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**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2013

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number 333-180624

Brazil Minerals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada 39-2078861  
(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)<sup>1</sup>

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324 South Beverly Drive, Suite 118

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Registrant's telephone number)

Indicate by check mark whether the issuer (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Do not check if a smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

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As of August 1, 2013 the registrant had 70,983,463 shares of common stock, par value \$.001 per share, issued and outstanding.



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**Item 1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****BRAZIL MINERALS, INC.****(FORMERLY, FLUX TECHNOLOGIES, CORP.)****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)****AS OF JUNE 30, 2013 AND DECEMBER 31, 2012**

	June 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$360,733	\$863,189
Accounts receivable	68,697	-
Inventory	512,358	-
Accounts receivable - Brazil Mining, Inc.	5,763	-
Total Current Assets	947,551	863,189
Capital Assets		
Equipment	489,466	-
Other Assets		
Interest in mineral production rights	800,000	-
Advances	148,017	-
Intangible assets	148,984	-
Loan receivable-related party	-	800,000
Total Assets	\$2,534,018	\$1,663,189
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued expenses and accounts payable	\$86,878	\$67,362
Accounts payable - Brazil Mining, Inc.	747	-
Loan from Director	180	100
Total Liabilities	87,805	67,462
Stockholders' Equity		
Series A Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; 1 share issued and outstanding	-	-
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 150,000,000 shares authorized; 70,963,434 shares issued and outstanding (December 31, 2012- 69,963,434)	70,963	69,963

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Additional paid-in-capital	39,031,443	37,370,516
Stock Warrants	117,765	117,765
Unrealized foreign exchange	41,338	-
Non-controlling interest	515,624	-
Deficit accumulated during the development stage	(37,330,920)	(35,962,517)
Total Stockholders' Equity	2,446,213	1,595,727
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$2,534,018	\$1,663,189

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**BRAZIL MINERALS, INC.****(FORMERLY, FLUX TECHNOLOGIES, CORP.)****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)****FOR THE THREE MONTHS AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012**

	For the three months ended June 30, 2013	For the three months ended June 30, 2012	For the six months ended June 30, 2013	For the six months ended June 30, 2012
REVENUES	\$ 145,619	\$-	\$ 151,382	\$-
COST OF GOODS SOLD	82,921	-	82,921	-
GROSS PROFIT	62,698	-	68,461	-
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Professional fees	36,732	-	58,732	-
Management fee	99,200	-	191,263	-
General and administrative expenses	39,560	-	60,160	-
Compensation and related costs	40,559	-	88,376	-
Depreciation	108	-	216	-
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	216,159	-	1,408,147	-
OPERATING LOSS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	(153,461 )	-	(398,747 )	-
OTHER EXPENSE				
Stock based compensation	1,009,400	-	1,009,400	-
LOSS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	(1,162,861 )	-	(1,339,686 )	-
LOSS FROM DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS	-	(1,340 )	-	(6,052 )
LOSS BEFORE NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST	(1,162,861 )	(1,340 )	(1,339,686 )	(6,052 )
NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST	(25,396 )	-	(25,396 )	-
LOSS BEFORE PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	(1,188,257 )	(1,340 )	(1,365,082 )	(6,052 )
PROVISION FOR CORPORATE INCOME TAXES	(3,321 )	-	(3,321 )	-
NET LOSS	\$(1,191,578 )	\$(1,340 )	\$(1,368,403 )	\$(6,052 )
NET LOSS PER SHARE: BASIC AND DILUTED	\$(0.00 )	\$(0.00 )	\$(0.00 )	\$(0.00 )

WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING: BASIC AND DILUTED	70,963,434	3,880,000	70,463,434	3,880,000
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**BRAZIL MINERALS, INC.****(FORMERLY, FLUX TECHNOLOGIES, CORP.)****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)****FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012**

	For the six months ended June 30, 2013	For the six months ended June 30, 2012
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Loss from continuing operations	\$(1,368,403)	\$-
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities:		
Non-controlling interest in income of subsidiary	25,396	
Stock based compensation	1,009,400	
Depreciation	216	-
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Increase in accounts payable to Brazil Mining, Inc.	747	
Increase in accounts receivable from Brazil Mining, Inc.	(5,763)	)
Increase in other accounts receivable	(68,697)	)
Increase in inventory	(44,728)	)
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses and accounts payable	(9,914)	) 1,250
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Continuing Operating Activities	(461,746)	) 1,250
Net Cash Used in Discontinued Operations	-	(6,052)
Net Cash Provided (Used) in Operating Activities	(461,746)	) (4,802)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Acquisition of capital asset	(46,903)	) -
Advances to a related party	-	-
Advances	(148,017)	)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(194,920)	) -
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Loans from officers	80	-
Cash acquired on acquisition of subsidiary	59,433	
Unrealized foreign exchange	41,338	
Capital contributions received	53,359	
Net proceeds from the sale of common stock	-	22,200
Cash paid for share offering costs	-	
Net Cash Provided by Continuing Financing Activities	154,210	0

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Net Cash Provided by Discontinued Financing Activities	-	22,200
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	154,210	22,200
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(502,456 )	17,398
Cash and equivalents, beginning of period	863,189	-
Cash and equivalents, end of period	\$360,733	\$17,398
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:</b>		
Cash paid for interest	\$0	\$0
Cash paid for income taxes	\$0	\$0
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING INFORMATION:</b>		
Loan receivable converted to interest in mineral property rights	\$800,000	\$0
Shares issued for exploration rights and mineral property option	\$580,000	\$0
Stock options issued as compensation	\$1,009,400	\$0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**BRAZIL MINERALS, INC.**

**(FORMERLY, FLUX TECHNOLOGIES, CORP.)**

**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Organization and Description of Business

Brazil Minerals, Inc. (“BMIX” and the “Company”) was incorporated as Flux Technologies, Corp. under the laws of the State of Nevada, U.S. on December 15, 2011. From inception through June 30, 2013 the Company had accumulated losses of \$538,178.

On December 18, 2012, the Company entered into and consummated an acquisition agreement with Brazil Mining, Inc. (“Brazil Mining”) whereby Brazil Mining agreed to transfer to the Company certain mining and exploration rights, in exchange for 35,783,343 shares of the Company. At the same time, the previous sole director surrendered for voluntary cancellation, 99,999,000 common shares of stock of the Company such that, upon the transaction and a simultaneous private placement by the Company of its common stock, Brazil Mining owned 51% of the outstanding common stock of the Company. The Company changed its name to Brazil Minerals, Inc. on December 24, 2012.

In 2012 the Company changed its fiscal year end date from February 28 or 29 to December 31.

Principles of Consolidation

These financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its 99.99% subsidiary, BMIX Participações Ltda. (“BMIX Subsidiary”), which owns the economic interest in 55% of Mineração Duas Barras Ltda. (“Duas Barras”). All material intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim financial statements of BMIX have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), and should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto

contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 filed with the SEC. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for the financial statements to be not misleading have been reflected herein. The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. Certain notes to the financial statements which would substantially duplicate the disclosure contained in the audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year 2012 as reported in Form 10-K, have been omitted.

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America and are presented in U.S. dollars.

#### Accounting Basis

The Company uses the accrual basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP" accounting). The Company had initially adopted February 28/29 as its fiscal year end, but after the change in control changed the fiscal year end date to December 31, in order to align its year-end with that of its majority shareholder.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, loans to a related party, accrued expenses and an amount due to a director. The carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates fair value due either to length of maturity or interest rates that approximate prevailing market rates unless otherwise disclosed in these financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents to the extent the funds are not being held for investment purposes. The Company's bank accounts are deposited in insured institutions. The funds are insured up to \$250,000. At June 30, 2013 the Company's bank deposits exceeded the insured amounts.

Revenue Recognition

The Company will recognize revenue when products are fully delivered or services have been provided and collection is reasonably assured.

Mineral Properties

Costs of exploration, carrying and retaining unproven mineral lease properties are expensed as incurred. Mineral property acquisition costs are capitalized including licenses and lease payments. Although the Company has taken steps to verify title to mineral properties in which it has an interest, these procedures do not guarantee the Company's rights. Such properties may be subject to prior agreements or transfers and title may be affected by undetected defects.

Impairment losses are recorded on mineral properties used in operations when indicators of impairment are present and the undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated by those assets are less than the assets' carrying amount.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets consisting of the diamond and gold processing plant and other machinery are recorded at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful life of 10 years, on a straight-line basis. Capital assets consisting of computer and other office equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful life of 3 years, on a straight-line basis.

#### Basic Income (Loss) Per Share

The Company computes loss per share in accordance with "ASC-260 Earnings per Share" which requires presentation of both basic and diluted earnings per share on the face of the statement of operations. Basic loss per share is computed by dividing net loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of outstanding common shares during the period. Diluted loss per share gives effect to all dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the period. Dilutive loss per share excludes all potential common shares if their effect is anti-dilutive.

#### Dividends

The Company has not adopted any policy regarding payment of dividends. No dividends have been paid during any of the periods shown.

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**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

**NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

Income Taxes

The Company follows the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying values and their respective income tax basis (temporary differences). The effect on deferred income tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

Advertising Costs

The Company's policy regarding advertising is to expense advertising when incurred. The Company incurred advertising expense of \$0 and \$0 during the periods ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company continually monitors events and changes in circumstances that could indicate carrying amounts of long-lived assets may not be recoverable. When such events or changes in circumstances are present, the Company assesses the recoverability of long-lived assets by determining whether the carrying value of such assets will be recovered through undiscounted expected future cash flows. If the total of the future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of those assets, the Company recognizes an impairment loss based on the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the assets. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or the fair value less costs to sell.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and

disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Stock-Based Compensation

Stock-based compensation is accounted for at fair value in accordance with ASC 718. The Company has adopted a stock option and award plan to attract, retain and motivate its directors, officers, employees, consultants and advisors. Options provide the opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company and to benefit from its growth. Vesting terms and conditions are determined by the Board of Directors at the time of the grant. The Plan provides for the issuance of up to 15,000,000 common shares for employees, consultants, directors, and advisors.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

We have reviewed all recent accounting pronouncements issued to the date of the issuance of these financial statements, and we do not believe any of these pronouncements will have a material impact on the Company.



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

**NOTE 2 – LOAN RECEIVABLE-RELATED PARTY**

On December 19, 2012, the Company advanced funds in the amount of \$800,000 to Brazil Mining, its parent company, in order for Brazil Mining to acquire a 55% equity interest (“Equity Interest”) in Duas Barras. The loan was non-interest bearing and had no specified terms of repayment. The Company was given an option to acquire a 20% share of the diamond production revenue received by Brazil Mining in respect of the Equity Interest. The option agreement was exercised on January 2, 2013 and as a result, the balance of the loan was applied to satisfy the purchase price.

**NOTE 3 –INTEREST IN MINERAL PRODUCTION RIGHTS**

On January 2, 2013, the Company exercised an option under an agreement with its parent company, Brazil Mining, to acquire a 20% share of Brazil Mining’s receipt of diamond production revenue in respect of the Equity Interest held by Brazil Mining.

On April 30, 2013, the Company and Brazil Mining consummated an Exchange Agreement (the “Exchange Agreement”) pursuant to which Brazil Mining sold to the BMIX Subsidiary the rights to all profits, losses and appreciation or depreciation and all other economic and voting interests of any kind in respect of the Equity Interest in Duas Barras in exchange for the issuance to Brazil Mining of 1,000,000 shares of the Company’s Common Stock.

**NOTE 4 – ACCRUED EXPENSES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accrued expenses and accounts payable consisted of the following as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

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	June 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Audit and accounting fees	\$5,850	\$ 13,250
Accrued legal fees	15,000	0
Officer compensation	-	50,000
Wages and payroll taxes	32,684	4,112
Trade payables	38,609	
Total Accrued Expenses	\$86,878	\$ 67,362

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**BRAZIL MINERALS, INC.**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

**NOTE 5 – LOANS FROM OFFICERS**

During the period ended June 30, 2013, a former director loaned \$6,169 to the Company to pay for business expenses. The loan was non-interest bearing, due upon demand and unsecured. The loan was forgiven on December 18, 2012 and the balance has been recorded as an increase in additional paid-in capital.

On December 19, 2012, a director loaned \$100 to the Company to facilitate a bank account opening. During the period ended June 30, 2013, a director loaned \$80 to the Company to facilitate a bank account opening. These loans are non-interest bearing, due upon demand and unsecured. The balance due to the director was \$180 as of June 30, 2013.

**NOTE 6 – OTHER EXPENSE - STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION**

The Company accounts for employee stock-based compensation in accordance with the guidance of FASB ASC Topic 718, *Compensation – Stock Compensation* which requires all share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, to be recognized in the financial statements based on their fair values.

The Company has adopted a stock option and award plan to attract, retain and motivate its directors, officers, employees, consultants and advisors. Options provide the opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company and to benefit from its growth. Vesting terms and conditions are determined by the Board of Directors at the time of the grant. The Plan provides for the issuance of up to 15,000,000 common shares for employees, consultants, directors, and advisors.

On April 18 and April 23, 2013 the Company granted options to purchase an aggregate of 2,600,000 shares of common stock to directors and officers. The options were valued at \$1,009,400 using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model with the following assumptions:

	Employee
	Stock Options
Stock Price	\$0.57-0.60
Exercise Price	\$0.57-0.58
Expected volatility	81.55 %
Risk-free rate	0.71 %
Expected term	5 years

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**BRAZIL MINERALS, INC.**

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**(AN EXPLORATION STAGE COMPANY)**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

**NOTE 7 – COMMON STOCK**

As of June 30, 2013 the Company had 150,000,000 common shares authorized with a par value of \$0.001 per share.

On January 18, 2012, the Company issued 99,999,000 shares of its common stock for total proceeds of \$3,000. For the period from January 24, 2012 to February 14, 2012, the Company issued 23,999,760 shares of its common stock for total proceeds of \$14,400. For the period from February 21, 2012 to February 29, 2012, the Company issued 5,333,280 shares of its common stock for total proceeds of \$4,800.

On December 18, 2012, a shareholder and former director of the Company surrendered for voluntary cancellation 99,999,000 shares of common stock of the Company.

On December 18, 2012, the Company issued 35,783,343 shares of its common stock in exchange for an assignment of certain exploration rights and a mining property option held by Brazil Mining.

On December 19, 2012, the Company consummated a private placement with 37 investors in which the Company issued 2,000,047 shares of the Company's common stock for total consideration of \$2,000,033.

As part of the private placement, 2,847,005 shares of common stock were issued as part of share offering costs.

As part of the private placement, 200,000 warrants to purchase shares of common stock valued at \$117,765 were issued as part of share offering costs. These warrants expire on December 18, 2017 and have an exercise price of \$1.00 per share. Any change in the value of the share price to the actual exercise date will be recorded as beneficial conversion at the date of the conversion.

The estimated grant date fair value of the warrants granted during the period to June 30, 2013 was estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions: our stock price on date of grant, expected dividend yield of 0%, expected volatility of 72.24%, risk-free interest rate of 0.78%, and expected term of 5 years.

Pursuant to the issuance of shares in the private placement, the Company incurred costs related to the share issuance of \$3,218,171. Of this, \$253,500 was paid in cash and the balance of \$2,964,771 was paid through the issuance of shares and warrants with a deemed value of \$2,847,005 and \$117,765, respectively.

On December 18, 2012, the Company amended its Articles of Incorporation to authorize 10,000,000 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. On December 18, 2012, the Company issued and sold for \$1.00, one share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 7 – COMMON STOCK (continued)**

The Company amended its Articles of Incorporation to increase its authorized common stock to 150,000,000 shares. On January 22, 2013, the Company declared a 33.333:1 stock dividend (treated as a stock split) payable to shareholders of record as of January 25, 2013. All share and per share data has been retrospectively adjusted for the stock split.

On April 30, 2013, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares of common stock to Brazil Mining pursuant to an exchange agreement to purchase Brazil Mining's equity interest in Duas Barras. The shares were valued at \$580,000.

**NOTE 8 – ACQUISITION OF MINERACAO DUAS BARRAS LTDA.**

On April 30, 2013, the Company acquired from Brazil Mining a 55% equity interest in the operations of Duas Barras for 1,000,000 shares of common stock of the Company with a deemed value of \$580,000.

The net assets of the Company at the date of acquisition were \$1,089,396. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method. As a result of the transaction, non-controlling interest of \$490,228 was recognized in the financial statements.

The net assets upon the above acquisition consisted of the following:

Cash	\$59,433
Inventory	452,696
Equipment	442,778

Intangible	163,918
Liabilities assumed	(29,429 )
Net assets	\$ 1,089,396

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

**NOTE 9 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company leases an office in Pasadena, California, and has use of offices in São Paulo, Brazil and Belo Horizonte, Brazil through an agreement with an affiliate. Such costs are immaterial to the financial statements and accordingly are not reflected herein.

**NOTE 10 – INCOME TAXES**

As of June 30, 2013, the Company had net operating loss carry forwards of approximately \$1,547,000 that may be available to reduce future years' taxable income through 2032. Future tax benefits which may arise as a result of these losses have not been recognized in these financial statements, as their realization is determined not likely to occur and accordingly, the Company has recorded a valuation allowance for the deferred tax asset relating to these tax loss carry-forwards.

The provision for Federal income tax consists of the following for the periods ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012:

	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2012
Federal income tax benefit attributable to:		
Current Operations	\$462,250	\$2,057
Less: valuation allowance	(462,250)	(2,057)
Income tax liability of subsidiary	3,321	0
Net provision for Federal income taxes	\$3,321	\$0

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The cumulative tax effect at the expected rate of 34% of significant items comprising our net deferred tax amount is as follows as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012:

	June 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Deferred tax asset attributable to:		
Net operating loss carryover	\$526,000	\$ 1,602
Less: valuation allowance	(526,000)	(1,602 )
Net deferred tax asset	\$0	\$ 0

Due to the change in ownership provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, net operating loss carry forwards of \$1,547,000 for Federal income tax reporting purposes are subject to annual limitations. Should a change in ownership occur net operating loss carry forwards may be limited as to use in future years.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2013**

**NOTE 11– RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

On January 18, 2012, the Company issued 99,999,000 shares of its common stock for total proceeds of \$3,000. On December 18, 2012, these shares were returned for voluntary cancellation.

During the period ended December 31, 2012, a former director loaned \$6,169 to the Company to pay for business expenses. The loan was non-interest bearing, due upon demand and unsecured. The loan was forgiven on December 18, 2012 and the balance has been recorded as an increase in additional paid-in capital. On December 19, 2012, a director loaned \$100 to the Company to facilitate a bank account opening. During the period ended June 30, 2012, a director loaned \$80 to the Company to facilitate a bank account opening. These loans are non-interest bearing, due upon demand and unsecured. The balance due to the director was \$180 as of June 30, 2013.

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Accrued compensation owing to a director of the Company in the amount of \$50,000 is included in accrued expenses as at December 31, 2012.

Included in accounts receivable is \$5,763 due from Brazil Mining, for the Company's share of diamond production revenues for the period ended March 31, 2013.

In December 2012 the Company loaned \$800,000 to Brazil Mining, the Company's parent company. The loan was non-interest bearing and had no specified terms of repayment and was an advance related to Brazil Mining's acquisition of an equity interest in Duas Barras. On January 2, 2013, the Company exercised an option to acquire a

20% share of Brazil Mining's share of the monthly diamond production by Duas Barras and the loan was satisfied in full in connection with such option exercise. On April 30, 2013, the Company and Brazil Mining consummated an Exchange Agreement pursuant to which Brazil Mining sold to the BMIX Subsidiary the rights to all profits, losses and appreciation or depreciation and all other economic and voting interests of any kind in respect of the Equity Interest in Duas Barras in exchange for the issuance to Brazil Mining of 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

During the three months and six months ended June 30, 2013, the Company recorded management fees for services and expenses paid in the amount of \$99,200 and 191,263, respectively, to Brazil Mining. Included in accounts payable is management fees payable of \$ 747.

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**BRAZIL MINERALS, INC.****(FORMERLY, FLUX TECHNOLOGIES, CORP.)****(AN EXPLORATION STAGE COMPANY)****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****JUNE 30, 2013****NOTE 12 – DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

As a result of the change in control transaction on December 18, 2012, the Company has abandoned its technology related business. A summary of operations related to the discontinued operation is presented in the table below:

	For the six months ended June 30, 2013	For the six months ended June 30, 2012	For the period from December 15, 2011 (Inception) to June 30, 2013
Revenue from discontinued operations	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net loss from discontinued operations	0	(6,052)	(26,520 )
Net loss per share attributable to discontinued operations	\$ (0.00 )	\$ (0.00 )	\$ (0.00 )

**NOTE 13 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In accordance with ASC Topic 855-10, the Company has analyzed its operations subsequent to June 30, 2013 to the date these financial statements were issued, and has determined that it does not have any material subsequent events to disclose in these financial statements, except as noted below.

On July 30, 2013, the BMIX Subsidiary signed a definitive and irrevocable contract with a Brazilian company for the exclusive and irrevocable right to develop and own up to 75% of a vanadium, titanium, and iron project in exchange for the performance over time of certain defined geological research steps, as well as the payment, over a period of time, of 875,000 Brazilian reals (approximately US\$382,000 as of August 3, 2013) and the equivalent of 125,000 Brazilian reals in common stock of the Company (approximately US\$55,000 as of August 3, 2013). If, for any reason,

the BMIX Subsidiary decides to discontinue participation prior to achieving 75% ownership, the BMIX Subsidiary will be guaranteed a percentage ownership of the project, ranging from 5% to 49%, proportional to the amount of funds disbursed and the amount of geological research done. The reported geochemical results on samples collected in June 2013 at the project site by geologists working for BMIX and analyzed at SGS-Geosol, a premier analytical laboratory, proved iron ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) concentrations between 66.2% and 71.7%, titanium ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ) concentrations between 18.4% and 19.8%, and vanadium ( $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ ) concentrations between 0.68% and 0.80%. The Company considers these results to be indicative of significant economic potential for the property.

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## **Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and the notes to those financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Report.

This Quarterly Report contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements for Brazil Minerals, Inc. reflect current expectations, as of the date of this Quarterly Report, and involve certain risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. Factors that could cause future results to materially differ from the recent results or those projected in forward-looking statements include: unprofitable efforts resulting not only from the failure to discover mineral deposits but also from finding mineral deposits that, though present, are insufficient in quantity and quality to return a profit from production; market fluctuations; government regulations, including regulations relating to royalties, allowable production, importing and exporting of minerals, and environmental protection; competition; the loss of services of key personnel; unusual or infrequent weather phenomena, sabotage, government or other interference in the maintenance or provision of infrastructure as well as general economic conditions.

### **Results of Operations**

The Company was incorporated on December 15, 2011 and changed its business plan in December 2012. No meaningful comparison of the Company's financial condition as of June 30, 2013 or losses for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2013 can be made to the Company's financial condition as of June 30, 2012 or profits or losses for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2012.

The Company had revenues of \$145,619 in the quarter ended June 30, 2013 as compared to \$5,763 in the quarter ended March 31, 2013.

The Company owns a 55% interest in Mineração Duas Barras Ltda. ("Duas Barras"), a Brazilian company with revenues derived from sales of rough diamonds and gold.

In the second quarter of 2013, Duas Barras sold 902.10 carats of rough diamonds versus 354.00 carats of rough diamonds sold in the first quarter of 2013, an increase of 154.8%. The average revenue per carat for rough diamonds sold was US \$143 in the second quarter of 2013 versus US\$ 149 in the first quarter of 2013. All such sales were to

Brazilian buyers.

In the second quarter of 2013, Duas Barras sold 799.10 grams of gold versus 2,473.69 grams of gold sold in the first quarter of 2013. The average revenue per gram for gold was US\$ 41 in the second quarter of 2013 versus US\$ 44 in the first quarter of 2013. All such sales were to Brazilian buyers. The concentration of gold, a subproduct of diamond processing, commonly varies across areas in the property and types of gravel being processed in the plant, and this is the main reason for the difference seen.

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During the second quarter of 2013, Duas Barras started the operation of a small barge in a highly promising water-filled area in the mining concession, with water depths of up to 30 feet. The barge mechanically suctions the diamondiferous and auriferous gravel from the bottom of this water-filled area, and also pumps off the water to a different reservoir, thereby leading over time to a reduction in water level. As of quarter-end, this area had seen its water level decrease substantially. The Company anticipates being able to complete the water removal in at least part of the area during the second half of 2013, at which point an excavator and other earth moving equipment could move in and directly remove the gravel for processing in the Duas Barras plant for extraction of diamonds and gold. At that point, Duas Barras may be able access both more volume as well as better quality gravel (i.e., one with higher concentrations of diamonds and gold) from which higher yields of production could occur.

In the second quarter of 2013, the Company also obtained a gemological assessment of approximately 300 carats of a recent rough diamond production lot from Duas Barras. This analysis was done upon a request made by a high-end fine jewelry retailer based in Milan, Italy. The analysis for shapes and the expected color and clarity after cutting and polishing was carried out by a gemological analytical practice whose principal gemologist has trained and is certified by the Gemological Institute of America ("GIA") and has over 28 years of experience in diamond evaluation and grading, having previously worked in the diamond trade in New York and Los Angeles. In the gemological report issued, the highest color expected from the Duas Barras lot, upon cutting and polishing, is "E", which corresponds to the second highest category in the commonly used GIA grading scale. In that scale, diamonds receiving color grades "D", "E", and "F" are referred to as "colorless" gems. In the report, the highest expected clarity from the lot is "VVS", which corresponds to the second highest category in the GIA scale. In that scale, the first category is "IF", short for "internally flawless", and such gems are very rare. The term "VVS" (very, very small) indicates gems in which it is "extremely difficult to see inclusion under 10X magnification". The shapes seen in the sample were categorized into sawables, makeables, and flats, and included many well-formed octahedrons and dodecahedrons. Based on the report it is anticipated that the Duas Barras will to appeal to many global buyers. Currently, Duas Barras receives more requests from buyers interested in buying its entire rough production than it can accommodate.

Subsequent to the second quarter end, on July 17, 2013, Duas Barras received the Brazilian federal license allowing it to now be able to export its production. The Company believes that Duas Barras will realize higher average prices per carat in the global markets, and to that extent it has begun to qualify foreign buyers interested in the Duas Barras production.

During the second quarter of 2013, the Company obtained two rough stones from Duas Barras and had them cut and polished by an experienced cutter in Brazil. The original rough diamonds were approximately one carat each, and valued at approximately US\$150 per carat, using current sales figures for the Duas Barras rough diamond production revenues. The cost of cutting and polishing each of these two diamonds was USD\$50. After cutting and polishing, the end result were two brilliant cut diamonds, which were appraised by an experienced trader for US\$1,990 per carat, utilizing the industry-accepted Rappaport pricing scale. This actual example is illustrative of the ability to significantly increase margins by having part of the rough production from Duas Barras cut and polished and sold as such. This Company plans to commence such polishing operations for some of its diamonds during the fourth quarter of 2013.

In the second quarter of 2013, the Company beta-launched its Diamond Sales Portal, accessible through its website [www.brazil-minerals.com](http://www.brazil-minerals.com). This is an online marketplace where pre-qualified institutional buyers can see production lots and special rough gems at the moment, and at a later date, polished gems as well. The Company believes that over time, its ability to have a global reach in both rough and polished diamonds, and utilization of enabling applications such as the Diamond Sales Portal, will allow it to increase the market for the production of Duas Barras as well as achieve better pricing. The Company is currently working on the next version of the online interface of the portal as well as the qualification of the global buyers from which it has received requests. These potential buyers of the Duas Barras production include firms from Belgium, Dubai, Canada, Italy, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the U.S.

## Other Company Projects

### Vanadium/Titanium/Iron Project

During the second quarter of 2013, the Company's geological team visited and collected samples from an area in the state of Piauí, Brazil, where mineralized outcroppings were first visible after a recent wildfire lowered the vegetation cover. Samples were sent to SGS-Geosol, a first-tier provider of laboratory analytical reports whose clients include essentially all of the major global mining companies operating in Brazil. The reported geochemical results from SGS-Geosol proved Iron ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) concentrations between 66.2% and 71.7%; Titanium ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ) concentrations between 18.4% and 19.8%; and Vanadium ( $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ ) concentrations between 0.68% and 0.80%.

The Company considers these to be indicative of the very large potential for the property. Subsequent to the end of the second quarter the Company entered into an agreement with the owner of the mineral property, a Brazilian resident, by which BMIXP has the right, but not the obligation, to purchase up to 75% of the project at defined geological research milestones for the payment of an aggregate of \$875,000 Brazilian reals (approximately USD\$382,000 as of August 1, 2013) and the equivalent of \$125,000 Brazilian reals in common stock of the Company (approximately USD\$55,000 as of August 1, 2013).

The Company believes that with the continued world demand for titanium and vanadium as strategic minerals, and given the world-class, high concentrations of these minerals seen on the property, that it will be able to attract development partners to this project if it chooses to do so. A Canadian company called Largo Resources, which trades in the Toronto Stock Exchange Venture Board, has a vanadium and titanium property located approximately 25km from our property.

### Borba Project

During the second quarter of 2013, the Company's geological team visited and collected samples of some locations within the project area. Since the Project Borba property is very extensive (approximately 10,000 hectares or 24,700 acres), the samples collected were not representative of all of the different locales within the project. These samples were analyzed by SGS-Geosol and the analysis confirmed the presence of gold in the project. The Company's geological team is studying SGS-Geosol's report in connection with other data collected from its visit, and reports from local prospectors, with the goal of recommending to management of the Company the next steps to be taken.

### Project Pipeline

Management believes that through its contacts in the industry, the Company will be able to review a significant number of potential acquisitions of other mineral properties in Brazil.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

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In 2012 the Company's principal source of liquidity was from the \$2,000,000 gross proceeds of a private placement of common stock in December 2012. As of June 30, 2013, the working capital of the Company was \$860,880. As of June 30, 2013, the Company had accrued expenses of \$86,878 and \$180 indebtedness for money advanced by an officer.

The Company believes that it has sufficient capital to fund its operations for at least the next six months. However, the Company will likely need additional working capital and capital to fund some or all of the purchase price for future acquisitions or investments and will likely seek equity or debt financing for such purposes.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company currently has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### Critical accounting policies and estimates

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, loans to a related party, accrued expenses and an amount due to a director. The carrying amount of these financial instruments approximates fair value due either to length of maturity or interest rates that approximate prevailing market rates unless otherwise disclosed in the Company's financial statements. If our estimate of the fair value is incorrect at June 30, 2013, it could negatively affect our financial position and liquidity and could result in our having understated our net loss.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 of the financial statements. We have reviewed all recent accounting pronouncements issued to the date of the issuance of these financial statements, and we do not believe any of these pronouncements will have a material impact on the Company.

### **Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

Pursuant to Item 305(e) of Regulation S-K (§ 229.305(e)), the Company is not required to provide the information required by this Item as it is a "smaller reporting company," as defined by Rule 229.10(f)(1).

### **Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this report. The term "disclosure controls and procedures" as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) means controls and other procedures of the Company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in reports, such as this report, that it files, or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, management concluded that, as of June 30, 2013 the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, at that reasonable assurance level to satisfy the objectives for which they are intended.

## Changes in Internal Controls

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended June 30, 2013 that has materially affected or is reasonably likely to materially affect our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 6. EXHIBITS

#### (a) Exhibits

31.1 – Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

31.2 – Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

32.1 – Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

101.INS –XBRL Instance Document  
XBRL Taxonomy

101.SCH ~~Extension Schema~~  
Document

101.CAL ~~Calculation Linkbase~~

Document

101.DEF ~~XBRL Taxonomy Extension~~  
Definition Linkbase



Document  
101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension  
Label Linkbase Document  
XBRL Taxonomy Extension  
101.PRE Presentation Linkbase  
Document

SIGNATURES

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

BRAZIL MINERALS,  
INC.

Date: August 12, 2013 By: /s/ Marc Fogassa  
Marc Fogassa  
Chief Executive Officer

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ith Oaktree Capital Group Holdings GP, LLC ( OCGH GP ), in its capacity as the manager of Oaktree Capital Group, LLC ( OCG ), OCG, in its capacity as managing member of Oaktree Holdings, LLC ( Oaktree Holdings ), Oaktree Holdings, in its capacity as managing member of OCM Holdings I, LLC ( Oaktree Holdings I ), Oaktree Holdings I, in its capacity as general partner of Oaktree Capital I, L.P. ( Oaktree Capital I ), Oaktree Capital I, in its capacity as general partner of Oaktree Fund GP I, L.P. ( Oaktree Fund GP I ), Oaktree Fund GP I, in its capacity as managing member of Oaktree Fund GP, LLC ( Oaktree Fund GP ), Oaktree Fund GP, in its capacity as general partner of the PF V Fund.

The AIF Fund may share voting and investment power with OCGH GP, in its capacity as the general partner of Oaktree Capital Group Holdings, L. P. ( OCGH LP ), OCGH LP in its capacity as the controlling shareholder of Oaktree AIF Holdings, Inc. ( Oaktree AIF Holdings ), Oaktree AIF Holdings, in its capacity as general partner of Oaktree AIF Investments, L.P. ( Oaktree AIF Investments ), Oaktree AIF Investments, in its capacity as general partner of Oaktree Fund GP III, L.P. ( Oaktree GP III ), Oaktree GP III, in its capacity as sole member of Oaktree Fund GP AIF, LLC ( Oaktree GP AIF ), Oaktree GP AIF, in its capacity as general partner of Oaktree Fund AIF Series, L.P. Series I ( Oaktree AIF and, together with OCGH GP, OCGH LP, OCG, Oaktree Holdings, Oaktree Holdings I, Oaktree Capital I, Oaktree Fund GP I, Oaktree Fund GP, Oaktree AIF Holdings, Oaktree AIF Investments, Oaktree GP III and Oaktree GP AIF, collectively, the Oaktree Entities ), and Oaktree AIF, in its capacity as general partner of the AIF Fund.

OCGH GP is managed by an executive committee, the members of which are Howard S. Marks, Bruce A. Karsh, Jay Wintrob, John B. Frank, David M. Kirchheimer, Sheldon M. Stone and Stephen A. Kaplan (the OCGH GP Members ). The OCGH GP Members make investment and voting decisions with respect to the shares reported herein. Michael P. Harmon, the Board representative for Oaktree, may be deemed to share voting and investment power with respect to the shares owned by the PF V Fund and the AIF Fund.

Each Oaktree Entity, each OCGH GP Member, and Mr. Harmon disclaim beneficial ownership of all shares reported herein except to the extent of their respective pecuniary interest therein.



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- (5) Includes 1,285,899 shares that may be acquired by Treasury upon the exercise of the Warrant, which it acquired from the Corporation on January 16, 2009 and which was amended and restated on July 20, 2010. Treasury has sole voting and investment power of all shares reported herein but may exercise voting power only in accordance with the terms of the Exchange Agreement.

The following description was provided by Treasury and is derived from the website of Treasury. Treasury is the executive agency of the United States government responsible for promoting economic prosperity and ensuring the financial security of the United States. Treasury is responsible for a wide range of activities, such as advising the President of the United States on economic and financial issues, encouraging sustainable economic growth and fostering improved governance in financial institutions. Treasury operates and maintains systems that are critical to the nation's financial infrastructure, such as the production of coin and currency, the disbursement of payments to the American public, revenue collection and the borrowing of funds necessary to run the federal government. Treasury works with other federal agencies, foreign governments, and international financial institutions to encourage global economic growth, raise standards of living and, to the extent possible, predict and prevent economic and financial crises. Treasury also performs a critical and far-reaching role in enhancing national security by implementing economic sanctions against foreign threats to the United States, identifying and targeting the financial support networks of national security threats and improving the safeguards of our financial systems. In addition, under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, Treasury was given certain authority and facilities to restore the liquidity and stability of the financial system.

The doctrine of sovereign immunity, as limited by the FTCA, provides that claims may not be brought against the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof unless specifically permitted by act of Congress. The FTCA bars claims for fraud or misrepresentation. The courts have held, in cases involving federal agencies and instrumentalities, that the United States may assert its sovereign immunity to claims brought under the federal securities laws. Thus, any attempt to assert a claim against Treasury alleging a violation of the federal securities laws, including the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, resulting from an alleged material misstatement in or material omission from this prospectus or the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or any other act or omission in connection with the offering to which this prospectus relates, likely would be barred. In addition, Treasury and its members, officers, agents, and employees are exempt from liability for any violation or alleged violation of the anti-fraud provisions of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act by virtue of Section 3(c) thereof. We do not expect any underwriter in an offering of securities by Treasury to claim to be an agent of Treasury in such offering. Accordingly, any attempt to assert such a claim against the members, officers, agents or employees of Treasury for a violation of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act resulting from an alleged material misstatement in or material omission from this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or the registration statement of which this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement are a part or resulting from any other act or omission in connection with the offering to which this prospectus relates likely would be barred.

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**U.S. FEDERAL AND PUERTO RICO INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES**

The following discussion describes the material United States federal and Puerto Rico income tax consequences to U.S. Holders (as defined below), Puerto Rico Holders (as defined below), and Puerto Rico corporations (as defined below), collectively, the Holders of the ownership and disposition of shares of Common Stock.

You are a U.S. Holder if you are a beneficial owner of shares of Common Stock and you are:

an individual citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or any other entity treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia;

an estate whose income is subject to United States federal income tax regardless of its source; or

a trust if it (1) is subject to the primary supervision of a court within the United States and one or more United States persons, as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the U.S. Code), have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (2) has a valid election in effect under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as a United States person.

The term U.S. Holder does not include Puerto Rico Holders nor does it include Puerto Rico corporations. As used herein, the term Puerto Rico Holder means an individual holder who is a bona fide resident of Puerto Rico during the entire taxable year within the meaning of Sections 933 and 937 of the U.S. Code. Puerto Rico corporations are corporations created or organized in or under the laws of Puerto Rico.

**U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES**

The following discussion is based upon the provisions of the U.S. Code, regulations promulgated by Treasury thereunder, and administrative rulings and judicial decisions, in each case as of the date hereof. These authorities are subject to differing interpretations and may be changed, perhaps retroactively, resulting in United States federal income tax consequences different from those discussed below. We have not sought any ruling from the IRS with respect to the statements made and the conclusions reached in this discussion, and there can be no assurance that the IRS will agree with such statements and conclusions. For purposes of the discussion below, we have assumed that we should not be treated as a passive foreign investment company for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Further, this discussion also assumes that the shares of Common Stock are held as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the U.S. Code. In addition, this discussion does not address all tax considerations that may be applicable to your particular circumstances or to you if you are a U.S. Holder that may be subject to special tax rules, including, without limitation:

banks, insurance companies or other financial institutions;

regulated investment companies;

real estate investment trusts;

dealers in securities or commodities;

controlled foreign corporations;

passive foreign investment companies;

U.S. expatriates;

persons deemed to own 10% or more of our voting stock;

traders in securities that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for securities holdings;

tax-exempt organizations;

persons liable for alternative minimum tax;

persons that hold shares of Common Stock as part of a straddle or a hedging or conversion transaction; or

persons whose functional currency is not the United States dollar.

If a partnership (including any entity treated as a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes) holds shares of Common Stock, the tax treatment of a partner in a partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Such a partner or partnership is urged to consult its own tax advisor as to the United States federal income tax consequences of the ownership of shares of Common Stock.

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You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding the United States federal, state, local, non-U.S. and other tax consequences of the ownership of shares of Common Stock.

## **Common Stock**

### **Dividends on Common Stock**

#### *General*

Under the current source of income rules of the U.S. Code, dividends on shares of our Common Stock will constitute gross income from sources outside the United States if less than 25% of First BanCorp.'s gross income for the previous three taxable years is effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States. First BanCorp. does not believe that, for any of its taxable years beginning with its formation, 25% or more of its gross income has been effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States nor does it expect that 25% or more of its gross income will be effectively connected with a trade or business in the United States in any future taxable years. Accordingly, dividends paid on shares of our Common Stock will constitute gross income from sources outside the United States as long as First BanCorp. continues to meet the gross income test described above. The following discussion regarding Holders of our Common Stock assumes that dividends will constitute income from sources outside the United States.

#### *U.S. Holders*

In general, distributions with respect to our Common Stock, including the amount of any Puerto Rico taxes withheld on the distribution, will constitute dividends to the extent made out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. If a distribution exceeds our current and accumulated earnings and profits, the excess will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of your tax basis in Common Stock and thereafter as capital gain from the sale or exchange of such Common Stock. A U.S. corporation cannot deduct dividends because the dividends-received deduction provided in Section 243 of the U.S. Code is not available. Dividends received by non-corporate U.S. holders, including individuals, qualify for preferential rates of taxation.

Subject to certain conditions and limitations contained in the U.S. Code, any Puerto Rico income tax imposed on dividends distributed by First BanCorp. in accordance with Puerto Rico income tax law may be eligible for credit against the U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability. For purposes of calculating a U.S. Holder's U.S. foreign tax credit, dividends distributed by First BanCorp. will be income from sources outside the United States, and, depending on your circumstances, will be either passive category income or general category income. The rules governing the foreign tax credit are complex. You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding the availability of the foreign tax credit under your particular circumstances.

#### *Puerto Rico Holders*

In general, distributions of dividends made by First BanCorp. on the shares of our Common Stock to a Puerto Rico Holder will constitute gross income from sources within Puerto Rico and will not be includible in the Puerto Rico Holder's gross income for, and will be exempt from, U.S. federal income taxation. In addition, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, no deduction or credit will be allowed that is allocable to or chargeable against amounts so excluded from the Puerto Rico Holder's gross income.

#### *Puerto Rico corporations*

In general, distributions of dividends made by First BanCorp. on the shares of our Common Stock to a Puerto Rico corporation will not, in the hands of the Puerto Rico corporation, be subject to U.S. federal income tax if the dividends are not effectively connected with a United States trade or business of the Puerto Rico corporation. The U.S. Code provides special rules for Puerto Rico corporations that are Controlled Foreign Corporations, Personal Holding Companies, or Passive Foreign Investment Companies for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

### **Gain on Disposition of Common Stock**

#### *General*

Upon the sale or other disposition of Common Stock, you will generally realize capital gain or loss for United States federal income tax purposes equal to the difference between the value of the amount that you realize and your tax basis in the particular shares of Common Stock.

#### *U.S. Holders*

The capital gain realized by a non-corporate U.S. Holder upon a sale or other disposition of the Common Stock is generally taxed at preferential rates where the holder has a holding period greater than one year. The gain or loss will generally be income or loss from sources within the United States for foreign tax credit purposes. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.



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### *Puerto Rico Holders*

In general, gain from the sale or other disposition of shares of our Common Stock by a Puerto Rico Holder will constitute income from sources within Puerto Rico, and will not be includible in such stockholder's gross income for, and will be exempt from, U.S. federal income taxation. Also, no deduction or credit will be allowed that is allocable to or chargeable against amounts so excluded from the Puerto Rico Holder's gross income.

### *Puerto Rico corporations*

In general, any gain derived by a Puerto Rico corporation from the sale or exchange of Common Stock will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax if the gain is not effectively connected with a United States trade or business of the Puerto Rico corporation. The U.S. Code provides special rules for Puerto Rico corporations that are Controlled Foreign Corporations, Personal Holding Companies, or Passive Foreign Investment Companies for U.S. federal income tax purpose.

## **Warrant**

### **Sale of Warrant**

#### *U.S. Holders*

In general, a U.S. Holder of the Warrant will recognize gain or loss upon the sale of the Warrant in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale and the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Warrant. The initial tax basis in the Warrant will be the purchase price. Gain or loss attributable to the sale of the Warrant will generally be capital gain or loss. Capital gain of a non-corporate U.S. Holder is generally taxed at preferential rates where the U.S. Holder has a holding period greater than one year.

#### *Puerto Rico Holders*

In general, gain from the sale or other disposition of the Warrant by a Puerto Rico Holder will constitute income from sources within Puerto Rico, and will not be includible in such stockholder's gross income for, and will be exempt from, U.S. federal income taxation. Also, no deduction or credit will be allowed that is allocable to or chargeable against amounts so excluded from the Puerto Rico Holder's gross income.

#### *Puerto Rico corporations*

In general, any gain derived by a Puerto Rico corporation from the sale or exchange of the Warrant will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax if the gain is not effectively connected with a United States trade or business of the Puerto Rico corporation. The U.S. Code provides special rules for Puerto Rico corporations that are Controlled Foreign Corporations, Personal Holding Companies, or Passive Foreign Investment Companies for U.S. federal income tax purpose.

### **Exercise of Warrant**

#### *U.S. Holders*

A U.S. Holder should not recognize gain or loss on the exercise of the Warrant and related receipt of Common Stock (unless cash is received in lieu of the issuance of a fractional common share) with cash. A U.S. Holder's initial tax

basis in the Common Stock received on the exercise of the Warrant should be equal to the sum of (a) such U.S. Holder's tax basis in the Warrant plus (b) the exercise price paid by such U.S. Holder on the exercise of the Warrant. The holding period of Common Stock received upon the exercise of the Warrant should commence on the day after the Warrant is exercised.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the exercise of the Warrant in a cashless exercise are not entirely clear. Exercise of the Warrant may be treated as a tax-free non-recognition event, either because it may be treated as not being a gain realization event (except with respect to any cash received in lieu of any fractional share), or may be treated as a recapitalization. In either case, a U.S. Holder's tax basis in the common stock received will equal the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the Warrant, less any amount attributable to any fractional share. Your receipt of cash in lieu of a fractional share of Common Stock will generally be treated as if you received the fractional share and then received such cash in redemption of the share. If the exercise of the Warrant is treated as not being a gain realization event, the holding period of Common Stock received upon the exercise of the Warrant should commence on the day after the Warrant is exercised. If the exercise of the Warrant is treated as a recapitalization, the holding period of Common Stock received upon the exercise of the Warrant will include the U.S. Holder's holding period for the Warrant.

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It is also possible that a cashless exercise of the Warrant could be treated as a taxable exchange in which gain or loss will be recognized. The amount of gain or loss recognized on such exchange and its character as short-term or long-term will depend on the characterization of that exchange. If a U.S. Holder is treated as selling a portion of the Warrant or underlying shares of Common Stock for cash that is used to pay the exercise price for the Warrant, the amount of gain or loss will be the difference between that exercise price and such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis attributable to the Warrant or shares of Common Stock deemed to have been sold. If the U.S. Holder is treated as selling the Warrant, such U.S. Holder will have long-term capital gain or loss if it has held the Warrant for more than one year. If the U.S. Holder is treated as selling underlying shares of Common Stock, such U.S. Holder will have short-term capital gain or loss. In either case, a U.S. Holder of the Warrant will also recognize gain or loss in respect of the cash received in lieu of any fractional share of Common Stock otherwise issuable upon exercise in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and the portion of such U.S. Holder's tax basis attributable to such fractional share. The ability of U.S. Holders to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations under the U.S. Code. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors as to the holding period and basis in the stock received if a characterization described in this paragraph applies.

Alternatively, if the U.S. Holder is treated as exchanging, in a taxable exchange, the Warrant for shares of Common Stock received on exercise, the amount of gain or loss will be the difference between (1) the fair market value of Common Stock and cash in lieu of any fractional share received on exercise and (2) the holder's adjusted tax basis in the Warrant. In that case, the U.S. Holder will have long-term capital gain or loss with respect to the exchange if it has held the Warrant for more than one year and such U.S. Holder will have a tax basis in the shares of Common Stock received equal to their fair market value and a holding period beginning on the date after the exchange. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the possible application of the wash sale rules to such an exchange.

Due to the absence of authority on the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the cashless exercise of warrants, there can be no assurance as to which, if any, of the alternative tax consequences and holding periods described above will be adopted by the IRS or a court. Accordingly, U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of the exercise of the Warrant.

### *Puerto Rico Holders*

In general, gain, if any, from the exercise of the Warrant by a Puerto Rico Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation.

### *Puerto Rico corporations*

In general, any gain derived by a Puerto Rico corporation from the exercise of the Warrant will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax if the gain is not effectively connected with a United States trade or business of the Puerto Rico corporation. The U.S. Code provides special rules for Puerto Rico corporations that are Controlled Foreign Corporations, Personal Holding Companies, or Passive Foreign Investment Companies for U.S. federal income tax purpose.

## **Adjustments of Warrant**

### *U.S. Holders*

The exercise price at which the Common Stock may be purchased and/or the number of shares of Common Stock that may be purchased is subject to adjustment from time to time upon the occurrence of certain events. Under Section 305 of the U.S. Code, a change in conversion ratio or any transaction having a similar effect on the interest of a U.S.

Holder of the Warrant may be treated as a distribution with respect to any U.S. Holder of the Warrant whose proportionate interest in earnings and profits is increased by such change or transaction. Thus, under certain future circumstances which may or may not occur, such an adjustment pursuant to the terms of the Warrant may be treated as a taxable distribution to the holder of the Warrant to the extent of current or accumulated earnings and profits, without regard to whether the U.S. Holder of the Warrant receives any cash or other property. See Dividends on Common Stock U.S. Holders, above.

*Puerto Rico Holders*

In general, any adjustment to the Warrant that would result in a constructive distribution would constitute income from sources within Puerto Rico, and will not be includible in such Puerto Rico Holder's gross income for, and will be exempt from, U.S. federal income taxation.

*Puerto Rico corporations*

In general, any adjustment to the Warrant that would result in a constructive distribution to a Puerto Rico corporation will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax if the gain is not effectively connected with a United States trade or business of the Puerto Rico corporation. The U.S. Code provides special rules for Puerto Rico corporations that are Controlled Foreign Corporations, Personal Holding Companies, or Passive Foreign Investment Companies for U.S. federal income tax purpose.

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### **Backup Withholding and Information Reporting**

For non-corporate U.S. Holders, information reporting requirements, on Internal Revenue Service Form 1099, generally will apply to (a) dividend payments and (b) the receipt of proceeds from the sale of shares of our Common Stock effected at a United States office of a broker (not including a Puerto Rico office) or by a United States payer or middleman (not including a Puerto Rico payer or middleman).

Additionally, backup withholding may apply to such payments for non-corporate U.S. Holders if such holder fails to provide an accurate taxpayer identification number, or if First BanCorp. is notified by the Internal Revenue Service that the holder has failed to report all interest and dividends required to be shown on federal income tax returns, or in certain circumstances, if the holder fails to comply with applicable certification requirements. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or credit against such holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

U.S. Holders or Puerto Rico Holders that are individuals who own specified foreign financial assets, within the meaning of Section 6038D of the U.S. Code, may be required to report information with respect to such assets with their tax returns on Form 8938 for any year in which the aggregate value of all specified foreign financial assets exceeds certain thresholds, subject to certain exceptions (including an exception for ordinary shares held in custodial accounts maintained with a United States financial institution). Failure to report information required could result in substantial penalties. Such individuals are urged to consult their tax advisors as to the application of these information reporting rules to their ownership of Common Stock.

### **Medicare Tax**

Certain U.S. Holders that are individuals, estates or trusts are subject to a 3.8% tax on all or a portion of their net investment income, including ordinary dividends and capital gains if their modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain thresholds. Each U.S. Holder that is an individual, estate or trust should consult its own tax advisors regarding the effect of this tax provision on its ownership and disposition of Common Stock.

### **CERTAIN PUERTO RICO TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

This discussion is based on the provisions of the Puerto Rico Internal Revenue Code of 2011, as amended (the PR Code), and other tax laws of Puerto Rico as in effect on the date of this prospectus, as well as regulations, administrative pronouncements and judicial decisions available on or before such date and now in effect. All of the foregoing is subject to change, which change could apply retroactively and could affect the continued validity of this discussion.

You are urged to consult your own tax advisor as to the application to your particular situation of the tax considerations discussed below, as well as the application of any state, local, foreign or other tax.

For purposes of the following discussion, the term Puerto Rico corporation is used to refer to a corporation organized under the laws of Puerto Rico and the term Foreign Corporation is used to refer to a corporation organized under the laws of a jurisdiction other than Puerto Rico.

If a partnership (including any entity treated as a partnership for Puerto Rico income tax purposes) holds shares of Common Stock, the tax treatment of a partner in a partnership generally will depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Such partner or partnership is urged to consult its own tax advisor as to the Puerto

Rico income tax consequences of the ownership of the shares of Common Stock.

**Common Stock**

**Dividends on Common Stock**

*General*

Distributions of cash or other property made by First BanCorp. on the shares of our Common Stock will be treated as dividends to the extent that First BanCorp. has current or accumulated earnings and profits. To the extent that a distribution exceeds First BanCorp. s current and accumulated earnings and profits, the distribution will be applied against and reduce the adjusted Puerto Rico income tax basis of the shares of our Common Stock in the hands of the holder. The excess of any distribution of this type over the adjusted Puerto Rico income tax basis will be treated as gain on the sale or exchange of the shares of our Common Stock and will be subject to income tax as described below.

The following discussion regarding the income taxation of dividends on shares of our Common Stock received by individuals not residents of Puerto Rico and foreign corporations assumes that dividends will constitute income from sources within Puerto Rico. Generally, a dividend declared by a Puerto Rico corporation will constitute income from sources within Puerto Rico unless the corporation derived less than 20% of its gross income from sources within Puerto Rico for the three taxable years preceding the year of the declaration. First BanCorp. has represented that it has derived more than 20% of its gross income from Puerto Rico sources on an annual basis since inception.

*Individuals Resident of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico corporations*

In general, individuals who are residents of Puerto Rico will be subject to a 5% Puerto Rico income tax on dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock. This tax is generally required to be withheld by First BanCorp. Such individuals may elect for this withholding not to apply by providing us a written statement opting-out of such withholding provided the shares of our Common

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Stock are held in their names. If such individual holds the shares of our Common Stock in the name of a broker or other direct or indirect participant of DTC, the procedures described in Special Withholding Tax Considerations below should be followed for purposes of opting-out of the 5% Puerto Rico withholding tax. If the individual Puerto Rico resident opts-out of the 5% Puerto Rico withholding tax, he or she will be required to include the amount of the dividend as ordinary income and will be subject to Puerto Rico income tax thereon at the normal income tax rates, which may be up to 33%. Even if the withholding is actually made, the individual may elect, upon filing his Puerto Rico income tax return for the year the dividend is paid, for the dividends to be taxed at the normal income tax rates applicable to individuals. In this case, the 5% Puerto Rico income tax withheld is creditable against the normal tax so determined.

Individuals resident of Puerto Rico are subject to alternative minimum tax ( AMT ) on the AMT Net Income if their regular tax liability is less than the alternative minimum tax liability. The AMT rates range from 10% to 24% depending on the AMT Net Income. At present, AMT applies with respect to individual taxpayers that have AMT Net Income of \$150,000 or more. The AMT Net Income includes various categories of tax-exempt income and income subject to preferential tax rates as provided in the PR Code, such as dividends on our Common Stock and long-term capital gains recognized on the disposition of our Common Stock.

Puerto Rico corporations will be subject to Puerto Rico income tax on dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock at the normal corporate income tax rates, subject to the dividend received deduction. The dividend received deduction will be equal to 85% of the dividend received, but the deduction may not exceed 85% of the corporation's net taxable income. Based on the applicable maximum Puerto Rico normal corporate income tax rate of 39%, the maximum effective income tax rate on these dividends will be 5.85% after accounting for the dividend received deduction. In the case of Puerto Rico corporations, no Puerto Rico income tax withholding will be imposed on dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock provided such shares are held in the name of the Puerto Rico corporation. If such Puerto Rico corporation holds the shares of our Common Stock in the name of a broker or other direct or indirect participant of DTC, then, a 5% Puerto Rico income tax withheld at source will be made on dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock held on behalf of such Puerto Rico corporation unless the procedures described in Special Withholding Tax Considerations below are followed to certify to us through DTC that the beneficial owner of our Common Stock is a Puerto Rico corporation. If the withholding is actually made, the 5% Puerto Rico income tax withheld is creditable against the Puerto Rico income tax liability of the Puerto Rico corporation.

The alternative minimum tax liability of a Puerto Rico corporation is not affected by the receipt of dividends on the shares of our Common Stock.

*United States Citizens Not Residents of Puerto Rico*

Dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock to a United States citizen who is not a resident of Puerto Rico will be subject to a 5% Puerto Rico income tax that will be withheld by First BanCorp. These individuals may also elect for the dividends to be taxed in Puerto Rico at the normal income tax rates applicable to individuals in the same way as Puerto Rico resident individuals. The 5% Puerto Rico income tax withheld is creditable against the normal income tax so determined by said individual stockholder. Provided the shares of our Common Stock are held in the name of these individual stockholders, no 5% Puerto Rico income tax withholding will be made if such individual stockholder opts out of the 5% withholding tax by providing us: (i) a written statement opting-out of such withholding; and (ii) a withholding exemption certificate to the effect that the individual's gross income from sources within Puerto Rico during the taxable year does not exceed \$3,500 if single or \$7,000 if married filing a joint return. If such United States citizen non-resident of Puerto Rico holds the shares of our Common Stock in the name of a broker or other direct or indirect participant of DTC, the procedures described in Special Withholding Tax Considerations below should be



followed for purposes of opting-out of the 5% Puerto Rico withholding tax. If the United States citizen non-resident of Puerto Rico opts-out of the 5% Puerto Rico withholding tax, he or she will be required to include the amount of the dividend as ordinary income and will be subject to Puerto Rico income tax thereon at the normal income tax rates applicable to Puerto Rico resident individuals.

A United States citizen who is not a resident of Puerto Rico will be subject to Puerto Rico AMT as provided in the rules described under the heading *Individuals Resident of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico Corporations*.

*Individuals Not Citizens of the United States and Not Residents of Puerto Rico*

Dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock to any individual who is not a citizen of the United States and who is not a resident of Puerto Rico will generally be subject to a 5% Puerto Rico income tax which will be withheld at source by First BanCorp.

*Foreign Corporations*

The Puerto Rico income taxation of dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock to a foreign corporation will depend on whether or not the corporation is engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico.

A foreign corporation that is engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will be subject to the normal corporate income tax rates applicable to Puerto Rico corporations on its net income that is effectively connected with the trade or business in Puerto Rico.

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This income will include net income from sources within Puerto Rico and certain items of net income from sources outside Puerto Rico that are effectively connected with the trade or business in Puerto Rico. Net income from sources within Puerto Rico will include dividends on the shares of our Common Stock. A foreign corporation that is engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will be entitled to claim the 85% dividend received deduction discussed above in connection with dividends received from Puerto Rico corporations. No Puerto Rico income tax withholding will be imposed on dividends paid to foreign corporations engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico on the shares of our Common Stock provided such shares are held in the name of such foreign corporation. If such foreign corporation holds the shares of our Common Stock in the name of a broker or other direct or indirect participant of DTC, then, a 10% Puerto Rico income tax withheld at source will be made on dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock held on behalf of such foreign corporation unless the procedures described in Special Withholding Tax Considerations below are followed to certify to us through DTC that the beneficial owner of our Common Stock is a foreign corporation engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico. If the withholding is actually made, the 10% Puerto Rico income tax withheld is creditable against the Puerto Rico income tax liability of the foreign corporation.

In general, foreign corporations that are engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico are also subject to a 10% branch profits tax. However, dividends on the shares of our Common Stock received by these corporations will be excluded from the computation of the branch profits tax liability of these corporations.

A foreign corporation that is not engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will be subject to a 10% Puerto Rico withholding tax on dividends received on the shares of our Common Stock.

### *Special Withholding Tax Considerations*

Payments of dividends to investors that hold their shares of our Common Stock in the name of a broker or other direct or indirect participant of DTC will be subject to a 5% Puerto Rico income tax withheld at source unless such investor, under the rules described above, is entitled to opt-out of such withholding if the shares would have been held in his name (such as individuals residents of Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico corporations, United States citizens not residents of Puerto Rico and foreign corporations engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico) and his broker or other direct or indirect participant of DTC certifies to First BanCorp. through DTC that either (i) the holder of the shares of our Common Stock is a Puerto Rico corporation or a foreign corporation engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico, or (ii) the holder of the shares of our Common Stock is an individual, estate or trust resident of Puerto Rico or a United States citizen not resident of Puerto Rico that has provided a written statement to the broker/dealer opting-out of such withholding. A United States citizen non-resident of Puerto Rico must also timely file with the broker/dealer a withholding exemption certificate to the effect that the individual's gross income from sources within Puerto Rico during the taxable year does not exceed \$3,500 if single or \$7,000 if married filing jointly.

## **Gains on Disposition of Common Stock**

### *General*

The sale or exchange of shares of our Common Stock will give rise to gain or loss for Puerto Rico income tax purposes equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale or exchange and the Puerto Rico income tax basis of the shares of our Common Stock in the hands of the holder. Any gain or loss that is required to be recognized will be a capital gain or loss if the shares of our Common Stock are held as a capital asset by the holder and will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the stockholder's holding period of the shares of our Common Stock exceeds one year.

### *Individuals Resident of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico corporations*

Gain on the sale or exchange of shares of our Common Stock by an individual resident of Puerto Rico or a Puerto Rico corporation will generally be required to be recognized as gross income and will be subject to income tax. If the stockholder is an individual and the gain is a long-term capital gain, the gain will be taxable at a maximum rate of 15%. If the stockholder is a Puerto Rico corporation and the gain is a long-term capital gain, the gain will qualify for an alternative tax rate of 20%.

Individuals resident of Puerto Rico are subject to AMT on the AMT Net Income if their regular tax liability is less than the alternative minimum tax liability. The AMT rates range from 10% to 24% depending on the AMT Net Income. At present, AMT applies with respect to individual taxpayers that have AMT Net Income of \$150,000 or more. The AMT Net Income includes various categories of tax-exempt income and income subject to preferential tax rates as provided in the PR Code, such as dividends on our Common Stock and long-term capital gains recognized on the disposition of our Common Stock.

The alternative minimum tax liability of a Puerto Rico Corporation is not affected by the recognition of long-term capital gains on the disposition of the shares of our Common Stock.

*Individuals Not Residents of Puerto Rico*

Individuals who are not residents of Puerto Rico will not be subject to Puerto Rico income tax on the sale or exchange of shares of our Common Stock if the gain resulting therefrom constitutes income from sources outside Puerto Rico. Generally, the gain from the sale or exchange of shares of our Common Stock by individuals not residing in Puerto Rico constitutes income from sources outside Puerto Rico and, therefore, such gain is not subject to Puerto Rico income tax in the case of such individuals.

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### *Foreign Corporations*

A foreign corporation that is engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will generally be subject to Puerto Rico corporate income tax on any gain realized on the sale or exchange of shares of our Common Stock if the gain is (1) from sources within Puerto Rico, or (2) from sources outside Puerto Rico and effectively connected with a trade or business in Puerto Rico. Any such gain will qualify for an alternative tax of 20% if it qualifies as a long-term capital gain.

In general, foreign corporations that are engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will also be subject to a 10% branch profits tax. In the computation of this tax, any gain realized by these corporations on the sale or exchange of shares of our Common Stock and that is subject to Puerto Rico income tax will be taken into account. However, a deduction will be allowed in the computation for any income tax paid on the gain realized on the sale or exchange.

A foreign corporation that is not engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will not be subject to Puerto Rico income tax on any capital gain realized on the sale or exchange of our Common Stock since the gain from the sale or exchange of the Common Stock by such foreign corporation constitutes income from sources outside Puerto Rico.

## **Warrant**

### **Sale of Warrant**

#### *General*

The sale of the Warrant will give rise to gain or loss for Puerto Rico income tax purposes equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale and the Puerto Rico income tax basis of the Warrant in the hands of the holder. The initial tax basis in the Warrant will be the purchase price. Any gain or loss that is required to be recognized will generally be a capital gain or loss if the Warrant is held as a capital asset by the holder and will be a long-term capital gain or loss if the holding period of the Warrant to its holder exceeds six months.

#### *Individuals Resident of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico corporations*

Gain on the sale of the Warrant by an individual resident of Puerto Rico or a Puerto Rico corporation will generally be required to be recognized as gross income and will be subject to income tax. If the holder of the Warrant is an individual and the gain is a long-term capital gain, the gain will be taxable at a maximum rate of 10%. Individuals resident of Puerto Rico may be subject to AMT on the gain upon the sale of the Warrant.

If the holder of the Warrant is a Puerto Rico corporation and the gain is a long-term capital gain, the gain will qualify for an alternative tax rate of 20%. The alternative minimum tax liability of a Puerto Rico corporation is not affected by the recognition of long-term capital gain on the sale of the Warrant.

#### *Individuals Not Residents of Puerto Rico*

Individuals who are not residents of Puerto Rico will not be subject to Puerto Rico income tax on the sale of the Warrant if the gain resulting therefrom constitutes income from sources outside Puerto Rico. Generally, the gain from the sale of the Warrants by individuals not residing in Puerto Rico constitutes income from sources outside Puerto Rico and, therefore, such gain is not subject to Puerto Rico income tax in the case of such individuals.

### *Foreign Corporations*

A foreign corporation that is engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will generally be subject to Puerto Rico corporate income tax on any gain realized on the sale of the Warrant if the gain is (1) from sources within Puerto Rico, or (2) from sources outside Puerto Rico and effectively connected with a trade or business in Puerto Rico. Any such gain will qualify for an alternative tax of 20% if it qualifies as a long-term capital gain.

In general, foreign corporations that are engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will also be subject to a 10% branch profits tax. In the computation of this tax, any gain realized by these corporations on the sale of the Warrant and that is subject to Puerto Rico income tax will be taken into account. However, a deduction will be allowed in the computation for any income tax paid on the gain realized on the sale.

A foreign corporation that is not engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will not be subject to Puerto Rico income tax on any capital gain realized on the sale of the Warrant since the gain from the sale of the Warrant by such foreign corporation constitutes income from sources outside Puerto Rico.

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**Table of Contents****Exercise of Warrant***Individuals Resident of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico corporations*

In general, an individual resident of Puerto Rico or a Puerto Rico corporation should not recognize gain or loss on the exercise of the Warrant and related receipt of Common Stock (unless cash is received in lieu of the issuance of a fractional common share) with cash. The holder's initial tax basis in the Common Stock received on the exercise of the Warrant should be equal to the sum of (a) such holder's tax basis in the Warrant plus (b) the exercise price paid by such holder on the exercise of the Warrant. The holding period of Common Stock received upon the exercise of the Warrant should commence on the day after the Warrant is exercised.

The Puerto Rico income tax consequences of the exercise of the Warrant in a cashless exercise are not entirely clear. A cashless exercise of the Warrant may be treated as a tax-free non-recognition event, either because it may be treated as not being a gain realization event (except with respect to any cash received in lieu of any fractional share), or may be treated as a recapitalization. In either case, the holder's tax basis in the common stock received will equal the holder's adjusted tax basis in the Warrant, less any amount attributable to any fractional share. Your receipt of cash in lieu of a fractional share of Common Stock will generally be treated as if you received the fractional share and then received such cash in redemption of the share. If the exercise of the Warrant is treated as not being a gain realization event, the holding period of Common Stock received upon the exercise of the Warrant should commence on the day after the Warrant is exercised. If the exercise of the Warrant is treated as a recapitalization, the holding period of Common Stock received upon the exercise of the Warrant will include the holder's holding period for the Warrant.

It is also possible that a cashless exercise of the Warrant could be treated as a taxable exchange in which gain or loss will be recognized. The amount of gain or loss recognized on such exchange and its character as short-term or long-term will depend on the characterization of that exchange. If a holder is treated as selling a portion of the Warrant or underlying shares of Common Stock for cash that is used to pay the exercise price for the Warrant, the amount of gain or loss will be the difference between that exercise price and such holder's adjusted tax basis attributable to the Warrant or shares of Common Stock deemed to have been sold. If the holder is treated as selling the Warrant, such holder will have long-term capital gain or loss if it has held the Warrant for more than one year. If the holder is treated as selling underlying shares of Common Stock, such holder will have short-term capital gain or loss. In either case, a holder of the Warrant will also recognize gain or loss in respect of the cash received in lieu of any fractional share of Common Stock otherwise issuable upon exercise in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash received and the portion of such holder's tax basis attributable to such fractional share. The ability of holders to deduct capital losses is subject to limitations under the PR Code. Holders should consult their tax advisors as to the holding period and basis in the stock received if a characterization described in this paragraph applies.

Alternatively, if the holder is treated as exchanging, in a taxable exchange, the Warrant for shares of Common Stock received on exercise, the amount of gain or loss will be the difference between (1) the fair market value of Common Stock and cash in lieu of any fractional share received on exercise and (2) the holder's adjusted tax basis in the Warrant. In that case, the holder will have long-term capital gain or loss with respect to the exchange if it has held the Warrant for more than one year and such holder will have a tax basis in the shares of Common Stock received equal to their fair market value and a holding period beginning on the date after the exchange. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the possible application of the wash sale rules to such an exchange.

Due to the absence of authority on the Puerto Rico income tax treatment of the cashless exercise of warrants, there can be no assurance as to which, if any, of the alternative tax consequences and holding periods described above will be adopted by the Puerto Rico Treasury Department or a court. Accordingly, individuals resident of Puerto Rico and Puerto Rico corporations should consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences of the cashless exercise of

the Warrant.

*Individuals Not Residents of Puerto Rico*

In general, gain, if any, from the exercise of the Warrant by individuals who are not residents of Puerto Rico will not be subject to Puerto Rico income taxation.

*Foreign Corporations*

A foreign corporation that is engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will generally be subject to Puerto Rico corporate income tax on any gain realized on the exercise of the Warrant if the gain is (1) from sources within Puerto Rico, or (2) from sources outside Puerto Rico and effectively connected with a trade or business in Puerto Rico. Any such gain will qualify for an alternative tax of 20% if it qualifies as a long-term capital gain. Such gain may also be subject to a 10% branch profits tax.

In general, gain, if any, from the exercise of the Warrant by a foreign corporation that is not engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will not be subject to Puerto Rico income taxation.



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### **Adjustments of Warrant**

The Puerto Rico income tax consequences of any adjustment of the exercise price at which the Common Stock may be purchased and/or the number of shares of Common Stock that may be purchased under the Warrant are not entirely clear.

A change in conversion ratio or any transaction having a similar effect on the interest of a holder of the Warrant may be treated as a distribution with respect to any holder of the Warrant whose proportionate interest in earnings and profits is increased by such change or transaction. Thus, such an adjustment (which may result under certain future circumstances which may or may not occur pursuant to the terms of the Warrant) may be treated as a taxable distribution to the holder of the Warrant to the extent of current or accumulated earnings and profits, without regard to whether the holder of the Warrant receives any cash or other property. See Dividends on Common Stock above for a discussion of the taxation of dividends for Puerto Rico income tax purposes to the different types of holders of shares of Common Stock which will be equally applicable to the holders of the Warrant if an adjustment to the Warrant occurs and such adjustment is considered to result in a taxable dividend distributions to the holder of the Warrant

### **Estate and Gift Taxation**

The transfer of shares of our Common Stock by inheritance by a decedent who was a resident of Puerto Rico at the time of his or her death and did not own more than 10% of our stock (by value or vote) will not be subject to estate tax if the decedent was not a citizen of the United States or a citizen of the United States who acquired his or her citizenship solely by reason of birth or residence in Puerto Rico. Likewise, the transfer of shares of our Common Stock by gift by an individual who is a resident of Puerto Rico at the time of the gift and did not own more than 10% of our stock (by value or vote) will not be subject to gift tax. Other individuals are urged to consult their own tax advisors in order to determine the appropriate treatment for Puerto Rico estate and gift tax purposes of the transfer of the shares of our Common Stock by death or gift.

### **Municipal License Taxation**

Individuals and corporations that are not engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will not be subject to Puerto Rico municipal license tax on dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock or on any gain realized on the sale, exchange or redemption of the shares of our Common Stock.

Individuals, residents or non-residents, and corporations, Puerto Rico or foreign, that are engaged in a trade or business in Puerto Rico will generally be subject to municipal license tax on dividends paid on the shares of our Common Stock and on the gain realized on the sale, exchange or redemption of the shares of our Common Stock if the dividends or gain are attributable to that trade or business. The municipal license tax is imposed on the volume of business of the taxpayer, and the tax rates vary by municipalities with the maximum rate being 1.5% in the case of financial businesses and 0.5% for other businesses.

### **Property Taxation**

The shares of our Common Stock will not be subject to Puerto Rico property tax.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the Securities being offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Lawrence Odell, Esq., Executive Vice President and General Counsel. As of the date of this prospectus, Lawrence Odell, Esq., beneficially

owns, directly or indirectly, 262,090 shares of our Common Stock, as determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act.

### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of First BanCorp. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014 and management's assessment of effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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**Up to 95,429,615 Shares of Common Stock**

**Warrant to Purchase up to 1,285,899 Shares of Common Stock**

**PROSPECTUS**

**The date of this prospectus is**

**Table of Contents****PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS****Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.\***

	<b>Amount paid or to be paid*</b>
SEC registration fee	\$ **
NYSE listing fee	\$ ***
Printing expenses	\$ 32,000
Legal fees and expenses	\$ 80,000
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ 30,000
Miscellaneous expenses	\$
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 142,000.00</b>

\* All expenses are estimates other than the SEC registration fee and the NYSE listing fee.

\*\* The fees of \$20,721.20 and \$35.89 are offset against previously filed registration statements.

\*\*\* An NYSE listing fee of \$182,610.45 was previously paid with respect to 95,429,615 shares of Common Stock.

**Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

(a) Article NINTH of First BanCorp. s Articles of Incorporation provides for indemnification of directors and officers as follows:

(1) First BanCorp. shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of First BanCorp.) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of First BanCorp., or is or was serving at the written request of First BanCorp. as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney s fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if it is formally determined by the Board of Directors, or other committee or entity empowered to make such determination, that he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of First BanCorp., and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of First BanCorp. and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

(2) First BanCorp. shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of First BanCorp. to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of First BanCorp., or is or was serving at the written request of First BanCorp. as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint

venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense of settlement of such action or suit if it is formally determined by the Board of Directors, or other committee or entity empowered to make such determination, that he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of First BanCorp., except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to First BanCorp. unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

(3) To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of First BanCorp. has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in a paragraph 1 or 2 of this Article NINTH, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

(4) Any indemnification under paragraph 1 or 2 of this Article NINTH (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by First BanCorp. only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth therein. Such determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (b) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (c) by the stockholders.

(5) Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by First BanCorp. in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by First BanCorp. as authorized in this Article NINTH.

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(6) The indemnification provided by this Article NINTH shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification may be entitled under any statute, by-law, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(7) By action of its Board of Directors, notwithstanding any interest of the directors in the action, First BanCorp. may purchase and maintain insurance, in such amounts as the Board of Directors deems appropriate, on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of First BanCorp., or is or was serving at the written request of First BanCorp. as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such.

(8) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, no indemnification may be made by First BanCorp. to any person if it relates to the imposition of a fine for an infraction or violation of any provision of the law.

(b) Article 1.02(b)(6) of the Puerto Rico General Corporation Law of 1995, as amended (the PR-GCL ), provides that a corporation may include in its certificate of incorporation a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of members of its board of directors or governing body for breach of a director's fiduciary duty of care. However, no such provision may eliminate or limit the liability of a director for breaching his duty of loyalty, failing to act in good faith, engaging in intentional misconduct or knowingly violating a law, paying an unlawful dividend or approving an unlawful stock repurchase or obtaining an improper personal benefit.

(c) Article 4.08 of the PR-GCL authorizes a Puerto Rico corporation to indemnify its officers and directors against liabilities arising out of pending or threatened actions, suits or proceedings to which such officers and directors are or may be made parties by reason of being officers or directors. Such rights of indemnification are not exclusive of any other rights to which such officers or directors may be entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of stockholders or otherwise.

(d) Article 2.02(n) of the PR-GCL states that every corporation created under the provisions of the PR-GCL shall have the power to reimburse to all directors and officers or former directors and officers the expenses which necessarily or in fact were incurred with respect to the defense in any action, suit or proceeding in which such persons, or any of them, are included as a party or parties for having been directors or officers of one or another corporation, pursuant to the provisions of Article 4.08 of the PR-GCL described above.

(e) First BanCorp. maintains directors and officers liability insurance on behalf of its directors and officers.

**Item 16. Exhibits.**

**Exhibit**

No.	Description
4.1	Restated Articles of Incorporation, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 3.1 of the Registration Statement on Form

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S-1/A filed by First BanCorp. on October 20, 2011.

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5.1 Opinion of Lawrence Odell, Esq., Executive Vice President and General Counsel of First BanCorp., regarding the validity of the securities being registered.

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24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page).

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**Item 17. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement;

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof;

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering;

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use; and

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be



deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Santurce, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, on February 12, 2016.

**FIRST BANCORP.**

By: /s/ Orlando Berges  
Orlando Berges  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Orlando Berges and Lawrence Odell, and each of them individually, his/her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power and in any and all capacities, to sign this Registration Statement and any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file such Registration Statement and all such amendments or supplements, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, thereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their or his substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ Aurelio Alemán Aurelio Alemán	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director  (Principal Executive Officer)	February 12, 2016
/s/ Orlando Berges  Orlando Berges	Executive Vice President and  Chief Financial Officer  (Principal Financial Officer)	February 12, 2016
/s/ Pedro Romero  Pedro Romero	Senior Vice President and Chief  Accounting Officer  (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 12, 2016
/s/ Roberto R. Herencia  Roberto R. Herencia	Chairman of the Board of Directors	February 12, 2016
Michael P. Harmon	Director	February , 2016
Thomas M. Hagerty	Director	February , 2016

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	Director	February , 2016
José Menéndez-Cortada		
/s/ Juan Acosta Reboyras	Director	February 12, 2016
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/s/ David Matson	Director	February 12, 2016
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/s/ Robert T. Gormley	Director	February 12, 2016
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