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MEXICO - DEBT RESTRUCTURING LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

JATA's legal team participates in highly-complex global restructurings involving Mexican debtors and guarantors, and has advised top international banks in transactions involving Mexican portions of their debt instruments. Our team's continued exposure to high profile financings and our interaction with top financial players are key indicators that our attorneys are always on the top of the curve, looking ahead and ready to quickly respond to the demanding timelines of today's global financial world.

Most parties having experience with Mexican financial structures and legal practice will agree that Mexican law is formalistic and commonly requires that a number of actions be taken to properly document a financing and security interest in the best interests of the parties - and particularly of the lender institutions. Traditional Mexican legal figures based on the Mexican Commerce Code and the Mexican Law of Negotiable Instruments and Credit Transactions are still available and a common resource for these purposes. However, we at JATA are always open to explore other options and combinations, and have successfully implemented them for our clients. Our team's ability to think "outside the box" and joint collaboration spirit gives us the capability to look further into the issues and creatively come to options and solutions.

Having a bi-cultural – and not only bilingual – legal team enables JATA to critically stand-out when working on a cross-border environment. We are familiar with the global restructuring scheme trends and, when combined with our expertise, we are able to better assist our clients in reaching their goals and fulfilling their expectations. We are prepared to actively anticipate our clients' needs and be ready to respond with the relevant Mexican figures to achieve their goals. We are familiar with the complexities involved when restructuring a global financial facility and are always available to explain the steps, and implement them, as efficiently as possible.

As part of our global financing exposure, our firm recently opened an office in Houston, from where we effectively are one step closer to some of the major global financial players and from which we are prepared to team-up with our main office in Monterrey to manage, structure and coordinate this and other corporate matters.

The introduction of the Mexican RUG, or Sole Register of Guarantees, is a significant step taken in Mexico towards the de-regulation of the formalities involved when granting a Mexican security interest or guarantee. The novel figure is still in initial stages, but fully operational, and we at JATA have had the opportunity of directly evidencing its contribution to the efficiency of financial transactions. There is no doubt that this and other steps have and will be taken to keep the Mexican market open to financial opportunities worldwide.

