share

Total revenues reached Ps. 36,187 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, an increase of 29.3% compared to the fourth quarter of 2010 as a result of double-digit total revenue growth in each division and the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in our Mexican territories.

Consolidated operating income grew 27.9% to Ps. 6,497 million for the fourth quarter of 2011, driven by double-digit operating income growth in each division, including the integration of the new territories in Mexico. Our operating margin was 18.0% in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Mexico City (February 27, 2012), Coca-Cola FEMSA, S.A.B. de C.V. (BMV: KOFL, NYSE: KOF) ("Coca-Cola FEMSA" or the "Company"), the largest public Coca-Cola bottler in the world, announces results for the fourth quarter of 2011.

⁽¹⁾ EBITDA = Operating income + Depreciation + Amortization & Other operative Non-cash Charges.

⁽²⁾ Net Debt = Total Debt - Cash

⁽³⁾ LTM figures

⁽⁴⁾ Total debt / (long-term debt + shareholders' equity)

[·] Consolidated net controlling interest income grew 6.1%, reaching Ps. 3,207 million in the fourth quarter of 2011.

[&]quot;Despite a challenging commodity cost environment, our operators produced strong results for the quarter. Both of our divisions achieved double-digit top- and bottom-line growth. Thanks to our complementary cultures, operating

processes, and best practices, our talented team of professionals successfully worked with their new colleagues to integrate the beverage divisions of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA quickly and efficiently into our contiguous Mexican operations during the quarter. We also announced our merger agreement with the beverage division of Grupo Fomento Queretano--our third such agreement in less than six months. These mergers confirm that our company represents an attractive, transparent, and diversified investment vehicle with proven management capabilities for family owned enterprises within the beverage industry. As we enter the year 2012, together, we will leverage our mutual strengths to continue creating the flexibility to transform challenges into opportunities to deliver increased value for our shareholders now and into the future," said Carlos Salazar Lomelin, Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Our consolidated total revenues increased 29.3% to Ps. 36,187 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, compared to the fourth quarter of 2010 as a result of double-digit total revenue growth in each division and the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in our Mexican operations⁽¹⁾. Excluding the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in Mexico, total revenues grew approximately 24%. On a currency neutral basis and excluding the recently merged territories in Mexico, total revenues grew approximately 18%, driven by average price per unit case growth in every operation, in combination with volume growth mainly in Mexico, Argentina, Colombia and Brazil.

Total sales volume increased 11.0% to reach 732.3 million unit cases in the fourth quarter of 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010. Excluding the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in Mexico, volumes grew 3.6% to 683.4 million unit cases. Organically, the sparkling beverage category grew 4% mainly supported by strong volume growth of the *Coca-Cola* brand in Mexico, Argentina and Colombia, contributing almost 85% of incremental volumes. The still beverage category grew 11%, mainly driven by the Jugos del Valle line of business in Venezuela, Mexico and Brazil and the *Hi-C* orangeade and *Cepita* juice brand in Argentina, accounting for approximately 15% of incremental volumes. Our bottled water portfolio, including bulk water, grew 1%, representing the balance.

Our gross profit increased 27.1% to Ps. 16,491 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, compared to the fourth quarter of 2010. Cost of goods sold increased 31.2%, mainly as a result of higher PET and sweetener costs across our territories, in combination with the depreciation of the average exchange rate of the Mexican peso,⁽²⁾ the Argentine peso,⁽²⁾ the Brazilian real,⁽²⁾ and the Colombian peso⁽²⁾ as applied to our U.S. dollar-denominated raw material costs. Gross margin reached 45.6%, as compared to 46.4% in the fourth quarter of 2010.

Our consolidated operating income increased 27.9% to Ps. 6,497 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, driven by double-digit operating income growth in our South America and our Mexico & Central America division, including the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in Mexico. Operating expenses increased 26.6% in the fourth quarter of 2011 mainly as a result of (i) higher labor costs in Venezuela and higher labor and freight costs in Argentina, (ii) the integration of the newly merged territories in Mexico and (iii) increased marketing investment to reinforce our execution in the marketplace, widen our cooler coverage and broaden our returnable base availability. Our operating margin remained flat reaching 18.0% in the fourth quarter of 2011, as compared with 18.1% in the same period of 2010.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, we recorded Ps. 1,142 million in the other expenses, net line. These expenses mainly reflect the write-off of certain non-productive assets, the recording of employee profit sharing and the loss on

sale of fixed assets.

Our comprehensive financing result in the fourth quarter of 2011 recorded an expense of Ps. 235 million as compared to an expense of Ps. 147 million in the same period of 2010. This difference was mainly driven by a foreign exchange loss originated by the sequential devaluation of the Mexican peso as applied to a higher dollar denominated net debt position.

During the fourth quarter of 2011, income tax, as a percentage of income before taxes, was 34.9% compared to 29.7% in the same period of 2010. This difference was mainly driven by an increase in the tax on shareholder's equity in one of our subsidiaries in the South America division.

Our consolidated net controlling interest income grew 6.1% reaching Ps. 3,207 million in the fourth quarter of 2011 as compared to the fourth quarter of 2010. Earnings per share (EPS) in the fourth quarter of 2011 were Ps. 1.67 (Ps. 16.69 per ADS) computed on the basis of 1,921.2 million shares⁽³⁾ (each ADS represents 10 local shares).

- (1) Our Mexican operations include Grupo Tampico's results as of October, 2011 and Grupo CIMSA's results as of December, 2011
- (2) See page 12 for average and end of period exchange rates for the fourth quarter and full year
- (3) According to Mexican Financial Reporting Standards, Earnings Per Share is computed on the basis of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period. The weighted average number of shares is calculated based on the number of days within a reporting period that each share was outstanding, divided by the full length of that reporting period

BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2011, we had a cash balance of Ps. 12,661 million, including US\$ 372 million denominated in U.S. dollars, an increase of Ps. 127 million compared to December 31, 2010, mainly as a result of the issuance of Ps. 5,000 million of *Certificados Bursátiles* in April 2011 and cash generated by our operations, net of the dividend and debt payments made during the year.

As of December 31, 2011, total short-term debt was Ps. 5,540 million and long-term debt was Ps. 17,034 million. Total debt increased by Ps. 5,223 million, compared to year end 2010. Net debt increased Ps. 5,096 million compared to year end 2010. The Company's total debt balance includes U.S. dollar-denominated debt in the amount of US\$ 553 million.⁽¹⁾

The weighted average cost of debt for the quarter was 6.1%. The following charts set forth the Company's debt profile by currency and interest rate type and by maturity date as of December 31, 2011.

	%		% Interest	
Currency	Total		Rate	
	Debt ⁽¹⁾		$Floating^{(1)(2)}$	
Mexican pesos	53.8	%	33.3	%
U.S. dollars	34.0	%	1.5	%
Colombian pesos	7.1	%	100.0	%
Brazilian reais	0.4	%	0.0	%
Argentine pesos	4.6	%	11.5	%
(1)			After giv	ing effect to cross-currency swaps and interest rate swaps
(2)		Calculat	ed by weighting each year's outstanding debt balance mix	

Debt Maturity Profile

Maturity Date 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017+ % of Total Debt 24.5% 3.3 % 6.2 % 12.6% 11.1% 42.2 %

Consolidated Cash Flow

The following cash flow statement is presented on a historical basis, whereas the balance sheet included on page 9 is presented in nominal terms. Certain differences resulting from calculations performed with the information contained in the balance sheet may differ from items shown in this cash flow statement. These differences are presented separately as a part of the Translation Effect in the cash flow statement in accordance with Mexican Financial Reporting Standards.

Consolidated Cash Flow

Expressed in millions of Mexican pesos (Ps.) as of December 31, 2011

	Dec-11
	Ps.
Income before taxes	16,768
Non cash charges to net income	7,764
	24,532
Change in working capital	(9,144)
Resources Generated by Operating Activities	15,388
Investments	(13,830)
Debt increase	4,143
Dividends declared and paid	(4,366)
Other	(2,059)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(724)
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities at begining of period	12,534
Translation Effect	851
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities at end of period	12,661

MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA DIVISION OPERATING RESULTS (Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama)

Coca-Cola FEMSA is including the results of Grupo Tampico as of October, 2011 and Grupo CIMSA as of December, 2011 in our Mexico & Central America divisions' operating results.

Revenues

Total revenues from our Mexico and Central America division increased 25.8% to Ps. 14,516 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, as compared to the same period in 2010, supported by the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in our Mexican operations⁽¹⁾. Higher volumes, including the recently merged territories in Mexico, accounted for more than 70% of incremental revenues during the quarter, and increased average price per unit case represented the balance. Average price per unit case reached Ps. 35.11, an increase of 6.3%, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2010, mainly reflecting selective price increases across our product portfolio implemented in Mexico over the past several months. Excluding the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in Mexico, total revenues grew approximately 13%. On a currency neutral basis and excluding the recently merged territories in Mexico, total revenues increased approximately 11%.

Total sales volume increased 17.8% to 410.3 million unit cases in the fourth quarter of 2011, as compared to the fourth quarter of 2010. Excluding the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in Mexico, volumes grew 3.8% to 361.4 million unit cases. Organically, sparkling beverages grew 4%, driven by a 5% increase in the *Coca-Cola* brand, accounting for approximately 80% of incremental volumes. Our bottled water portfolio, including bulk water, grew 3%, contributing close to 15% of incremental volumes. Still beverages grew 5% mainly driven by the Jugos del Valle line of products, *Nestea* and *PowerAde*, representing the balance.

Operating Income

Our gross profit increased 17.2% to Ps. 6,594 million in the fourth quarter of 2011 as compared to the same period in 2010. Cost of goods sold increased 34.0% as a result of higher PET and sweetener costs across the division in combination with the depreciation of the average exchange rate of the Mexican peso⁽²⁾ as applied to our U.S. dollar-denominated raw material costs. Gross margin reached 45.4% in the fourth quarter of 2011, as compared with

48.8% in the same period of the previous year.

Operating income increased 16.3% to Ps. 2,504 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, compared to Ps. 2,153 million in the same period of 2010. Operating expenses increased 17.7%, mainly as a result of the integration of the newly merged territories in Mexico. Operating leverage achieved mainly through higher revenues, resulted in an operating margin of 17.2% in the fourth quarter of 2011, as compared with 18.7% in the same period of 2010.

- (1) Our Mexican operations include Grupo Tampico's results as of October, 2011and Grupo CIMSA's results as of December, 2011
- (2) See page 12 for average and end of period exchange rates for the fourth quarter and full year

SOI	TH	AMERICA	DIVISION	OPERATING	RESULTS (Colombia	Venezuela	Rrazil and	Argentina)
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Volume and average price per unit case exclude beer results.

Revenues

Total revenues were Ps. 21,671 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, an increase of 31.7% as compared to the same period of 2010 as a result of double-digit total revenue growth in every territory. Excluding beer, which accounted for Ps. 1,199 million during the quarter, revenues increased 32.4% to Ps. 20,472 million. Excluding beer, higher average prices per unit case across our operations accounted for close to 90% of incremental revenues and volume growth in every territory contributed the balance. On a currency neutral basis, total revenues increased approximately 24%.

Total sales volume in our South America division increased 3.3% to 322.0 million unit cases in the fourth quarter of 2011 as compared to the same period of 2010, as a result of growth in every operation. Our sparkling beverage portfolio grew 3%, driven by the strong performance of the *Coca-Cola* brand in Argentina and Colombia, which grew 13% and 5%, respectively and a 5% growth in flavored sparkling beverages, mainly due to the *Schweppes* brand in Brazil. The still beverage category grew 20%, mainly driven by the Jugos del Valle line of business in Venezuela and Brazil and *Hi-C* orangeade and the *Cepita* juice brand in Argentina. These increases compensated for a 4% decline in the bottled water portfolio, including bulk water.

Operating Income

Gross profit reached Ps. 9,897 million, an increase of 34.7% in the fourth quarter of 2011, as compared to the same period of 2010. Cost of goods sold increased 29.3% mainly driven by higher year-over-year PET and sweetener costs across the division, in combination with the depreciation of the average exchange rate of the Argentine peso,⁽¹⁾ the Brazilian real⁽¹⁾ and the Colombian peso⁽¹⁾ as applied to our U.S. dollar-denominated raw material costs. Gross profit reached 45.7% in the fourth quarter of 2011, an expansion of 100 basis points as compared to the same period of 2010.

Our operating income increased 36.4% to Ps. 3,993 million in the fourth quarter of 2011, compared to the same period
of 2010. Operating expenses increased 33.6%, mainly as a result of (i) higher labor costs in Venezuela, in combination
with higher labor and freight costs in Argentina and (ii) increased marketing investment to reinforce our execution in
the marketplace, widen our cooler coverage and broaden our returnable base availability across the division. Our
operating margin was 18.4% in the fourth quarter of 2011, an expansion of 60 basis points as compared to the same
period of 2010.

(1) See page 12 for average and end of period exchange rates for the fourth quarter and full year

SUMMARY OF FULL-YEAR RESULTS

Our consolidated total revenues increased 20.5% to Ps. 124,715 million in 2011, as compared to 2010, driven by double-digit total revenue growth in our South America and Mexico & Central America divisions and the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in our Mexican operations⁽¹⁾ during the fourth quarter of 2011. Excluding the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in Mexico, total revenues grew approximately 19%. On a currency neutral basis and excluding the recently merged territories in Mexico, total revenues increased approximately 15%.

Total sales volume increased 6.0% to 2,648.7 million unit cases in 2011, as compared to 2010. Excluding the integration of Grupo Tampico and Grupo CIMSA in Mexico, volumes grew 4.0% to 2,599.8 million unit cases. Organically, the sparkling beverage category grew 4% mainly driven by the *Coca-Cola* brand and contributed approximately 80% of incremental volumes. The still beverage category grew 11%, mainly driven by the performance of the Jugos del Valle line of business in Mexico, Brazil and Venezuela, and *Hi-C* orangeade and the *Cepita* juice brand in Argentina, and accounted for close to 15% of incremental volumes. Our bottled water portfolio, including bulk water, grew 2%, and represented the balance.

Our gross profit increased 19.4% to Ps. 57,227 million in 2011, as compared to 2010. Cost of goods sold increased 21.5% mainly as a result of higher PET and sweetener costs across our operations, which were partially offset by the appreciation of the average exchange rate of the Brazilian real,⁽²⁾ the Colombian peso⁽²⁾ and the Mexican peso⁽²⁾ as applied to our U.S. dollar-denominated raw material costs. Gross margin reached 45.9% in 2011 as compared to 46.3% in 2010.

Our consolidated operating income increased 18.0% to Ps. 20,152 million in 2011, as compared to 2010. Our South America division accounted for more than 60% of this growth. Our operating margin was 16.2% in 2011, as compared to 16.5% in 2010.

Our consolidated net controlling interest income increased 8.3% to Ps. 10,615 million in 2011, as compared to 2010. Earnings per share (EPS) in 2011 were Ps. 5.69 (Ps. 56.91 per ADS) computed on the basis of 1,865.3 million shares⁽³⁾ (each ADS represents 10 local shares)

- (1) Our Mexican operations include Grupo Tampico's results as of October, 2011and Grupo CIMSA's results as of December, 2011
- (2) See page 12 for average and end of period exchange rates for the fourth quarter and full year
- (3) According to Mexican Financial Reporting Standards, Earnings Per Share is computed on the basis of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding during the period. The weighted average number of shares is calculated based on the number of days within a reporting period that each share was outstanding, divided by the full length of that reporting period

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On February 18, 2011, the Board of Directors approved the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards ·(IFRS) in accordance with Mexican regulations beginning January 1, 2012. The Company will release its quarterly and full year 2011 results under IFRS prior to the release of its 1st quarter 2012 results.

On December 12, 2011, Coca-Cola FEMSA and Corporación de los Ángeles, S.A. de C.V. and its shareholders ("Grupo CIMSA") announced the successful merger of Grupo CIMSA's beverage division with Coca-Cola FEMSA.

·Coca-Cola FEMSA held an extraordinary shareholders meeting on December 9, 2011, at which the Company's shareholders approved this merger. Coca-Cola FEMSA started integrating the results of Grupo CIMSA's beverage division as of December, 2011.

On December 15, 2011, Coca-Cola FEMSA and Grupo Fomento Queretano and its shareholders ("Grupo Fomento Queretano") agreed to merge their beverage businesses. The merger agreement has been approved by Coca-Cola ·FEMSA's Board of Directors and is subject to the completion of confirmatory legal, financial and operating due diligence and to customary regulatory and corporate approvals. Coca-Cola FEMSA expects to close this transaction during the first quarter of 2012.

On January 26, 2012, in connection with the merger of Grupo CIMSA's beverage division, Coca-Cola FEMSA issued ·75.4 million new KOF series L shares. The total number of outstanding shares is 1,985.4 million of which FEMSA owns 50.0%, The Coca-Cola Company 29.4% and the Public 20.6%.

On February 20, 2012, Coca-Cola FEMSA announced that it has entered into a 12 month exclusivity agreement with •The Coca-Cola Company to evaluate the potential acquisition of a controlling ownership stake in the bottling operations owned by The Coca-Cola Company in the Philippines.

On February 24, 2012, Coca-Cola FEMSA's Board of Directors agreed to propose an ordinary dividend of approximately Ps. 5,625 million, to be paid during the second quarter of 2012. This dividend is subject to approval at the Annual Shareholders meeting to be held in March 20, 2012. This proposed amount represents a dividend per share of approximately Ps. 2.77, computed on the basis of 2,030.5 million shares, which include the 45.1 million shares to be issued in connection with the merger of Grupo Fomento Queretano. As compared with the dividend per share paid as of April 27, 2011, in the amount of Ps. 2.36, this represents an increase of approximately 17%.

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION

Our fourth-quarter 2011 Conference Call will be held on February 28, 2012, at 10:30 A.M. Eastern Time (09:30 A.M. Mexico City Time). To participate in the conference call, please dial: Domestic U.S.: 866-700-7477 or International: 617-213-8840. We invite investors to listen to the live audiocast of the conference call on the Company's website, www.coca-colafemsa.com

If you are unable to participate live, an instant replay of the conference call will be available through March 5, 2012. To listen to the replay, please dial: Domestic U.S.: 888-286-8010 or International: 617-801-6888. Pass code: 38152393.

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Coca-Cola FEMSA, S.A.B. de C.V. produces and distributes Coca-Cola, Fanta, Sprite, Del Valle, and other trademark beverages of The Coca-Cola Company in Mexico (a substantial part of central Mexico, including Mexico City, as well as southeast and northeast Mexico), Guatemala (Guatemala City and surrounding areas), Nicaragua (nationwide), Costa Rica (nationwide), Panama (nationwide), Colombia (most of the country), Venezuela (nationwide), Brazil (greater São Paulo, Campiñas, Santos, the state of Mato Grosso do Sul, part of the state of Goias, and part of the state of Minas Gerais), and Argentina (Buenos Aires and surrounding areas), along with bottled water, juices, teas, isotonics, beer, and other beverages in some of these territories. The Company has 35 bottling facilities in Latin America and serves more than 1,700,000 retailers in the region.

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This news release may contain forward-looking statements concerning Coca-Cola FEMSA's future performance, which should be considered as good faith estimates by Coca-Cola FEMSA. These forward-looking statements reflect management's expectations and are based upon currently available data. Actual results are subject to future events and uncertainties, many of which are outside Coca-Cola FEMSA's control, which could materially impact the Company's actual performance.

References herein to "US\$" are to United States dollars. This news release contains translations of certain Mexican peso amounts into U.S. dollars for the convenience of the reader. These translations should not be construed as representations that Mexican peso amounts actually represent such U.S. dollar amounts or could be converted into U.S. dollars at the rate indicated.

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Consolidated Income Statement

Expressed in millions of Mexican pesos⁽¹⁾

	4Q 11	% Rev	4Q 10	% Rev	$\Delta\%$		2011	% Rev	2010	% Rev	$\Delta\%$	
Volume (million unit cases) (2)	732.3		659.9		11.0	%	2,648.7		2,499.5		6.0	%
Average price per unit case (2)	47.50		40.70		16.7	%	45.38		39.89		13.8	%
Net revenues	35,984		27,847		29.2	%	124,066		102,988		20.5	%
Other operating revenues	203		144		41.0	%	649		468		38.7	%
Total revenues	36,187	100 %	27,991	100 %		%	124,715	100 %	103,456	100 %	20.5	%
Cost of goods sold	19,696	54.4%	15,017	53.6%	31.2	%	67,488	54.1%	55,534	53.7%	21.5	%
Gross profit	16,491	45.6%	12,974	46.4%	27.1	%	57,227	45.9%		46.3%	19.4	%
Operating expenses	9,994	27.6%	7,894	28.2%	26.6	%	37,075	29.7%	30,843	29.8%	20.2	%
Operating income	6,497	18.0%	5,080	18.1%	27.9 175.2	%	20,152	16.2%	17,079	16.5%	18.0 80.0	% %
Other expenses, net	1,142		415		1/3.2	%	2,326		1,292		80.0	%
Interest expense	478		437		9.4	%	1,736		1,748		-0.7	%
Interest income	156		75		108.0	%	601		285		110.9	%
Interest expense, net	322		362		-11.0	%	1,135		1,463		-22.4	%
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	69		(37)	-286.5	5%	(62)		423		-114.	7%
Gain on monetary position in Inflationary subsidiries	(61)	(123)	-50.4	%	(155)		(414)	-62.6	%
Market value (gain) loss on ineffective portion of derivative instruments	(95)	(55)	72.7	%	140		(244	1	-157.4	1%
Comprehensive financing result	235		147		59.9	%	1,058		1,228		-13.8	%
Income before taxes	5,120		4,518		13.3	%	16,768		14,559			