



Annex 2. Risks

The Cellnex Telecom Group has implemented a risk management model that has been approved and is monitored by the Audit and Control Committee, and is applicable to all business and corporate units in countries where the Group operates. The risk management model is aimed at effectively ensuring that the Group's objectives are achieve. The main risks to the fulfilment of the Group's objectives are as follows:

Strategic risks	I) Risks related to the environment in which the Group operates and risks stemming from the specific nature of its businesses. II) Risks of increasing competition. III) The Group's status as a "significant market power" ("SMP") operator in the digital terrestrial television ("DTT") market in Spain imposes certain detrimental obligations on it compared to its competitors. IV) Industry trends and technological developments may require the Group to continue investing in asset class-businesses adjacent to telecommunication towers, such as fiber, edge computing and small cells. V) Spectrum may not be secured in the future, which would prevent or impair the plans of the Group or limit the need for the Group's services and products. VI) Risk related to a substantial portion of the revenue of the Group is derived from a small number of customers. VII) Risk of infrastructure sharing. VIII) Risk of non-execution the entire committed perimeter. IX) The expansion or development of the Group's businesses, including through acquisitions or other growth opportunities, involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect operating results or disrupt operations. X) Risks inherent to the businesses acquired and the Group's international expansion. XI) Risks related to the non-control of certain subsidiaries. XIII) Risks related to execution of Cellnex's acquisition strategy. XIII) Risks related to the Arqiva Acquisition: the Arqiva Acquisition may fail to close if certain conditions precedent are not met. XIV) Regulatory and other similar risks. XIV) Risk related to the Company's significant shareholder's interests may differ from those of the Company.
Operational risks	 XVII) Risks related to the industry and the business in which the Group operates. XVIII) Risk of not developing the strategic sustainability plan. XIX) Risks related to maintaining the rights over land where the Group's infrastructures are located. XIX) Failure to attract and retain high quality personnel could negatively affect the Group's ability to operate its business. XXI) The Group relies on third parties for key equipment and services, and their failure to properly maintain these assets could adversely affect the quality of its services.
Financial risks	XXII) Financial information. XXIII) Expected contracted revenue (backlog). XXIV) Foreign currency risks. XXV) Interest rate risk. XXVII) Credit risk. XXVIII) Liquidity risks. XXVIII) Inflation risk. XXIX) Risk related to the Group's indebtedness. XXXIX) The Company cannot assure that it will be able to implement its Dividend Policy or to pay dividends (and even if able, that the Company would do so).
Compliance risks	XXXI) Fraud and compliance risks. XXXII) Risk associated with significant agreements signed by the Group that could be modified due to change of control clauses.



Strategic risks

I) Risk related to the environment in which the Group operates and risks stemming from the specific nature of its businesses.

The Group's business includes the provision of services through its three different segments: (i) Telecom Infrastructure Services, (ii) Broadcasting Infrastructure and (iii) Other Network Services. Any factor adversely affecting the demand for such services could potentially have a material adverse impact on its business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows

Through the Telecom Infrastructure Services segment, the main business activity, the Group facilitates access to the spectrum (owned by its customers), by means of providing access to telecom through its connectivity services as well as the related passive and active infrastructure to external MNOs, typically under mid- and long-term contracts. Therefore, the Telecom Infrastructure Services segment is highly dependent on the demand for such infrastructures and a decrease in such demand may adversely affect the Group's business.

In the Broadcasting Infrastructure activity, the demand for the Group's communications depends on the coverage needs from its customers, which, in turn, depend on the demand for TV and radio broadcast by their customers.

Likewise, for the Other Network Services segment, the demand for connectivity, public protection and disaster relief ("PPDR") networks, operation and maintenance ("O&M"), Smart City and Internet of Things ("IoT") services depends on the demand from public administrations as well as entities operating in the private and public sectors.

The willingness of the Group's customers to use the Group's communications infrastructures, contract its services, or renew or extend existing contracts on its communications infrastructures on the same terms, can be affected by numerous factors, including, among others:

- increased use of network sharing, roaming or resale arrangements by MNOs;
- increased sharing initiatives among MNOs (both related to passive and active network sharing), roaming or resale arrangements by MNOs;
- mergers or consolidations among the Group's customers such as MNOs;
- the ability and willingness of MNOs to maintain or increase capital expenditures on network infrastructure;
- the financial condition of the Group's customers, including the availability or cost of capital;
- governmental licensing of spectrum or restrictions on or revocations of spectrum licenses;
- changes in electromagnetic emissions' regulations;
- changes in demand for TV and radio services and consumption habits (channels, etc.) by end consumers, including the level of multimedia content consumption;
- significant increases in the attrition rate of customers or decreases in overall demand for broadcast space
 and services, caused by, among others, the adoption of new digital patterns by customers and the
 obsolescence of the products and services rendered by the Group's companies;





- a decrease in consumer demand for wireless telecom and broadcasting services due to economic, political
 and market/regulatory conditions, disruptions of financial and credit markets or other factors, including
 inflation, zoning, environmental, health or other existing government regulations or changes in the application
 and enforcement thereof, as well as taxes/customs duties levied on the Group's services;
- the evolution of the advertising business' revenue in the media sector, and especially, TV, internet and radio;
- changes in connectivity to the internet;
- an increase in demand for private networks;
- the evolution of public internet;
- changes in the data traffic demand worldwide as well as changes in data transmission prices and speed;
- the availability or capacity of the Group's infrastructure or associated land interests where the infrastructure is located;
- the location of the Group's wireless infrastructure;
- changes in, or the success or failure of, the Group's customers' business models;
- delays or changes in the deployment of next generation wireless technologies or the failure by the Group to anticipate the development of new wireless technologies;
- technological advances and development of alternative technologies that the Groups does not currently use, such as the development of satellite-delivered and optical fibre-delivered radio and video services and internet TV:
- the existence of alternative providers of the Group's services or, alternatively, the self-provision of services by the Group's customers;
- the willingness of the Group's current or future customers to make contractual arrangements with the Group under the current terms and conditions; and
- the Group's customers' desire to renegotiate its agreements with them or to adversely amend current contractual arrangements (especially those relating to broadcasting services and other network services, where Cellnex is facing a general cycle of renewal of contracts with customers).

As a result of these factors the Group's customers may scale back their need or demand for its services which could materially and adversely affect the degree of utilisation of the capacity of the Group's communications infrastructures and its network and connectivity development services, which could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

To reduce its exposure to risks as a result of the environment in which it operates, the Group pursues a selective international expansion plan, diversification and growth policy, fostering understanding with Government Agencies to develop infrastructures. In addition, it has continued to implement an efficiency plan in order to streamline operating investments and expenditures.





II) Risk of increasing competition

The Group may experience at any time increased competition in certain areas of activity from established and new competitors, for example as a result of other infrastructure providers entering the European market. The industry is competitive and customers have access to alternatives in telecom infrastructure services and other network services, whereas for broadcasting TV the alternatives are more limited. Where the Group acts as a provider of services, competitive pricing from competitors could affect the rates and services income. In addition, competition in infrastructure services could also increase the cost of acquisition of assets and limit the Group's ability to grow its business. Moreover, the Group may not be able to renew existing services agreements or enter into new services agreements. The higher prices for assets, combined with the competitive pricing pressure on services agreements, could make more difficult for the Group to achieve targeted returns on investments.

Increasing competition for the acquisition of infrastructure assets or companies in the context of the Group's business expansion, which could make the acquisition of high quality assets significantly more costly, in the current environment of low rates and taking into consideration the Group's business nature, with long term contracts, fixed fees normally inflation-linked, more and more infrastructure funds and private equity firms are showing appetite towards this kind of assets. Some competitors are larger than the Group and may have greater financial resources (such as KKR), while other competitors may apply investment criteria with lower return on investment requirements. Likewise, Cellnex also faces competition or may face future competition from its US peers, such as American Tower, Crown Castle or SBA Communications. Additionally, some of the Group's customers have set up their own infrastructure companies (such as Telxius Telecom, S.A. or Infrastructure Wireless Italiane S.p.A.), while more European MNOs (Vodafone) are increasingly showing their willingness to set their own infrastructure vehicles, which could drive to scarcity in terms of assets for sale (thus generating inflation on prices for assets), combined with more competitiveness on the normal course of the Company's business limiting the organic growth potential.

Besides, if the Group is unable to compete effectively with its competitors or anticipate or respond to customer needs, the Group could lose existing and potential customers, which could reduce its operating margins and have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial conditions and cash flows.

III) The Group's status as a "significant market power" ("SMP") operator in the digital terrestrial television ("DTT") market in Spain imposes certain detrimental obligations on it compared to its competitors

In 2006, when the Spanish terrestrial TV broadcast market was articulated, the Group was classified as a SMP operator by the competition authorities. Given its dominant market position, the National Commission of Markets and Competition (Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y de la Competencia, or "CNMC", the former Comisión del Mercado de las Telecomunicaciones, or "CMT") imposed certain conditions (regulatory remedies) on it to allow it to operate in the broadcasting market which, amongst others, set out that if the Group is not able to reach a voluntary commercial agreement with an operator, the CNMC will dictate the commercial conditions of the agreements. The CNMC has introduced certain flexibility to those conditions as per the latest regulation of the market, carried out in 2019 which has concluded on July 17, 2019 with the publication of Resolution approving the definition and analysis of the wholesale market for the television broadcasting transmission service (Market 18/2003) and notified to the European Commission and the European Electronic Communications Regulators Entity.

The competitors of the Group in the market who are not considered to be a SMP operator because of their low market share and limited coverage capacity are not subject to these obligations. These obligations and potential additional obligations imposed on the Group by the competition authorities vis-à-vis its competitors could materially and adversely affect the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.





IV) Industry trends and technological developments may require the Group to continue investing in asset class-businesses adjacent to telecommunication towers, such as fiber, edge computing and small cells

European MNOs are apparently moving towards a less infrastructural business model, thus the share trends in the telecommunications sector are increasing, especially given the upcoming 5G technological cycle. In this context, Cellnex may need to reinforce its offer in order to meet the needs of its customers, increasingly investing in asset-class businesses adjacent to telecommunication towers, such as fiber, edge computing, small cells.

While the above adjacent businesses can be managed through co-location services offered by a neutral provider (in a similar way to the Group's current Telecom Infrastructure Services business segment and potentially with comparable economic principles), the Group may face certain additional risks, such as (i) execution risk of entering into new businesses; (ii) weak local know-how about the commercial potential of new business deployments; (iii) higher financing requirements, requiring in turn increased financing capabilities; (iv) the need to be large-scale to become a relevant player in these businesses given global and local competence; (v) increased risk of over-building capacity affecting the price equilibrium in the market; (vi) compliance with new regulations; (vii) risk of over-paying, giving increasing valuations due to investment demand; and (viii) increased competition against players holding better operational capabilities, among others.

The Company believes it holds the technical know-how to support the long term needs of its customers and has been gradually investing in adjacent asset-class businesses in order to gain experience and mitigate potential future risks, but the investment in asset-class businesses adjacent to telecommunication towers could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

V) Spectrum may not be secured in the future, which would prevent or impair the plans of the Group or limit the need for the Group's services and products

The Group and its customers are highly dependent on the availability of sufficient spectrum for the provision of certain services. The amount of spectrum available is limited and the process for obtaining it is highly complex and costly.

In the Broadcasting Infrastructure segment, the Group owns the infrastructures and equipment that TV and radio broadcasters use to compress and distribute their signals in Spain. In particular, the Group distributes and transmits signals for DTT, the leading TV platform in Spain. The evolution of technology standards, formats and coding technologies is likely to influence the future spectrum demand for broadcasting services. Even if the Group currently uses "multiplexing", a method by which multiple analogue signals or digital data streams are combined into one signal over a shared medium, with the aim of maximizing the limited capacity of the spectrum, the Group cannot guarantee that its customers or DTT broadcasters will have sufficient access to spectrum in the long-term to maintain and develop its services.

The Spanish government is responsible for the allocation of spectrum in Spain. On September 24, 2014 Royal Decree 805/2014, of September 19, was published in the Official Gazette approving the National Technical Plan for DTT (the "National Technical Plan for DTT"). Under the so-called "Digital Dividend", in line with all EU countries, the Spanish government released the 800 megahertz ("MHz") band of frequencies previously used by DTT, to the benefit of the deployment of fourth generation mobile telecommunications technology ("LTE" (long-term evolution), a communication standard for high-speed data mobile devices) used by MNOs. The release of the 800 MHz band as a result of the reallocation of spectrum to MNOs represented a loss of 72 MHz of spectrum originally allocated to broadcasting. The digital migration was completed on March 31, 2015. The National Technical Plan for DTT reduced the number of private





multiplex, a system of transmitting several messages or signals simultaneously on the same circuit or channel ("MUX") from eight to seven at a national level, and on a general basis, from two to one at the regional level. A second "Digital Dividend" was envisaged to occur in 2020, under the EU Decision 2017/899, in order to constrain the amount of spectrum available for DTT broadcasting while increasing the spectrum for mobile broadband services.

The Decision (EU) 2017/899 of the European Parliament and of the Council, of May 17, 2017, on the use of the 470-790 MHz frequency band in the Union sets up the spectrum usage until 2030 (the second Digital Dividend). As a consequence, the Spanish Government published on June 29, 2018 its national roadmap for the liberalization of the second Digital Dividend and, on June 21, 2019, the Royal Decree 391/2019 approving the new National Technical Plan for DTT and the regulation of certain aspects of the liberalization of the second Digital Dividend was passed. This Royal Decree regulates how the 700 MHz band will be liberalized and how the radio-electric channels and the new digital MUXs will be distributed among the Spanish Public Radio and Television Corporation and other license holders, obligations of minimum range of reception and the technical specifications that the television services have to meet. The current number of MUXs (and their coverages) on the sub 700MHz band will be maintained, as well as the offer of DTT channels. This Royal Decree also states that the DTT service will be offered in the sub-700 MHz band and that the 700 MHz band shall not be used by audiovisual communication service providers by June 30, 2020, in order to make it available for the 5G mobile services from that date onwards. The Royal Decree further establishes that the sub-700 MHz will continue to be used for television broadcasting until, at least, 2030. On the same date, the Spanish Government approved the Royal Decree 392/2019, which regulates the direct granting of subsidies to compensate the costs in the reception of or access to television audiovisual communication services in buildings, as a consequence of the liberalization of frequency bands in the range 694-790 Mhz.

Since the allocation of spectrum is decided by the Spanish government, the Group is highly dependent on political decisions for the future of its DTT broadcasting business, which decisions are outside of its control. In the event that the number of MUXs available for DTT is further reduced, the Group's customers could lose some of its current DTT multiplex spectrum currently licensed.

VI) Risk related to a substantial portion of the revenue of the Group is derived from a small number of customers

In the Telecom Infrastructure Services segment its main clients are telecom operators (mostly MNOs); in the Broadcasting Infrastructure segment its main clients are media broadcasters (TV channels and radio stations); and in the Other Network Services segment its main clients are (i) a small number of public administrations, at national, regional and/or local levels, (ii) safety and emergency response organizations, (iii) companies operating in the utility sector, and (iv) certain telecom operators. The ongoing consolidation process in the telecom and broadcasting sectors may result in a decrease in the number of MNOs or media broadcasting operators in the future, which could potentially have a negative impact on the main segments of the Group.

The Group's reliance on a small group of customers may adversely affect the development of the its business. As such, the loss of one or more of any of the Group's main customers, resulting from, amongst others, a merger, bankruptcy, insolvency, network sharing, loss of licenses, roaming, joint development, resale agreements or contract early termination may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Likewise, even though most of the Group's business relationships have been long-lasting to-date, the Group cannot guarantee that contracts with its major customers will not be terminated or that these customers will renew their contracts with the Group in the same terms or at all. Further, the Group is exposed to constant renegotiation and renewal processes of its contracts with its customers (especially those related to Broadcasting Infrastructure and





Other Network Services due to the contracts relating to such segments generally having shorter maturity periods), which may result in the current contractual arrangements being adversely amended, which could in turn affect the total value of its contracts. In particular, contracts entered into by the Group generally provide that certain expenses are passed through to the Group's customers, such as energy costs, and the Group cannot guarantee that such contracts are renewed in the same terms, which may result in the current contractual arrangements being adversely amended, which could in turn affect the total value of its contracts. In particular, contracts entered into by the Group generally provide that certain expenses are passed through to the Group's customers (such as energy costs). The Group cannot guarantee that the pass through mechanism will protect 100% of the energy cost beared, which may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. In addition, Cellnex could potentially be exposed to fines if it were to be held to be engaged in an electricity resale business simply because energy costs are included in the charges for which it bills its customers.

In the ordinary course of its business, the Group experiences disputes with its customers, generally regarding the interpretation of terms in the Group's commercial agreements. It is possible that such disputes could lead to a termination of the Group's contracts with customers or a material modification of the terms of those agreements, either of which could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. If the Group is forced to resolve any of these disputes through litigation, its relationship with the relevant customer could be terminated or damaged, which could lead to decreased revenue or increased costs, resulting in a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Additionally, in relation to Telecom Infrastructure Services, the Group currently differentiates from its competitors through the neutrality of its position in the market. The loss or weakening of such neutral position as a result of one customer becoming a reference or controlling shareholder of the Company could lead to the termination of contracts or to a loss of customers; and hence, to a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

VII) Risk of infrastructure sharing

While the Group believes the neutral operator model presents certain advantages and there is a growing trend of externalization of the provision of wireless communications infrastructure, extensive sharing of site infrastructure, roaming or resale arrangements among wireless service providers as an alternative to using the Group's services may slow down entering into new service agreements. Moreover, if MNOs utilize shared equipment (either active or passive) rather than deploy new equipment, it may result in the decommissioning of equipment on certain existing infrastructure because parts of the customers' networks may become redundant.

Any potential merger, integration or consolidation of the Group's customers would likely result in duplicate or overlapping networks, which may result in the termination or non-renewal of customer contracts (for example where they are cocustomers on an infrastructure) and in the loss of commercial opportunities resulting in a lower number of potential customers for the Group. These two scenarios could materially and adversely affect revenues from the Group's wireless infrastructure and its commercial prospects.

In addition, customer -consolidation may result in a reduction in their total future capital expenditures because their expansion plans may be similar. Both MNOs' and broadcasters' consolidation could decrease the demand for the Group wireless infrastructure, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.



Viii) Risk of non-execution the entire committed perimeter

The framework agreements with anchor customers may include agreements by which the parties agree further acquisitions or construction of infrastructures over a defined period or acquisition or construction of a maximum number of infrastructures. Such framework agreements may or may not be implemented, either in whole or in part, due to a potential integration or consolidation of the Group's customers. Moreover, customers could decide not to pursue such agreements due to a change in their business strategy.

In addition, framework agreements with anchor customers may include the unilateral right to dismiss a low-digit percentage of the total sites (respiration rate clause) per year.

If these circumstances occurred, there is no guarantee that the Group may have enough contractual protection in order to be compensated for such changes, which in turn could have a material adverse effect for the Group.

IX) The expansion or development of the Group's business, including through acquisitions or other growth opportunities, involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could adversely affect operating results or disrupt operations

It is an integral part of the Group's strategy to continue driving growth through the acquisition of assets, entities or minority interests, joint ventures, mergers and other arrangements in the countries where the Group currently operates or elsewhere, which could require, among other matters, to obtain additional indebtedness, the issuance of shares to finance such acquisitions or other growth opportunities. The Group's growth strategy is linked, among other factors, to the capacity to successfully decommission and build new infrastructures. In the ordinary course of the business, the Group reviews, analyses and evaluates various potential transactions, assets, interests, activities or potential arrangements that the Group believes may add value to the business or the services it provides. Failure to timely identify growth opportunities may adversely affect the expansion or development of the Group business.

In certain occasions sellers of infrastructure assets may be reluctant to enter into joint venture, mergers, disposal or other arrangements with the Group due to, among other reasons, the accounting impact of the transaction in their financial statements. Therefore, the Group is not only exposed to the accounting impact of a transaction on itself but also to that of its prospective clients.

Moreover, the Group's ability to grow its portfolio of assets in a particular market or jurisdiction could be limited by antitrust or similar legislation. Even if compliant with anti-trust legislation, the Group may not be able to consummate such transactions, undertake such activities or implement new services successfully due to disruptions in its activities or increased risk of operations, affecting negatively the Group's business and its prospects.

In addition, the loss of the Group's neutral position as a result of an MNO having obtained either (i) more than 50% of the voting rights or (ii) the right to appoint or dismiss the majority of the members of the board may cause the sellers of infrastructure assets to be reluctant to enter into new joint ventures, mergers, disposals or other arrangements with the Group.

The Group is subject to a series of risks and uncertainties, including failing to obtain the expected returns and financial objectives, increased costs, assumed liabilities, the diversion of managerial attention due to acquisitions and potential structural changes such as mergers or consolidations of its competitors.

Any international expansion initiative is subject to additional risks such as the laws, regulations and complex business practices. Furthermore, there are additional risks associated with doing business internationally, including changes in a





specific country's or region's political or economic conditions, inflation or currency devaluation, expropriation or governmental regulation restricting foreign ownership or requiring reversion or divestiture, increases in the cost of labour (as a result of unionisation or otherwise), power and other goods and services required for the Group's operations and changes in consumer price indexes in foreign countries.

Achieving the benefits of new acquisitions depends in part on the timely and efficient integration of the acquired business' operations, communications, infrastructure portfolios and personnel. Integration may be difficult and unpredictable for many reasons, including, among other things, differing systems and processes, cultural differences, customary business practices and conflicting policies, procedures and operations. In addition, integrating businesses may significantly burden management and internal resources, including the potential loss or unavailability of key personnel. In this sense, while this is a clear challenge in terms of M&A bandwidth, the company has deployed its own methodology to ensure a smooth transition and business continuity. In this sense, local teams were reinforced in 2018 and 2019 in France, the UK, Italy and Switzerland, the integration project starts before a new deal is signed and transitional service agreement with the seller (up to 18 month duration) ensure a successful integration, among other measures.

The potential acquisition of minority interests in other companies that manage telecom infrastructure or similar companies or the entry by the Group into joint ventures or other arrangements where it does not have control over the investment vehicle, could result in not achieving the expected rate of return on the relevant investment. Such event may occur because the interests of other shareholders are not the same as the Group's, because the underlying business does not perform as expected, because of an impairment in the value of such investment or for other reasons.

As a result, the Group's foreign operations and expansion initiatives may not succeed as expected and may materially and adversely affect its business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

X) Risks inherent in the businesses acquired and the Group's international expansion.

The Group's customers in Spain, Italy, France and Switzerland represent a significant portion of its revenues, especially exposing the Group to risks specific to these countries. Adverse economic conditions may have a negative impact on demand for the services provided and on the customers' ability to meet their payment obligations. In periods of recession, such as the one experienced by Spain and Italy in previous years, the demand for the Group' services also tends to decline, adversely affecting its operational results. The challenging economic conditions in Spain and Italy in previous years have negatively affected the financial condition of the Group's clients, and have impacted demand for wireless communication and wireless infrastructure as well as the revenues generated by advertising in the media, and have adversely affected all of the Group's lines of activity. This negative/low growth cycle could affect Cellnex again in these two countries or in others.

Likewise, as the Group is now present in new countries, it is directly exposed to each of such countries political and economic situations, and may be adversely affected by their potential instability. The Group is unable to predict how the economic and political cycle in such locations will develop in the short-term or the coming years or whether there will be a deterioration in political stability.

In addition, the financial situation and political instability, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, trade tensions between USA and China, growth of anti-EU political parties as well as emerging political forces in member states of the EU with alternative economic policies and priorities, concerns about independence movements within the EU and Spain, and military and terrorist actions in Europe and elsewhere in the world could affect the economic situation in the EU and elsewhere, and could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows



Because of the Group's growing presence in the United Kingdom (which has increased following the completion of the BT Transaction and is expected to significantly increase in the future following the completion of the Arqiva Acquisition, the Group faces the risk of political and economic uncertainty derived from the United Kingdom's decision to leave the EU, moreover in the event of a withdrawal from the European Union with few or no agreements in place regarding the prospective relationship between the United Kingdom and the EU (economic, trading, legal or otherwise) after withdrawal of the first from the latter (popularly known as a "hard Brexit" or a "no-deal Brexit"). The timing of, and process for, the negotiations and the resulting terms of the United Kingdom's future economic, trading and legal relationships are currently uncertain due to the lack of an agreement between the parties, to date.

Due to the Group's growing presence in other European countries, it is also increasing its exposure to other global economic and political events, particularly in France. Changes in the international financial markets' conditions pose a challenge to the Group ability to adapt to them as they may have an impact on its business. Growing public debt, reduced growth rates and any measures of monetary policy that may be implemented in the future in the credit markets all could affect the Group's business. A change in any of these factors could affect the Group's ability to access the capital markets and the terms and conditions under which it can access such capital, which could have a material adverse effect on the Group business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

In addition to the abovementioned risks related to carrying out the Group activities internationally, it may be exposed to the following risks:

- changes on the existing or new tax laws or international tax treaties, methodologies impacting the Group's
 international operations, or fees directed specifically at the ownership and operation of communications
 infrastructures or its international acquisitions, which may be applied or enforced retroactively; also in the
 interpretation of the changes in the benefits derived from royalties (i.e. Patent Box) or local taxes;
- tax authorities could interpret the laws in a different way than Cellnex (for example the interpretation of scope of RETT² Real Estate Transfer Tax);
- laws or regulations that tax or otherwise restrict repatriation of earnings or other funds or otherwise limit distributions of capital;
- changes in a specific country's or region's political or economic conditions, including changes in the government, political goals, inflation, deflation or currency devaluation;
- changes in governmental priorities, including subsidies offered by one or more jurisdictions; expropriation or governmental regulation restricting foreign ownership or requiring reversion or divestiture;
- material infrastructure security issues;
- increases in the cost of labor (as a result of unionization or otherwise), power and other goods and services required for the Group's operations;
- price setting or other similar laws for the sharing of active and passive infrastructure;

² RETT (Real Estate Transfer Tax) is a tax levied on the transfer of legal or beneficiary title to real estate assets. This tax is calculated on the gain between the fair value of the real estate asset transferred and the transaction price.





- uncertain rulings or results from legal or judicial systems, including inconsistencies among and within laws, regulations and decrees, and judicial application thereof, which may occasionally be enforced retroactively, and delays in the judicial process;
- changes in consumer price indexes in foreign countries; that could adversely affect the Group results of operations; and;
- force majeure events affecting any or several countries in which the Group carries out its activities.

XI) Risk related to the non-control of certain subsidiaries

Although Cellnex has full control and a 100% stake in the vast majority of its subsidiaries, Cellnex has made and may continue to make equity investments, which may include minority investments, in certain strategic assets managed by or together with third parties, including governmental entities and private entities. In addition, the Company has full control over certain subsidiaries in which shareholders are holders of a minority investment. The Group subsidiaries with the highest percentage of minority shareholders was Cellnex Switzerland, and after the completion of the Iliad and Salt Acquisitions (See Note 12.f of the accompanying consolidated financial statements), the Group subsidiaries with the highest percentage of minority shareholders would change.

Investments in assets over which Cellnex has partial, joint or no control are subject to the risk that the other holders of interest in the assets (making use their minority rights), who may have different business or investment strategies than Cellnex or with whom it may have a disagreement or dispute, may have the ability to independently make or block business, financial or management decisions, such as the decision to distribute dividends or the appointment of members of management, which may be crucial to the success of the project or Cellnex's investment in the project, or otherwise implement initiatives which may be contrary to its interests, creating impasses on decisions and affecting its ability to implement the foreseen strategy. Additionally, the approval of other shareholders or partners may be required to sell, pledge, transfer, assign or otherwise convey Cellnex's interest in such assets. Alternatively, other shareholders may have rights of first refusal or rights of first offer in the event of a proposed sale or transfer of Cellnex's interests in such assets. These restrictions may limit the price or interest level for Cellnex's interests in such assets, in the event it wants to dispose such interests. In addition, minority shareholders may target an exit through different mechanisms (i.e. put options, right of first offers, rights to acquire belonging to Cellnex, etc.) and the Company has the willingness to acquire such minority stakes. However, the price of this acquisition may be inflationary and strongly revaluated (as it has happened in Cellnex Switzerland) or because this mechanisms may have already a defined price in the SHA, which is higher that the current original price paid by Cellnex.

Other holders of interest in the Group's assets may become insolvent or file for bankruptcy at any time, or fail to fund their share of any capital contribution that might be required. Finally, they may be unable, or unwilling, to fulfil their obligations under the relevant shareholder or joint investment agreements or may experience financial or other difficulties that may adversely affect Cellnex's investment in a particular joint venture. This may result in litigation or arbitration procedures generating costs and diverting Cellnex's management team from their other managerial tasks. In certain of Cellnex's joint ventures, it may also be reliant on the particular expertise of other holders of interest and, as a result, any failure to perform Cellnex's obligations in a diligent manner could also adversely affect the joint venture. If any of the foregoing were to occur, Cellnex's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows could be materially and adversely affected.



XII) Risks related to execution of Cellnex's acquisition strategy

Cellnex' strategy includes the aim to strengthen and expand its operations, among others, through acquisitions. This strategy of growth exposes Cellnex to operational challenges and risks, such as the need to identify potential acquisition opportunities on favourable terms. It also may expose Cellnex to other risks such as the diversion of management's attention from existing business or the potential impairment of acquired intangible assets, including goodwill, as well as the acquisition of liabilities or other claims from acquired businesses.

Prior to entering into an acquisition agreement, Cellnex generally performs a due diligence exercise on the potential changes to existing or new tax laws or international tax treaties, methodologies impacting the Group's international operations, or fees directed specifically at the ownership and operation of communications infrastructures or its international acquisitions, which may be applied the acquisition. To the extent Cellnex or other third parties underestimated or failed to identify risks and liabilities associated with an acquisition, it may incur, directly or indirectly, in unexpected liabilities, such as defects in title, an inability to obtain permits enabling Cellnex to use the underlying infrastructure as intended, environmental, structural or operational defects or liabilities requiring remediation. Failure to identify any defects, liabilities or risks could result in Cellnex having acquired assets which are not consistent with its investment strategy which are difficult to integrate with the rest of the portfolio or which fail to perform in accordance with expectations, and/or adversely affect Cellnex's reputation, which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on its business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Generally, if Cellnex cannot identify, implement or integrate attractive acquisition opportunities on favourable terms or at all, it could adversely impact its ability to execute its growth strategy.

XIII) Risks related to the Arqiva acquisition: the Arqiva Acquisition may fail to close if certain conditions precedent are not met.

Completion of the Arqiva Acquisition is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent, some of which are not within the Group's control, and failure to satisfy such conditions may prevent, delay or otherwise materially adversely affect the completion of the Arqiva Acquisition. Such conditions precedent include, among other conditions, the completion of the Carve-Out (involving the successful transfer of the telecoms towers business of the Arqiva Group (the "UK Tower Business")) activity, assets and liabilities to Arqiva TowerCo and its subsidiaries, and the transfer of the non-telecoms towers business of the Arqiva Group UK (the "non-UK Tower Business") activity, assets and liabilities from Arqiva TowerCo and its subsidiaries back to the Arqiva Group), certain authorizations of the Arqiva Acquisition from the Arqiva Group's finance providers and the execution of a key agreement with a third party on the terms specified in the Arqiva SPA. Completion of the Arqiva Acquisition is subject to certain regulatory conditions precedent, and closing is expected in the second half of 2020.

As such, there is no assurance that the Arqiva Acquisition will be completed or, if completed, that it will be completed on the same terms as are described in the initial transaction agreements. Failure to complete the Arqiva Acquisition could result in significant costs to the Company, which could materially and adversely affect the value of the Company's shares and the Group's expansion plans, business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

XIV) Regulatory and other similar risks

Risks related to changes in tax and legal regulations and socio-political changes are significant, given that the Group carries out an activity subject to government regulations, as well as to the regulatory framework in the European Union (the "EU"). These changes in tax and legal regulations could be applied or enforced retroactively. The main rules applicable to the Group and its customers include the availability and granting of licences for the use of the spectrum,





the rates for its use and the commercial framework for the sale of terrestrial radio broadcasting assets and the obligations imposed on the Group by the Spanish competition authorities in relation to its broadcasting infrastructure activities.

Moreover, environmental and health regulation imposes additional costs and may affect the Group's results of operations. In the countries in which the Group operates, it is subject to environmental laws and electromagnetic regulations, as well as to the EU laws and regulations, concerning issues such as damage caused by air emissions, noise emissions and electromagnetic radiation. These laws are increasingly stringent and may create in the future substantial environmental compliance liabilities and costs.

Public perception of possible health risks associated with cellular and other wireless communications technologies could affect the growth of wireless companies, which could in turn slow down the Group's growth. In particular, negative public perception of these health risks could undermine the market acceptance of wireless communications services, increase opposition to the development and expansion of telecom infrastructures and lead to price increases of the infrastructure services where the infrastructures are located. The potential connection between radio frequency emissions and certain negative health or environmental effects has been the subject of substantial study by the scientific community in recent years and numerous health-related lawsuits have been filed against wireless carriers and wireless device manufacturers. If a scientific study or court decision in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates or elsewhere resulted in a finding that radio frequency emissions pose health risks to consumers, it could negatively impact the Group's customers and the market for wireless services, which could materially and adversely affect the Group's business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. The Group insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover all or a substantial portion of any liability it may have.

The Group's services are affected by the current electromagnetic emission rules applicable in terms of limiting the emissions coming from equipment of the Group's customers hosted by the Group. Despite the fact that the ratio emitting equipment is held by Cellnex, the Group's customers are liable for the emissions of their own equipment. In the event that such rules were amended against the Group's interest, they could limit its growth capacity and may adversely affect its business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

The Group mitigates the risks to which is exposed from possible regulatory changes through coordination in the relevant areas to ensure that it follows prevailing local legislation and that it is able to anticipate regulatory changes.

XV) Litigation

The Group is subject to the risk of legal claims and proceedings and regulatory enforcement actions in the ordinary course of business and otherwise. The results of legal and regulatory proceedings cannot be predicted with certainty. The Group cannot guarantee that the results of current or future legal or regulatory proceedings or actions will not materially harm the Group's business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows, nor can it guarantee that it will not incur losses in connection with current or future legal or regulatory proceedings or actions that exceed any provisions that it may have set aside in respect of such proceedings or actions or that exceed any available insurance coverage, which may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.





XVI) Risk related to the Company's ownership structure The Company's significant shareholder's interests may differ from those of the Company

ConnecT S.p.A. ("ConnecT"), which owns 29.9% of Cellnex's share capital, is the largest shareholder of the Company as of the date of the accompanying consolidated financial statements. As of the date of the accompanying consolidated financial statements, and pursuant to publicly available information, Sintonia S.p.A. ("Sintonia") holds approximately 55% of ConnecT's share capital. Sintonia, in turn, is a sub-holding company wholly-owned by Edizione S.R.L ("Edizione"). Each of Infinity Investments, S.A. ("Infinity"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority ("ADIA") and the Government of Singapore ("GIC") (through Raffles Infra Holdings Limited ("Raffles")), hold approximately 22.5% of ConnecT's share capital (for further information, see "Principal Shareholders-Shareholders' agreements"). ConnecT has irrevocably committed to exercise the Preferential Subscription Rights corresponding to the Shares held by ConnecT, and to subscribe and pay for 25,933,374 New Shares in the Offering. As a result, ConnecT's equity interest in Cellnex's share capital will not be diluted. See "Plan of Distribution-Commitments from shareholders, Directors and members of the Senior Management". ConnecT has a significant influence over those matters requiring shareholders' approval, including the appointment and dismissal of the members of the Board of Directors, the payment of dividends, changes in the issued share capital of the Company and the adoption of certain amendments to the bylaws. In addition, ConnecT has appointed four out of twelve of Cellnex's Directors. There can be no assurance that ConnecT, or any other current or future significant shareholder, will act in a manner that is in the best interest of other shareholders of the Company, which could, in turn, adversely affect the Group's business, prospects results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Operational risks

XVII) Risks related to the industry and the business in which the Group operates

The sector where the Group develops its activities is characterized by rapid technological changes and it is essential to be able to offer the products and services demanded by the market and to select the appropriate investments.

The development and implementation of new technologies designed to enhance the efficiency of wireless networks or new technologies developing alternative network solutions (either broadcasting infrastructure or alternative technologies to the network services provided), or changes in the Group customers' business models, could reduce the need for infrastructure-based wireless services, reduce the need for broadcasting or network services, decrease demand for the Group's infrastructure space or reduce rates or other fees obtained in the past. In this regard, the Group faces the risk that its customers may not adopt the technologies the Group invests in. For example, as communication technologies continue to develop, competitors may be able to offer wireless telecom infrastructure products and services that are, or that are perceived to be, substantially similar to or better than those offered by the Group, or offer technologies that provide similar functionality with competitive prices and with comparable or superior quality.

The Group cannot be certain that existing, proposed or as yet undeveloped technologies of its complementary segments (such as, 5G, "Small Cells", DAS, data centers/edge computing and fiber) will not become dominant in the future and render the technologies and infrastructure the Group currently uses obsolete. Should the Group's competitors develop and commercialize new technologies designed to improve and enhance the range and effectiveness of wireless telecom networks, it could significantly decrease demand for existing infrastructure. The Group's business and growth prospects could be jeopardized if it was not able to promptly identify and adapt to shifting technological solutions and/or if it failed to acquire or develop the necessary capabilities and expertise to meet the clients' changing needs. The development and implementation of new services with a significant technological component is also subject to inherent risks that the Group may not be able to overcome.





In addition, customers of the Group's services may reduce the budgets they may have allocated to telecom infrastructure, broadcasting infrastructure or other services, as the industry constantly invests in the development and implementation of new technologies or because of changes in their business model. Examples of these technologies include spectrally efficient technologies, which could reduce the Group's customers' network capacity needs and as a result could reduce the demand for infrastructure-based wireless services.

Moreover, certain Small Cell-based complementary network technologies, in which the Group is actively working, could shift a portion of its customers' investments away from the traditional infrastructure-based networks, which may reduce the need for MNOs to add more equipment at communication infrastructures. Moreover, the emergence of alternative technologies could reduce the need for infrastructure-based broadcast or network services. For example, the growth in the delivery of wireless communications, radio and video services by direct broadcast satellites could materially and adversely affect demand for the Group's infrastructure services. Further, a customer may decide to no longer outsource infrastructures or otherwise change its business model, which would result in a decrease in the Group's revenue.

In the Broadcasting Infrastructure activity, digital terrestrial television ("DTT") is the method most widely used to transmit TV signals in Europe but an eventual unexpected increase in Spain of the use of alternative distribution platforms (such as satellite, cable or internet protocol television ["IPTV"]) or the growth and deployment of Wi-Fi network could reduce the Group's current business volume. In the Other Network Services activity the Group uses, among other technologies, terrestrial trunked radio ("TETRA") services technology or radio links to deliver its services, and the use of alternative technologies could reduce its revenues and limit potential future growth. The development and implementation of any of these and similar technologies, as well as of new products and technologies, may render some of the products and services offered by the Group obsolete which could have a material adverse effect on its business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

XVIII) Risk of not developing the strategic sustainability plan

Cellnex's degree of involvement and commitment to the environment and the fight against climate change has led it to develop a Strategic Plan for sustainability based on 11 lines of action, all of which are aligned with the United Nations' ODS.

Failure to develop the plan would entail a reputational risk. A worse rating in the sustainability indices and in the analyses of proxy advisors would mean a worse valuation by investors. It would also represent a failure to comply with the commitments acquired in environmental matters with various international bodies and institutions (United Nations, Global Compact, Business for 1.5°C or Science Based Targets initiative according to IPPC (SBTi)), as well as with our stakeholders and society in general.

The company may not comply with the environmental requirements established in the Spanish and/or European Legislative Framework, or with the requirements of listed companies such as those established in the Non-Financial Information and Diversity Act.

Failure to implement the measures set out in the Strategic Sustainability Plan to reduce the impact of climate change would ultimately have direct consequences for the company's activity. Among these are the management of energy efficiency and the associated carbon footprint, due to the impact on, for example, cooling systems to compensate for the increase in temperatures at the various types of the Group's telecommunications sites; or supply chain management by incorporating suppliers into the sustainability and carbon footprint reduction criteria.



XIX) Risks related to maintaining the rights over land where the Group's infrastructures are located

The Group's real property interests relating to its infrastructures consist primarily of ownership interests, fee interests, easements, licenses and rights-of-way. A loss of these interests at a particular infrastructure may interfere with the Group's ability to operate infrastructures and generate revenues. In the context of acquisitions, the Group may not always have the ability to access, analyse and verify all information regarding titles and other issues prior to completing an acquisition of infrastructures and the absence of title or other issues can affect the Group's rights to access and operate an infrastructure.

The Group owns the majority of its telecommunications infrastructures it operates; however, the vast majority of the land and rooftops where these infrastructures are located is operated and managed through lease contracts, sub-lease contracts or other types of contracts with third parties (with the exception of the UK, where the group owns a large amount of the land where its sites are located). Thus, for various reasons, land owners could decide not to renew, or to adversely amend the terms of the ground lease contracts with the Group. In particular, the increasing presence of ground lease aggregators may negatively affect the Group's ability to renew those contracts under commercially acceptable terms. For instance, the Group could lose its rights over the land, the land could be transferred to third parties or reversion of assets may be mandatory at the end of the relevant concession period. The Group also has long-term rights to use third party infrastructures and the non-compliance with its obligations would lead to the loss of the right to use these infrastructures. Lastly, in the future the Group must revert back to the corresponding government authorities certain assets under the terms of certain concession agreements.

In addition, the maturities of the lease contracts, sub-lease contracts or other types of contracts with third parties to operate and manage land and rooftops where the Group's telecommunications infrastructures are located, are generally shorter than the contracts that the Group has entered into with its customers to provide services. In that sense, there is a mis-match in the maturities of both contractual relationships which could prevent the Group from successfully providing agreed upon services, as the Group may not have access to primary resources essential to execute those contractual obligations.

The Group's inability to use the land where its infrastructures are located may have a material adverse effect on the Group's ability to comply with its contractual obligations and to complete its current or future infrastructure or growth projects as expected on schedule or within budget, if at all. This may in turn have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Likewise, and in line with the Group's industry peers that operate telecom or broadcasting infrastructure, the Group may not always have all the necessary licenses and permits of its infrastructure assets. The lack of necessary licenses, property titles and permits could give rise to monetary fines and, as an interim measure, the authorities could order that the affected equipment or infrastructures be sealed-off or even decommissioned until the required authorization or license is obtained. Criminal liability could also arise in certain circumstances.

Similarly, the basic resources to provide service to the Group's customers may not be guaranteed. As such, some infrastructures linked to the broadcasting business are subject to the contract renewal conditions set at the time when the company CTTI was privatized and contributed assets to Cellnex's subsidiary Tradia. The duration of the contract is 35 years, distinguishing a mandatory period of 25 years until February 10, 2025 subject to be renewed for an additional period of 10 additional years if Cellnex has fulfilled its financial rent obligations to date, the maintenance of such infrastructure is adequate and there is reserved space in favor of CTTI.





To minimise these risks, the Group has specific control policies, procedures, plans and systems for each area, which are periodically reviewed and updated by specific external auditors for each area (financial reporting, quality, occupational risks, etc.). The Group also continually monitors and analyses its insurable risks and has implemented an insurance program to ensure a level of coverage and risk in keeping with the policies that have been introduced.

XX) Failure to attract and retain high quality personnel could negatively affect the Group's ability to operate its business

The Group's ability to operate its business, grow and implement its strategies depends, in part, on the continued contributions of its senior executive officers and other key employees. The loss of any of its key senior executives, especially if lost to a competitor, could have an adverse effect on its business unless and until a replacement is found. The Group may not be able to locate or employ qualified executives on acceptable economic terms. Moreover, if the relationship with one or more of the Group's key employees ends for any reason, there is no assurance that the Group will be able to replace them in the short term with people of comparable experience and qualifications. Any material delay in replacing such individuals may have an adverse effect on the public perception of the strength of the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. In addition, the Group believes that its future success, including the ability to internationally expand the Group's business, will depend on its continued ability to attract and retain highly skilled personnel with experience in its key business areas. Demand for these persons is intense and the Group may not be able to successfully recruit, train or retain qualified managerial personnel, especially in new markets where the Group may operate.

Any failure by the Group to attract and retain skilled and experienced employees or the loss of any of its key employees, could harm its business and growth prospects and have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

XXI) The Group relies on third parties for key equipment and services, and their failure to properly maintain these assets could adversely affect the quality of its services

The Group relies on third-party suppliers to provide key equipment and services that are essential for the Group's operations. Some of these are only available from a limited number of third parties. For example, the Group relies on transmission capacity and other critical facilities that are owned by third parties. In addition, the build-to-suit programs are executed on the basis of agreements with third-party suppliers, and so the Group relies on third-parties to effectively execute its contractual obligations. The Group does not have operational or financial control over these partners, and it has no influence with respect to the manner in which these suppliers conduct their business. If these suppliers fail to provide equipment or services on a timely basis or in accordance with the agreed terms, the Group may be unable to provide services to its customers until an alternative supplier can be found. In addition, existing or new competitors in the markets where the Group operates may compete for services from the Company's existing suppliers and such competitors may obtain more favorable terms than those the Group currently benefits from. Additionally, it is possible that current suppliers of services could become competitors, therefore competing as consumers of services they provide. Either of these occurrences could result in upward pricing pressure on these contracts and the Group may not be able to renew its contracts at all or at the same rate as in the past, and could lose market share. If any of these contracts are terminated or the Group is unable to renew them on favorable terms or negotiate agreements for replacement services with other providers at comparable terms, this could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business and capacity to fulfil their contractual obligations, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Likewise, any commercial dispute with a supplier, the termination of a relationship, as well as insolvency, bankruptcy, end of or curtailing business, so forth, of any supplier, including such situations in which the supplier is forced to cease





the provision of services to the Group for any reason or fails to provide the services or goods deemed necessary for the Group to carry out its activities, the Group may be exposed to additional costs and may not be able to comply in full with all the contracts with its customers. If this circumstance occurred, it could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Financial risks

XXII) Financial information risk

To mitigate risks relating to financial reporting and to ensure the reliability of such information, the Group has established an Internal Control over Financial Reporting System ("ICFRS"). The Group has a corporate risk control unit that is responsible for carrying out tests to verify compliance with the policies, manuals and procedures defined for the ICFRS, and for validating the effectiveness of controls in place to mitigate the risks related to these processes.

However, there can be no assurance that any policies and procedures established by the Group will be followed at all times or effectively detect and prevent all violations of the applicable laws and regulations in every jurisdiction in which one or more of the Group employees, consultants, agents, commercial partners, contractors, sub-contractors or joint venture partners are located. As a result, the Group could be subject to penalties and reputational damage if its employees, agents, suppliers or business partners take actions in violation of the compliance systems as well as violate any anti-corruption or anti-bribery laws. Violations of such laws may also lead to other consequences such as the early termination of the financing contracts, which, together with the above, could materially and adversely affect the Group business, prospects, financial conditions, results of operations and/or cash flows.

XXIII) Expected contracted revenue (backlog)

Expected contracted revenues from the service agreements (backlog) represents management's estimate of the amount of contracted revenues that the Group expects will result in future revenue from certain existing contracts. This amount is based on a number of assumptions and estimates, including assumptions related to the performance of a number of the existing contracts at a particular date but does not include adjustments for inflation. One of the main assumptions for calculating backlog is the automatic renewal of contracts for services with the Group's anchor customers. Such contracts have renewable terms including, in some cases, 'all or nothing' clauses that only allow the renewal of the entire portfolio of the relevant project (not the renewal of a portion thereof) on terms that are generally pre-agreed and may result an increase or a decrease in price, within certain parameters. In some instances, the contracts for services may be cancelled under certain circumstances by the customer at short notice without penalty.

It should be noted that the first renewals of the Telecom Infrastructure Services contracts will take place in 2022 and 2023, being Telefónica (as defined herein) the customer of the relevant contract. In addition, contracts with mayor customers in the Broadcasting Infrastructure segment will face a new cycle of renewals in the following years with most of its customers. The termination of the contracts ("churn") with mayor customers in both of the segments above may materially and adversely affect the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. It should also be noted that contracts in place with Telefónica and Wind may be subject to change in terms of the fees being applied at a time of a renewal, within a predefined range applied to the last annual fee (that reflects the cumulative inflation of the full initial term). In addition, the Group's definition of backlog may not necessarily be the same as that used by other companies engaged in similar activities. As a result, the amount of the Group backlog may not be comparable to the backlog reported by such other companies. The realization of the Group backlog estimates is further affected by the performance under its contracts. The ability to execute the Group's backlog is dependent on its ability to meet the clients' operational needs, and if the Group was unable to meet such





needs, the ability to execute its backlog could be adversely affected, which could materially affect the Group's business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. There can be no assurance that the revenue projected in the Group's backlog will be realized or, if realized, will result in profit. Contracts for services are occasionally modified by mutual consent. Because of potential changes in the scope or schedule of services the Group provides to its clients, the Group cannot predict with certainty when or if its backlog will be realized. In the case of "engineering services", that are pre-agreed and associated to incremental fees may be phased over a longer than expected period of time, reduced or even cancelled, seriously affecting the management's estimate of contracted revenues over time. Even where a project proceeds as scheduled, it is possible that the client may default and fail to pay amounts owed to the Group. Delays, payment defaults or cancellations could reduce the amount of backlog currently estimated, and consequently, could inhibit the conversion of that backlog into revenues, which would in turn materially affect the Group business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

XXIV) Foreign currency risk

As the Group reporting currency is the euro, fluctuations in the value of other currencies in which borrowings are instrumented and transactions are carried out with respect to the euro may have an effect in future commercial transactions, recognized assets and liabilities, and net investments in foreign operations.

Furthermore, the Group operates and holds assets in the UK and in Switzerland, both countries outside the Eurozone. The Group is therefore exposed to foreign currency risks and in particular to the risk of currency fluctuation in connection with exchange rate between the euro, the pound sterling and the Swiss franc. The Group strategy for hedging foreign currency risk in investments in non-euro currencies tends towards a full hedge of this risk, and must be implemented over a reasonable period of time depending on the market and the prior assessment of the effect of the hedge. Hedging arrangements can be instrumented via derivatives or borrowings in local currency, which act as a natural hedge.

Although the majority of the Group transactions are denominated in euros, the volatility in converting into euro agreements denominated in pound sterling and Swiss francs may have negative consequences to the Group, affecting its overall business, prospects, financial condition, results of operations and/or cash flow generation.

XXV) Interest rate risk

The Group is exposed to interest rate risk through its current and non-current borrowings.

Borrowings issued at floating rates expose the Group to cash flow interest rate risk, while fixed-rate borrowings expose the Group to fair value interest rate risk. Additionally any increase in interest rates would increase Group finance costs relating to variable-rate indebtedness and increase the costs of refinancing existing indebtedness and issuing new debt.

The aim of interest rate risk management is to strike a balance in the debt structure which makes it possible to minimise the volatility in the consolidated income statement in a multi-annual setting.

The Group can use derivative financial instruments to manage its financial risk, arising mainly from changes in interest rates. These derivative financial instruments are classified as cash flow hedges and recognised at fair value (both initially and subsequently). The required valuations were determined by analysing discounted cash flows using assumptions mainly based on the market conditions at the reporting date for unlisted derivative instruments (see Note 13 of the accompanying consolidated financial statements).





As at 31 December 2019 there are financing granted from third parties covered by interest rate hedging mechanisms (see Note 13 of the accompanying consolidated financial statements).

XXVI) Credit risk

Each of the Group's main business activities (Telecom Infrastructure Services, Broadcasting Infrastructure and Other Network Services) obtain a significant portion of revenues from a limited number of customers, many of which are long-term customers and have high-value contracts with the Group.

The MNOs are the Group's main customers in the Telecom Infrastructure Services; television and radio broadcasting operators are the main clients in the broadcasting infrastructure; and certain central, regional and local government authorities, emergency and security forces, the public service sector and telecommunications operators are the main customers in its activities relating to Other Network Services.

The Group is sensitive to changes in the creditworthiness and financial strength of its main customers due to the importance of these key customers to the overall revenues. The long-term nature of certain Group contracts with customers and the historically high renewal ratio of these contracts helps to mitigate this risk.

The Group depends on the continued financial strength of its customers, some of which operate with substantial leverage and are not investment grade or do not have a credit rating.

Given the nature of the Group's business, it has significant concentrations of credit risk, since there are significant accounts receivable as a result of having a limited number of customers. To mitigate this credit risk, the Group has place contractual arrangements to transfer this risk to third parties via non-recourse factoring of trade receivables in which case the Group would not retain any credit risk.

Credit risk also arises from cash and cash equivalents, derivative financial instruments and deposits with banks and financial institutions, and other debt, including unsettled receivables and committed transactions.

The loss of significant customers, or the loss of all or a portion of the Group's expected services agreements revenues from certain customers and an increase in the Group's level of exposure to credit risk, or its failure to actively manage it, could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

XXVII) Liquidity risk

The Group carries out a prudent management of liquidity risk, which involves maintaining cash and having access to a sufficient amount of financing through established credit facilities as well as the ability to settle market positions. Given the dynamic nature of the Group's businesses, the policy of the Group is to maintain flexibility in funding sources through the availability of committed credit facilities. Due to this policy the Group has available liquidity c. EUR 6,100 million, considering cash and available credit lines, as at the date of approval for issue of these consolidated financial statements, and has no immediate debt maturities (the maturities of the Group's financial obligations are detailed in Note 13).

As a consequence of the aforementioned the Group considers that it has liquidity and access to medium and longterm financing that allows the Group to ensure the necessary resources to meet the potential commitments for future investments.





However, the Group may not be able to draw down or access liquid funds in a sufficient amount and at a reasonable cost to meet its payment obligations at all times. Failure to maintain adequate liquidity levels may materially and adversely affect the Group business, prospects, results of operations, financial conditions and/or cash flows, and, in extreme cases, threaten the Group future as a going concern and lead to insolvency.

XXVIII) Inflation risk

Despite a long period of historically low inflation, there is no assurance that inflation may not increase as a result of among others. A significant portion of the Group's operating costs could rise as a result of higher inflation and monetary policies of the European Central Bank. Further, most of the Group's infrastructure services contracts are indexed to inflation. As a consequence, its results of operations could be affected by inflation and/or deflation.

XXIX) Risk related to Group indebtedness

The Group's indebtedness may increase, from time to time, due to potential new acquisitions, fundamental changes to corporate structure or joint ventures and issuances made in connection with any of the foregoing. The Group's present or future leverage could have significant negative consequences, including:

- Placing the Group at a possible competitive disadvantage to less leveraged competitors and competitors
 that may have better access to capital resources, including with respect to acquisitions and forcing the
 Group to forego certain business opportunities;
- Requiring the dedication of a substantial portion of cash flow from operations to service the debt, thereby
 reducing the amount of cash flow available for other purposes, including, among others, capital
 expenditures and dividends;
- Requiring the Group to issue debt or equity securities or to sell some of its core assets, possibly not on the best terms, to meet payment obligations;
- Accepting financial covenants in the financing contracts such as: debt limitation, minimum cash restriction, or pledge of assets;
- A potential downgrade from a rating agency, which can make obtaining new financing more difficult and expensive; and
- Requiring the Group to early repay the outstanding debt in the event that the relevant change of control clause is triggered.

As of 31 December 2019 and 2018, the outstanding loans and credit facilities entered into by Cellnex and its subsidiaries are unsecured and unsubordinated and rank pari passu with the rest of the Group's unsecured and unsubordinated borrowings. Most of these contracts are subject to cross-default provisions and generally do not require Cellnex nor its subsidiaries to comply with any financial ratio. Certain loan and credit facilities are subject to various restrictions, including but not limited to, requiring Cellnex to maintain a minimum rating of Ba2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or BB by Fitch Ratings Ltd. or Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, requiring shares to be pledged and provided as collateral if certain financial ratios are not satisfied, and imposing restrictions on additional indebtedness. The financing contracts of the Group do not contain any limitations on the distribution and payment of dividends, other than the syndicated facilities agreement entered into by Swiss Towers, which includes a covenant restricting the distribution of dividends by Cellnex Switzerland and Swiss Towers –but not Cellnex – based on leverage levels.





XXX) The Company cannot assure that it will be able to implement its Dividend Policy or to pay dividends (and even if able, that the Company would do so)

If there are any distributable profits, declaration of a dividend requires a resolution of the General Shareholders' Meeting upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors In the implementation of the Company's Dividend Policy (as defined herein), Cellnex is focused on distributing an annual dividend in an amount increased by 10% with respect to the dividend distributed the year before. However, the Company's ability to distribute dividends in an amount increased by 10% with respect to the dividend distributed the year before, depends on a number of circumstances and factors including, but not limited to, the amount of net profit attributable to the Company in any financial year, any limitations to the distribution of dividends included in the Company's financing agreements and the Company's growth strategy. In the future, the Company may not have cash available to pay dividends in an amount increased by 10% with respect to the dividend distributed the year before or have the reserves legally required for the Company to be able to do so. Even if the Company does have adequate cash and reserves, the Company's shareholders and Board of Directors may choose not to distribute dividends in an amount increased by 10% with respect to the dividend distributed the year before. In addition, the Company's ability to distribute dividends at all, depends on the same circumstances and factors and even if the Company does have adequate cash and reserves, the Company's shareholders and Board of Directors may choose not to distribute dividends at all.

Consequently, the Company cannot assure that it will pay a dividend in the future in compliance with the Company's Dividend Policy, or that it will pay any dividend

Compliance risks

XXXI) Fraud and compliance risks

The Group's operations are also subject to anti-bribery and anti-corruption laws and regulations and affect where and how its business may be conducted. The Group has established certain systems to monitor compliance with applicable laws and regulations and provides training to its employees to facilitate compliance with such laws and regulations.

The Cellnex Group has a code of conduct (the "Ethics' Code") approved by the Board of Directors. The corporation prepares an Ethics' Code Framework which is then adapted in each country. This Ethics' Code is communicated to all employees.

The Group has created a corporate compliance function to improve compliance with the Group's Ethics' Code, implemented through specific regulations for each country and the establishment of whistle-blowing channels and the supervision of oversight and control measures to prevent criminal acts. The main values and principles included in the Ethics' Code are: integrity, honesty, transparency, loyalty, commitment to and defence of Group interests, and responsibility in all actions. The Ethics' Code includes among its fundamental principles the commitment to strictly comply with the obligation of the Group to offer reliable financial information prepared in accordance with applicable regulations, and the responsibility of its employees and management to ensure this is so, by correctly carrying out of their functions and by notifying the governing bodies of any circumstance which might affect that undertaking.

XXXII) Risk associated with significant agreements signed by the Group that could be modified due to change of control clauses





Certain material contracts entered into by Group companies (all of the contracts entered into in connection to debt instruments and most of the contracts entered into with anchor investors) could be modified or terminated if a change of control clause is triggered. A change of control clause may be triggered if a third party, either alone or in conjunction with others, obtains "significant influence" and/or "control" (which is generally defined as having (i) more than 50% of shares with voting rights or (ii) the right to appoint or dismiss the majority of the members of the board of directors) of the relevant Group company. A change of control clause may be capable of being triggered at Parent Company level or at the level of the relevant subsidiary that has entered into the contract. In certain contracts, the definition of control, and therefore of a change of control, makes specific reference to the applicable law of the relevant country.

With regards to the material contracts entered into by Group companies with anchor customers, the triggering of a change of control provision is generally limited to events where the acquiring company is a competitor of the anchor customer. In such circumstances, the anchor customer may be granted an option to buy back assets (generally the infrastructures where they are being serviced). In addition, such buy back option may also be granted in the event that a competitor of the anchor customer acquires a significant portion of the shares or obtains voting or governance rights which can be exercised in a way that can negatively affect the anchor customer's interests.

Additionally, both the bonds issued under the EMTN Program and the Convertible Bonds and bank financing contracts of the Group include certain change of control clauses which could trigger an early repayment under the respective debt arrangement.

Asset buy back options can also be exercised in case of an explicit breach by a Group company of the contractual obligations under services level agreements with its customers ("SLAs"). These asset buy back options will be executed at a price below fair market valuation. Moreover, some contracts also imply the possibility of an asset buy back or the customer being able to early terminate the contract if at any time one or several of the following circumstances occur: (a) the Group undergoes an adverse financial event which materially affects, or is reasonably likely to have a material effect upon, the provision of the Services; or (b) the long-term, unsecured, unsubordinated debt rating of the Group issued by the Ratings Agencies is downgraded by two (2) or more of the Ratings Agencies to B (or equivalent level) or less; or (c) an Insolvency Event takes place for the Group. In this situation, the Group shall immediately notify its customer the eventuality and discuss its plans for rectifying such adverse change, permitting the customer to undertake Step-In Actions and ensuring that it satisfies its obligations through project-specific policies of insurance taken out with reputable third party insurance vendors or provide comparable protection by other means to the customer's satisfaction. In the event that the customer does not believe the actions taken by the Group are likely to prevent an adverse impact on the provision of the Services, it may terminate the agreement for convenience and no termination Fees shall be payable. In addition, there is only one contract related to joint future investment that has buy back clauses by which the client has the right to acquire the assets in defined windows. Cellnex's management believes there is low probability of buy back execution as it would bear an important economic payment to be satisfied to Cellnex by the client.

If a change of control clause included in any of the Group's material contracts is triggered, or if a Group company explicitly breaches its contractual obligations under an SLA, it may materially and adversely affect the Group's business, prospects, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.