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Washington, D.C. 20549

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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-06111

THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

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MILWAUKEE, WI 53202
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Date of fiscal year end: JULY 31, 2004

Date of reporting period: AUGUST 1, 2003 TO JULY 31, 2004

ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc.

September 27, 2004

DEAR FUND SHAREHOLDER,

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We are pleased to present you with the audited financial statements of the Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004. The Fund presents investors with the opportunity to own Mexican securities and its objective continues to be superior long-term performance.

The Fund's net assets were \$33,779,149 on July 31, 2004, as compared to \$25,104,015 on July 31, 2003, which represents an increase of 34.56% in the value of the Fund's net assets. From July 31, 2003 to July 31, 2004 the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share increased 34.77% (including reinvested dividends). For the same period, the Bolsa IPC Index, which is a measure of the market performance of Mexican securities, increased 28.98% (including reinvested dividends).

As we have reported previously, your Board of Directors is focused on action to control the discount at which the Fund's shares trade. To this end, we continue to pursue the necessary regulatory approvals for the registration and listing of put warrants that we propose to issue to our shareholders. These warrants are intended to enable shareholders to receive NAV from time to time, if they decide to sell their shares. We are hopeful that this process will be concluded before the end of this year. However, there can be no assurance when (or if) such approvals will be obtained. We will continue to keep you informed on this matter.

As we have previously stated, it is our belief that if the Fund is able to issue put warrants, the discount at which the Fund's common stock trades relative to its NAV will be permanently reduced. Once the discount is under control, your Board of Directors will consider measures to increase the asset base of the Fund in order to reduce the expense ratio, which continues to be too high.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your continued support of the Fund. If you have any questions, please call our toll-free number (866) 700-6104.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Gerald Hellerman
Gerald Hellerman
President

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Report of the Investment Adviser

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2004

Dear Fund Shareholder,

We are pleased to provide you with the report of the Investment Adviser of The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004.

MEXICO'S ECONOMY: REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

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Mexico's macro fundamentals remain solid, with tight fiscal and monetary discipline. Record high international reserves, ongoing growth in exports and the positive effect on the current account of higher-than-expected oil prices, as well as interest rates and CPI figure reductions in recent years (in both real and nominal terms) are a solid and important economic platform for consistent annual economic growth rates of between 5-7% upon the approval of additional fiscal and energy structural reforms.

Banco de Mexico's successful monetary policy is reflected in a 28-day Cetes (Mexican Treasury Bill) rate of 7.10% currently and an annual CPI rate of 4.49% through July 31, 2004 compared with interest rate levels of 32% in 1998 and 16% in 2000 when annual inflation rates were 18% and 9% for the same two years, respectively.

The unemployment rate and higher economic growth rates are the two lagging elements of Mexico's successful macroeconomic model. A decrease in productivity gains constitutes the latent challenge for President Fox's administration. Long-awaited fiscal, labor and energy reforms that would boost Mexico's competitiveness and favor long-term investments, were not forthcoming during the fiscal year.

Banco de Mexico published its survey of private analysts with the following projections for the remainder of 2004: (i) CPI estimates rose to 4.33% from 4.08% in June, (ii) expectations for year-end 28-day Cetes rose to 7.35% from 7.14% in June, (iii) the Mexican Peso is expected to close the year at MXP\$11.56 against the U.S. Dollar, and (iv) GDP growth is now forecasted to be 4.09% vs. 3.93% in June.

FUND UPDATES

The Fund's toll-free phone number is (866) 700-6104.

TRACKING THE FUND'S NAV

The Fund's net asset value (NAV) is calculated daily and published in The Wall Street Journal every Monday under the heading "Closed End Funds." The Fund's net asset value is also published in Barron's on Saturdays and in The New York Times on Mondays. The Fund is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol MXE.

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THE MEXICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

For the year ended July 31, 2004, the Mexico Bolsa IPC Index (the "Bolsa") gained 27.7% (simple price appreciation), marked by two distinct periods:

1. From August 2003 to March 2004, the Bolsa gained 35.5% underpinned by low interest rates, an upturn in the global commodities cycle, and confirmation of an economic recovery, and
2. From April 2004 to July 2004 the Bolsa lost -5.7% with a sharp bout of volatility due to higher international oil prices and the beginning of a rising interest rate cycle.

In general, outperforming sectors for the fiscal year were: mining (copper), wireless telephonics, construction (housing development), and industrial conglomerates (steel). Beverages, fixed-line telephonics and consumer staples were the biggest underperforming sectors.

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The Bolsa ranked fifth in the Latin American regions, trailing the Brazil Bovespa Index's return of 61.3%, Peru Lima General Index's return of 55.1%, Columbia IGBC General Index's return of 52.6% and the Venezuelan Indice Bursatil de Caracas' return of 51.9%. By comparison, for the year ended July 31, 2004, the Dow Jones gained 9.8% and the Nasdaq Composite Index gained 8.8%.

Second quarter 2004 corporate results were better than expected with an EBITDA growth rate of 20% versus the previous calendar year.

At the end of the Fund's fiscal year, the Bolsa was trading at 7.4x its 12 month trailing EV/EBITDA (Enterprise Value/Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization), which is in line with its three-year average and at a 6% premium to its one-year average.

THE FUND'S PERFORMANCE

For the year ended July 31, 2004, the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV") gained 34.8%, outperforming the Bolsa's gain of 29% and The Mexico Fund (MXF), whose NAV increased 34.3% during the same period (both returns include reinvested dividends).

For the ten-year period ended July 31, 2004, the Fund's cumulative NAV return was 62.6%, the MXF's cumulative NAV return was 7.7% and the Bolsa's cumulative return was 38.3% (including reinvested dividends). Return calculations are according to Bloomberg. The Bolsa is an equity-only index while the Mexico Equity and Income Fund Inc. invests in equity and fixed-income instruments. For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004, the Fund's common share market price gained

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29.1% (including reinvested dividends). Thus, for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004 the Fund continued to achieve one of the best returns compared to its peers. The Fund's common shares ended July at a 14.1% discount to NAV, 384 basis points greater than at July of 2003.

PORTFOLIO STRATEGY

The Fund's investment strategy included a mix of investments with an allocation of 91% in stocks and 9% in other investments for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2004. We believe that the Fund outperformed the Bolsa primarily as the result of a consistent strategy that included stocks classified in the undervalued-restructuring stories asset category in the Portfolio, which turned out to be the largest contributor to the Fund's performance for the period.

The three main asset categories that prevailed in the Fund throughout the fiscal period were:

- (i) strong market positions, (ii) undervalued-restructuring stories, and (iii) fast-growing business segments. The asset classification methodology was established in 2001, and includes three additional asset categories:
- (i) financial institutions, (ii) global leaders and (iii) globally consolidated industries.

During the fiscal year 2004, the fixed income allocation averaged approximately 6% on a monthly basis, the lowest allocation compared to 17% in 2003, 11% in 2002, and 9% in 2001.

CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

Solid monetary and fiscal discipline has helped to maintain Mexico's country risk within an approximate range of 220 to 184 basis points, the lowest level in 15 years. In the long term, the failure to approve long-awaited structural reforms could jeopardize the country's competitiveness. Strong second quarter 2004 financial reports improved the Bolsa's EV/EBITDA multiple to 6.8x from 7.7x. We believe that higher international oil prices and geopolitical issues limited the Bolsa's upside.

We will continue to implement a prudent investment strategy that includes fixed-income investments and equity allocations with a focus on: (i) internationally competitive Mexican Blue Chip companies which are characterized by high market share, quality management, and strong balance sheets, (ii) undervalued stocks which are in special situations, but have solid management and strong products and (iii) small capitalization stocks with strong EBITDA growth, with a positive outlook that stand to benefit the Fund in the long term.

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On the political front, Mr. Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, Mexico City's mayor and a strong left-wing candidate for the July 2006 presidential seat, could possibly be stripped of his political immunity. If this were to happen, it could be a source of political turmoil in the months to come.

We will continue to adhere to our investment strategy illustrated by the following two investment principles: consistency and strong risk-control measures to avoid excessive exposure to uncertainties.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ EUGENIA PICHARDO
Eugenia Pichardo
Portfolio Manager
Pichardo Asset Management, S.A. de C.V.

THE DISCUSSION ABOVE REFLECTS THE OPINIONS OF THE PORTFOLIO MANAGER. THESE OPINIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ANY FORECASTS MADE CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.

PAST PERFORMANCE DOES NOT GUARANTEE FUTURE RESULTS. SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AND FUND HOLDINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ARE NOT RECOMMENDATIONS TO BUY OR SELL ANY SECURITY. PLEASE REFERENCE THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL REPORT FOR MORE COMPLETE FUND INFORMATION.

THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FUND INCLUDED IN THE REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISER CONTAIN CERTAIN FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND IN THE FUTURE. THESE STATEMENTS ARE BASED ON FUND MANAGEMENT'S PREDICTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS CONCERNING CERTAIN FUTURE EVENTS AND THEIR EXPECTED IMPACT ON THE FUND, SUCH AS PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE AND OF SPECIFIC INDUSTRY SECTORS, CHANGES IN THE LEVELS OF INTEREST RATES, THE IMPACT OF DEVELOPING WORLD EVENTS, AND OTHER FACTORS THAT MAY INFLUENCE THE FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND. MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS TO BE REASONABLE, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE INHERENTLY UNCERTAIN AND DIFFICULT TO PREDICT. ACTUAL EVENTS MAY CAUSE ADJUSTMENTS IN PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FROM THOSE CURRENTLY EXPECTED TO BE EMPLOYED.

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Allocation of Portfolio Assets
(CALCULATED AS A PERCENTAGE OF NET ASSETS)

July 31, 2004

(BAR CHART)

ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIO ASSET

Communications	21.92
Construction	14.49
Food, Beverage and Tobacco	12.41
Retailing	11.07
Mining	9.39
Industrial Conglomerates	6.51
Media	5.88
Cement	4.75
Corporate Bonds	4.62
Financial Groups	2.91
Specialty Stores	1.32
Investment Companies	0.81
Structured Equity Note	0.13

See Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Schedule of Investments

JULY 31, 2004

	SHARES	VALUE

MEXICO - 93.84%		

COMMON STOCKS - 90.65%		

COMMUNICATIONS - 21.92%		
America Movil, S.A. de C.V. - Class L.....	968,200	\$ 1,731,292
America Movil, S.A. de C.V. - Class L ADR.....	42,300	1,511,379
Telefonos de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. - Class L.....	2,112,500	3,268,508
Telefonos de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. - Class L ADR.....	28,952	894,038

		7,405,217

CEMENT - 4.75%		
Cemex, S.A. de C.V. CPO.....	208,742	1,179,226
Grupo Cementos de Chihuahua, S.A. de C.V.....	270,900	427,212

		1,606,438

CONSTRUCTION - 14.49%		
Desarrolladora Homex S.A. de C.V*.....	60,000	178,728
Empresas ICA Sociedad Controladora, S.A. de C.V.*.....	4,192,000	1,230,349
SARE Holding, S.A. de C.V. - Class B*.....	3,451,100	1,947,178

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Urbi, Desarrollos Urbanos, S.A. de C.V.*.....	445,600	1,538,167
		4,894,422
FINANCIAL GROUPS - 2.91%		
Grupo Financiero Banorte, S.A. de C.V. - Class O.....	267,200	983,214
FOOD, BEVERAGE AND TOBACCO - 12.41%		
Alsea, S.A. de C.V.....	646,900	1,014,501
Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A. de C.V. ADR.....	4,550	199,927
Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A. de C.V. UBD.....	282,800	1,241,059
Gruma S.A. - Class B.....	128,500	218,858
Grupo Embotelladoras Unidas, S.A. de C.V. - Class B.....	414,400	1,316,103
Grupo Modelo, S.A. de C.V. - Class C.....	81,000	200,477
		4,190,925

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Schedule of Investments (continued)

JULY 31, 2004

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COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	SHARES	VALUE
INDUSTRIAL CONGLOMERATES - 6.51%		
Alfa, S.A. - Class A.....	338,600	\$ 1,122,536
Hylsamex, S.A. de C.V. CPO*.....	293,900	435,417
Hylsamex, S.A. de C.V. - Class L*.....	104,479	152,773
Industrias CH, S.A. - Class B*.....	25,900	154,302
Vitro, S.A. de C.V. - Class A.....	360,800	332,540
		2,197,568
MEDIA - 5.88%		
Grupo Televisa, S.A. ADR.....	13,000	611,000
Grupo Televisa, S.A. CPO.....	219,200	513,144
TV Azteca, S.A. de C.V. CPO*.....	1,572,700	862,546
		1,986,690
MINING - 9.39%		
Grupo Mexico, S.A. de C.V. - Class B*.....	902,100	3,023,862
Industrias Penoles, S.A. de C.V.....	40,600	148,257
		3,172,119
RETAILING - 11.07%		
Grupo Elektra, S.A. de C.V.....	272,900	1,617,938
Wal-Mart de Mexico, S.A. de C.V. - Class V.....	697,084	2,119,834
		3,737,772

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SPECIALTY STORES - 1.32%		
Corporativo Fragua, S.A. - Class B.....	173,100	447,081

TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Cost \$28,531,385).....		30,621,446

CORPORATE BONDS - 2.31%	TITLES	

Hylsamex, S.A. de C.V., 8.7500%, 03/08/2009+.....	14,015	390,789
Hylsamex, S.A. de C.V., 8.7500%, 09/08/2009+.....	14,015	390,789

TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (Cost \$773,545).....		781,578

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Schedule of Investments (continued)

JULY 31, 2004

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INVESTMENT COMPANIES - 0.75%	SHARES	VALUE

GBM Fondo Corporativo de Liquidez Inmediata, S.A. de C.V. SIID para Personas Morales - Class B*.....	1,413,325	\$ 192,806
The Mexico Fund.....	3,100	60,295

TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES (Cost \$249,178).....		253,101

STRUCTURED EQUITY NOTE - 0.13%	TITLES	

Mexico Bolsa IPC Index* (Cost \$44,271)+.....	50	43,422

TOTAL MEXICO (Cost \$29,598,379).....		31,699,547

UNITED STATES - 2.37%	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	

CORPORATE BOND - 2.31%		

Monterrey Power, S.A. de C.V., 9.6250%, 11/15/2009 (Cost \$723,059).....	\$ 675,000	\$ 779,528

INVESTMENT COMPANY - 0.06%	SHARES	

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First American Treasury Obligations Fund - Class A (Cost \$19,798).....	19,798	19,798
TOTAL UNITED STATES (Cost \$742,857).....		799,326
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$30,341,236) - 96.21%.....		32,498,873
OTHER ASSETS IN EXCESS OF LIABILITIES - 3.79%.....		1,280,276
TOTAL NET ASSETS - 100.00%.....		\$33,779,149

FOOTNOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS

- * - Non-income producing security.
- ADR - American Depository Receipts.
- + - Fair Valued Security.

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities JULY 31, 2004

ASSETS		
Investments, at value (Cost \$30,341,236).....	\$32,498,873	
Foreign currency holdings (Cost \$45,374).....	45,637	
Receivables:		
Investments sold.....	1,825,588	
Interest.....	13,819	
Prepaid expenses.....	11,812	
TOTAL ASSETS.....	34,395,729	
LIABILITIES		
Payable for securities purchased.....	484,355	
Advisory fees payable.....	22,414	
Directors' fees payable.....	15,299	
Administration fee payable.....	8,357	
Fund accounting fees payable.....	8,181	
Custody fees payable.....	4,986	
Accrued expenses.....	72,988	
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	616,580	
NET ASSETS.....	\$33,779,149	
NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE		
(\$33,779,149/2,473,504).....	\$	13.66

NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:

Capital stock, \$0.001 par value; 2,473,504 shares outstanding (100,000,000 shares authorized).....	\$	2,474
Paid-in capital.....		34,512,533

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Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency.....	(2,893,758)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency.....	2,157,900

NET ASSETS.....	\$33,779,149
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Statement of Operations

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JULY 31, 2004

INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends.....		\$ 529,446
Interest (Net of foreign taxes withheld of \$12).....		64,884

TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME.....		594,330

EXPENSES

Advisory fees.....	\$245,496	
Legal fees.....	88,956	
Administration fees.....	52,904	
Fund accounting fees.....	45,750	
Directors' fees and expenses.....	42,806	
Insurance expense.....	39,049	
Reports to shareholders.....	30,047	
Custodian fees.....	28,764	
NYSE fees.....	22,810	
Audit fees.....	20,385	
Shareholder servicing fees.....	15,890	
Other expenses.....	6,017	

TOTAL EXPENSES.....		638,874
LESS, EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT BY ADVISER.....		(3,008)

NET EXPENSES.....		635,866

NET INVESTMENT LOSS.....		(41,536)

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS

Net realized gain from investments and foreign currency transactions.....		9,589,282
Net change in unrealized appreciation from investments and foreign currency transactions.....		(834,386)

Net gain from investments and foreign currency transactions.....		8,754,896

Net increase in net assets resulting from operations.....		\$8,713,360
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Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2004 -----	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2003 -----
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS		
OPERATIONS		
Net investment income (loss).....	\$ (41,536)	\$ 9,542
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions.....	9,589,282	(2,817,619)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in value of investments and foreign currency transactions.....	(834,386)	6,283,561
	-----	-----
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations....	8,713,360	3,475,484
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DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS FROM		
Net investment income.....	(38,226)	--
Net realized gains.....	--	--
Return of capital.....	--	--
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Decrease in net assets from distributions.....	(38,226)	--
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CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS		
Shares repurchased under Tender Offer.....	--	--
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Decrease in net assets from capital share transactions....	--	--
	-----	-----
Total increase in net assets.....	8,675,134	3,475,484
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year.....	25,104,015	21,628,531
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End of year*.....	\$33,779,149	\$25,104,015
	=====	=====
*Including undistributed net investment income of:	\$ --	\$ 16,325
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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Financial Highlights

FOR A SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH YEAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED	FOR THE YEAR ENDED	FOR THE YEAR ENDED	FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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	JULY 31, 2004 -----	JULY 31, 2003 -----	JULY 31, 2002 -----	JULY 31, 2001 -----
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE				
Net asset value, beginning of year.....	\$ 10.15 -----	\$ 8.74 -----	\$ 10.19 -----	\$ 11.36 -----
Net investment income (loss).....	(0.02) (1)	0.00 (2)	(0.03) (1)	(0.02)
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments and foreign currency transactions....	3.55 -----	1.41 -----	(1.42) -----	(0.64) -----
Net increase (decrease) from investment operations.....	3.53 -----	1.41 -----	(1.45) -----	(0.66) -----
Less: Distributions				
Dividends from net investment income.....	(0.02)	--	--	(0.01)
Distributions from net realized gains.....	--	--	--	(0.60)
Return of capital.....	--	--	--	(0.01)
Total dividends and distributions.....	(0.02) -----	-- -----	-- -----	(0.62) -----
Capital share transactions				
Anti-dilutive effect of Tender Offer.....	--	--	--	0.09
Anti-dilutive effect of Share Repurchase Program.....	-- -----	-- -----	-- -----	0.02 -----
Total capital share transactions.....	-- -----	-- -----	-- -----	0.11 -----
Net asset value, end of year.....	\$ 13.66 =====	\$ 10.15 =====	\$ 8.74 =====	\$ 10.19 =====
Per share market value, end of year.....	\$ 11.73	\$ 9.10	\$ 7.95	\$ 9.11
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN BASED ON MARKET VALUE, END OF YEAR*.....	29.10%	14.47%	(12.73)%	(8.64)%

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Financial Highlights (concluded)

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	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2004	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2003	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2002	FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2001	FOR JUL
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
Net assets, end of year (in 000s).....	\$ 33,779	\$ 25,104	\$ 21,629	\$ 87,620	
Ratios of expenses to average net assets:					
Before expense					
reimbursement.....	2.09%	2.64%	1.81%	1.90%	
After expense					
reimbursement.....	2.08%	2.62%	1.81%	1.90%	
Ratios of net investment income (loss) to average net assets:					
Before expense					
reimbursement.....	(0.15)%	0.02%	(0.14)%	(0.16)%	
After expense					
reimbursement.....	(0.14)%	0.04%	(0.14)%	(0.16)%	
Portfolio turnover.....	234.42%	180.67%	189.05%	220.85%	

* Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the current market price on the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of each period reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions.

(1) Net investment income per share is calculated using ending balances prior to consideration of adjustments for permanent financial reporting and tax differences.

(2) The amount listed is less than \$0.005 per share.

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

JULY 31, 2004

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was incorporated in Maryland on May 24, 1990, and commenced operations on August 21, 1990. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PORTFOLIO VALUATION. Investments are stated at value in the accompanying financial statements. All securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last sales price prior to the time of determination of net asset value, or, if no sales price is available at that time, at the

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closing price last quoted for the securities (but if bid and asked quotations are available, at the mean between the current bid and asked prices, rather than the quoted closing price). Securities that are traded over-the-counter are valued, if bid and asked quotations are available, at the mean between the current bid and asked prices. Investments in short-term debt securities having a maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost if their term to maturity from the date of purchase was less than 60 days, or by amortizing their value on the 61st day prior to maturity if their term to maturity from the date of purchase when acquired by the Fund was more than 60 days. Other assets and securities for which no quotations are readily available will be valued in good faith at fair value using methods determined by the Board of Directors. At July 31, 2004, the Fund held three such securities which represented 2.44% of the Fund's net assets.

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method for both financial reporting and income tax purposes. Interest income, including the accretion of discount and amortization of premium on investments, is recorded on an accrual basis; dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or, using reasonable diligence, when known to the Fund. The collectibility of income receivable from foreign securities is evaluated periodically, and any resulting allowances for uncollectible amounts are reflected currently in the determination of investment income.

TAX STATUS. No provision is made for U.S. Federal income or excise taxes as it is the Fund's intention to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and to make the requisite distributions to its shareholders that will be sufficient to relieve it from all or substantially all U.S.

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Federal income and excise taxes. At July 31, 2004, the Fund had capital loss carryovers of \$2,727,479 expiring July 31, 2011, which are available to offset future net realized gains on securities transactions to the extent provided for in the Internal Revenue Code.

In accordance with U.S. Treasury regulations, the Fund utilized \$1,069,636 of capital losses and \$21,901 of Post-October currency losses arising after October 31, 2002. Such losses are treated for tax purposes as arising on August 1, 2003.

The Fund is subject to the following withholding taxes on income from Mexican sources:

Dividends distributed by Mexican companies are subject to withholding tax at an effective rate of 0.00%. Prior to January 1, 2002, the effective rate was 7.69%.

Interest income on debt issued by the Mexican federal government is generally not subject to withholding. Withholding tax on interest from other debt obligations such as publicly traded bonds and loans by banks or insurance companies is at a rate of 4.9% under the tax treaty between Mexico and the United States.

Gains realized from the sale or disposition of debt securities may be subject to a 4.9% withholding tax. Gains realized by the Fund from the sale or disposition of equity securities that are listed and traded on the

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Mexican Stock Exchange ("MSE") are exempt from Mexican withholding tax if sold through the stock exchange. Gains realized on transactions outside of the MSE may be subject to withholding at a rate of 25% (20% rate prior to January 1, 2002) of the value of the shares sold or, upon the election of the Fund, at 35% (40% rate prior to January 1, 2002) of the gain. If the Fund has owned less than 25% of the outstanding stock of the issuer of the equity securities within the 12 month period preceding the disposition, then such disposition will not be subject to capital gains taxes as provided for in the treaty to avoid double taxation between Mexico and the United States.

RECLASSIFICATION OF CAPITAL ACCOUNTS. The Fund accounts and reports for distributions to shareholders in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statement of Position 93-2; Determination, Disclosure and Financial Statement Presentation of Income, Capital, and Return of Capital Distributions by Investment Companies. For the year ended July 31, 2004, the Fund increased undistributed net investment income by \$63,437, decreased accumulated net realized loss on investments by \$27,445 and decreased paid-in capital by \$90,882 due to the tax treatment of foreign currency gains and losses.

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FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION. The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:

- (i) market value of investment securities, assets and liabilities at the current Mexican peso exchange rate on the valuation date, and
- (ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the Mexican peso exchange rate prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund does not generally isolate the effect of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates from the effect of fluctuations in the market prices of securities. The Fund does isolate the effect of fluctuations in foreign currency rates, however, when determining the gain or loss upon the sale of foreign currency denominated debt obligations pursuant to U.S. Federal income tax regulations; such amounts are categorized as foreign exchange gain or loss for income tax reporting purposes.

The Fund reports realized foreign exchange gains and losses on all other foreign currency related transactions as components of realized gains and losses for financial reporting purposes, whereas such gains and losses are treated as ordinary income or loss for Federal income tax purposes.

Securities denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars are subject to changes in value due to fluctuations in the foreign exchange rate. Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of domestic origin as a result of, among other factors, the level of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets and the possibilities of political or economic instability.

DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND GAINS. The Fund intends to distribute to shareholders, at least annually, substantially all of its net investment income,

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including foreign currency gains. The Fund also intends to normally distribute annually any net realized capital gains in excess of net realized capital losses (including any capital loss carryovers), except in circumstances where the Directors of the Fund determine that the decrease in the size of the Fund's assets resulting from the distribution of the gains would generally not be in the interest of the Fund's shareholders. An additional distribution may be made to the extent necessary to avoid payment of a 4% U.S. Federal excise tax.

Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount of dividends and distributions from net investment income and net realized gains are determined in accordance with U.S. Federal income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These "book/tax" differences are either considered temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are

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reclassified within the capital accounts based on their Federal tax-basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Dividends and distributions which exceed net investment income and net realized capital gains for financial reporting purposes but not for tax purposes are reported as dividends in excess of net investment income and net realized capital gains, respectively. To the extent they exceed net investment income and net realized gains for tax purposes, they are reported as distributions of additional paid-in capital.

DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS. The tax character of distributions paid to shareholders during the years ended July 31, 2004 and July 31, 2003 were as follows:

DISTRIBUTIONS PAID FROM:	7/31/04	7/31/03
-----	-----	-----
Ordinary Income.....	\$38,226	\$ --
Long-Term Capital Gain.....	--	--
Return of Capital.....	--	--
Total.....	\$38,226	\$ --
	=====	=====

As of July 31, 2004, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Cost of investments and foreign currency (a).....	\$30,523,611

Gross tax unrealized appreciation.....	2,887,361
Gross tax unrealized depreciation.....	(866,462)

Net tax unrealized appreciation.....	\$ 2,020,899
	=====

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Undistributed ordinary income.....	\$	--
Undistributed long-term capital gain.....		--

Total distributable earnings.....	\$	--
		=====
Other accumulated losses.....	\$	(2,756,757)

Total accumulated earnings.....	\$	(735,858)
		=====

(a) Represents cost for federal income tax purposes. Differences between the Fund's cost basis of investments and foreign currency at July 31, 2004, for book and tax purposes, relate primarily to the deferral of losses related to wash sales.

The Mexico Equity and Income Fund designates 100% of dividends declared after July 31, 2003 from net investment income as qualified dividend income under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 (unaudited).

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NOTE B: MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Pichardo Asset Management, S.A. de C.V. serves as the Fund's Investment Adviser (the "Investment Adviser") under the terms of the Investment Advisory Agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") effective July 1, 2003. Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser makes investment decisions for the Fund and supervises the acquisition and disposition of securities by the Fund. For its services, the Investment Adviser receives a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.80% of the Fund's average daily net assets. For the year ended July 31, 2004, these fees amounted to \$245,496. The Investment Adviser has voluntarily agreed to reimburse the Fund for certain fees and expenses on an annual basis. These expense reimbursements may be terminated at any time. For the year ended July 31, 2004, the total expense reimbursements made by the Investment Adviser amounted to \$3,008.

The Fund pays each of its directors who is not a director, officer or employee of the Investment Adviser, the Administrator or any affiliate thereof an annual fee of \$5,000 plus \$700 for each Board of Directors meeting attended in person and \$100 for each special telephonic meeting attended. At the Board of Directors' meeting held on December 13, 2001, Mr. Gerald Hellerman was appointed President of the Fund. For serving the Fund as President, in addition to the aforementioned Directors' fees, Mr. Hellerman receives annual compensation in the amount of \$6,000. In addition, the Fund reimburses the directors for travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with Board of Directors' meetings.

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC ("USBFS"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of U.S. Bancorp, serves as the Fund's Administrator and, in that capacity, performs various administrative and accounting services for the Fund. USBFS also serves as the Fund's Fund Accountant (the "Fund Accountant"). U.S. Bank, N.A. serves as the Fund's custodian (the "Custodian"). The Custodian is an affiliate of the Administrator. The Administrator prepares various federal and state regulatory filings, reports and returns for the Funds; prepares reports and materials to be supplied to the directors; monitors the activities of the Fund's Custodian and Fund Accountant; coordinates the preparation and payment of the

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Fund's expenses and reviews the Fund's expense accruals.

For its services, the Administrator receives a monthly fee at the following annual rate (subject to a minimum annual fee of \$50,000 through July 31, 2004, \$53,000 through July 31, 2005, then \$57,000 through July 31, 2006):

0.12% of average daily net assets up to \$200 million, plus
0.10% of average daily net assets from \$200 million to \$700 million, plus
0.05% of average daily net assets on the remaining balance above \$700 million

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For its services, the Fund Accountant receives a monthly fee at the following annual rate:

\$42,000 minimum annual fee on average daily net assets up to \$100 million,
plus
0.030% of average daily net assets from \$100 million to \$300 million, plus
0.015% of average daily net assets on the remaining balance above \$300 million

For its services, the Custodian receives a monthly fee at the following annual rate:

\$12,000 minimum base fee, plus 0.03% of average daily custody balance

For the year ended July 31, 2004, the Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc. incurred Administration fees of \$52,904, Fund Accounting fees of \$45,750 and Custody fees of \$28,764.

Certain officers of the Fund are also officers of the Administrator.

NOTE C: PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Purchases and sales of securities other than short-term obligations, aggregated \$70,572,396 and \$71,714,585 respectively, for the year ended July 31, 2004.

At July 31, 2004 substantially all of the Fund's assets were invested in Mexican securities. The Mexican securities markets are substantially smaller, less liquid, and more volatile than the major securities markets in the United States. Consequently, acquisitions and dispositions of securities by the Fund may be limited.

NOTE D: CAPITAL STOCK

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on December 13, 2001, the Board of Directors approved a tender offer (the "Tender").

The Tender allowed the Fund to purchase up to 100% of each shareholder's shares of common stock, not to exceed 80% of the total outstanding shares of common stock of the Fund, for cash at a price equal to 100% of the Fund's net asset value per share as of the closing date. The Tender commenced on February 19, 2002 and expired on March 20, 2002. In connection with the Tender, the Fund purchased 6,122,069 shares of capital stock at a total cost of \$68,444,728. There were no gains or losses to the Fund because the repurchase of tendered shares was executed at 100% of the Fund's NAV as calculated on the expiration date.

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 11, 1999, the

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Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program. Pursuant to the share repurchase program, the Fund was

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authorized to commence a two phase share repurchase program for up to 2,800,000 shares, or approximately 25% of the Fund's then outstanding shares of common stock, through a combination of share purchases and tender offers.

During the years ended July 31, 2004, July 31, 2003 and July 31, 2002, the Fund made no repurchases pursuant to the program. Pursuant to the share repurchase program, during the year ended July 31, 2001, the Fund purchased 174,000 shares of capital stock in the open market at a total cost of \$1,703,552. The weighted average discount of these purchases comparing the purchase price to the net asset value at the time of purchase was 9.01%. During the fiscal year ended July 31, 2000, the Fund purchased 1,199,700 shares of capital stock in the open market at a total cost of \$10,573,159. The weighted average discount of these purchases comparing the purchase prices to the net asset value at the time of purchase was 16.40%.

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund"), including the schedule of investments, as of July 31, 2004, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. For years prior to August 1, 2001, the financial highlights were audited by other auditors whose report, dated September 20, 2001, expressed an unqualified opinion.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of July 31, 2004, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc. as of July 31, 2004, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the three years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

TAIT, WELLER & BAKER

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 17, 2004

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Dividends and Distributions (unaudited)

JULY 31, 2004

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Fund intends to distribute to shareholders substantially all of its net investment company taxable income at least annually. Investment company taxable income, as defined in section 852 of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986, includes all of the Fund's taxable income minus the excess, if any, of its net realized long-term capital gains over its net realized short-term capital losses (including any capital loss carryovers), plus or minus certain other required adjustments. The Fund also expects to distribute annually substantially all of its net realized long-term capital gains in excess of net realized short-term capital losses (including any capital loss carryovers), except in circumstances where the Fund realizes very large capital gains and where the Directors of the Fund determine that the decrease in the size of the Fund's assets resulting from the distribution of the gains would not be in the interest of the Fund's shareholders generally.

Pursuant to the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), each shareholder will be deemed to have elected, unless the Plan Agent (as defined below) is otherwise instructed by the shareholder in writing, to have all distributions, net of any applicable U.S. withholding tax, automatically reinvested in additional shares of the Fund by Computershare Trust Company, Inc., the Fund's transfer agent, as the Plan Agent (the "Plan Agent"). Shareholders who do not participate in the Plan will receive all dividends and distributions in cash, net of any applicable U.S. withholding tax, paid in U.S. dollars by check mailed directly to the shareholder by the Plan Agent, as dividend-paying agent. Shareholders who do not wish to have dividends and distributions automatically reinvested should notify the Plan Agent for The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc., c/o Computershare Investor Services, ATTN: Mr. Charles Zade, 2 North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. Dividends and distributions with respect to shares of the Fund's Common Stock registered in the name of a broker-dealer or other nominee (i.e., in "street name") will be reinvested under the Plan unless the service is not provided by the broker or nominee or the shareholder elects to receive dividends and distributions in cash. A shareholder whose shares are held by a broker or nominee that does not provide a dividend reinvestment program may be required to have his shares registered in his own name to participate in the Plan. Investors who own shares of the Fund's Common Stock registered in street name should contact the broker or nominee for details.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the shareholders in administering the Plan. If the Directors of the Fund declare an income dividend or a capital gains

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distribution payable either in the Fund's Common Stock or in cash, as shareholders may have elected, nonparticipants in the Plan will receive cash and participants in the Plan will receive Common Stock, to be issued by the Fund. If the market price per share on the valuation date equals or exceeds net asset value per share on that date, the Fund will issue new shares to participants at net asset value; or, if the net asset value is less than

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Dividends and Distributions (unaudited) (continued)

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95% of the market price on the valuation date, then such shares will be issued at 95% of the market price.

If net asset value per share on the valuation date exceeds the market price per share on that date, participants in the Plan will receive shares of Common Stock from the Fund valued at market price. The valuation date is the dividend or distribution payment date or, if that date is not a New York Stock Exchange trading day, the next preceding trading day. If the Fund should declare an income dividend or capital gains distribution payable only in cash, the Plan Agent will, as agent for the participants, buy Fund shares in the open market on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts on, or shortly after, the payment date.

The Plan Agent maintains all shareholder accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmations of all transactions in an account, including information needed by shareholders for personal and tax records. Shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Plan Agent in noncertified form in the name of the participant, and each shareholder's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan.

In the case of shareholders such as banks, brokers or nominees that hold shares for others who are beneficial owners, the Plan Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of shares certified from time to time by the shareholders as representing the total amount registered in the shareholder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners who participate in the Plan.

There is no charge to participants for reinvesting dividends or capital gains distributions payable in either Common Stock or cash. The Plan Agent's fees for the handling or reinvestment of such dividends and capital gains distributions will be paid by the Fund. There will be no brokerage charges with respect to shares issued directly by the Fund as a result of dividends or capital gains distributions payable either in stock or in cash. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends or capital gains distributions payable in cash.

Brokerage charges for purchasing small amounts of Common Stock for individual accounts through the Plan are expected to be less than usual brokerage charges for such transactions because the Plan Agent will be purchasing stock for all participants in blocks and prorating the lower commissions thus attainable. Brokerage commissions will vary based on, among other things, the broker selected to effect a particular purchase and the number of participants on whose behalf such purchase is being made.

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The receipt of dividends and distributions in Common Stock under the Plan will not relieve participants of any income tax (including withholding tax) that may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

Experience under the Plan may indicate that changes in the Plan are desirable. Accordingly, the Fund and the Plan Agent reserve the right to terminate the Plan as applied to any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to notice of the termination sent to participants at least 30 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended by the Fund or the Plan Agent, but (except when necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable law, or rules or policies of a regulatory authority) only upon at least 30 days' written notice to participants. All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at the address above.

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Results of Annual Stockholders Meeting (unaudited) JULY 31, 2004

The Fund's Annual Stockholders meeting was held on November 19, 2003, at 405 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10174. As of October 9, 2003, the record date, outstanding shares of common stock ("shares") of the Fund were 2,473,504. Holders of 2,137,626 shares of the Fund were present at the meeting either in person or by proxy. These holders, as being holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Fund, constituted a quorum. The stockholders voted on three proposals.

The stockholders approved a new Investment Advisory agreement between Pichardo Asset Management, S.A. de C.V. and the Fund, elected two Directors to the Board of Directors and ratified the selection of Tait, Weller & Baker as the Fund's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2004.

The following table provides information concerning the matters voted on at the meeting:

I. APPROVAL OF THE NEW INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT BETWEEN PICHARDO ASSET MANAGEMENT, S.A. DE C.V. AND THE FUND

VOTES FOR -----	VOTES AGAINST -----	VOTES ABSTAINED -----	BROKER NON-VOTES -----
2,055,371	49,478	32,777	0

II. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

NOMINEE -----	VOTES FOR -----	VOTES WITHHELD -----
Rajeev Das	2,079,469	58,157
Andrew Dakos	2,082,868	54,758

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III. RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF TAIT, WELLER & BAKER AS THE FUND'S INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

VOTES FOR -----	VOTES AGAINST -----	VOTES ABSTAINED -----	BROKER NON-VOTES -----
2,073,339..	30,379	33,908	0

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Privacy Policy (unaudited)

JULY 31, 2004

The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") has adopted the following privacy policy in order to safeguard the personal information of its consumers and customers in accordance with SEC Regulation S-P, 17 CFR 284.30:

COMMITMENT TO CONSUMER PRIVACY. The Fund recognizes and respects the privacy expectations of each of our customers and believes that the confidentiality and protection of consumer information is one of our fundamental responsibilities. The Fund is committed to maintaining the confidentiality, integrity and security of the customers' personal information and will handle personal consumer and customer information only in accordance with Regulation S-P and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Fund will ensure: (a) the security and confidentiality of customer records and information; (b) that customer records and information are protected from any anticipated threats and hazards; and (c) that unauthorized access to, or use of, customer records or information is protected against.

COLLECTION AND DISCLOSURE OF SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION. Consumer information collected by, or on behalf of, The Fund, generally consists of the following:

- Information received from consumers or customers on or in applications or other forms, correspondence, or conversations, including, but not limited to, their name, address, phone number, social security number, assets, income and date of birth; and
- Information about transactions with us, our affiliates, or others, including, but not limited to, shareholder account numbers and balance, payments history, parties to transactions, cost basis information, and other financial information.

The Fund does not disclose any nonpublic personal information about our current or former consumers or customers to nonaffiliated third parties, except as permitted by law. For example, as The Fund has no employees, it conducts its business affairs through third parties that provide services pursuant to agreements with The Fund (as well as through its officers and directors).

SECURITY OF CONSUMER AND CUSTOMER INFORMATION. The Fund will determine whether the policies and procedures of its affiliates and service providers and reasonably designed to safeguard customer information and require only appropriate and authorized access to, and use of, customer information through the application of appropriate administrative, technical, physical, and procedural safeguards that comply with applicable federal standards and regulations. The Fund directs each of its service providers to adhere to The Fund's privacy policy and to their respective privacy policies with respect to all customer information of The Fund and to take all actions reasonably

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necessary so that The Fund is in compliance with the provisions of 17 CFR 248.30, including, as applicable, the

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Privacy Policy (unaudited) (continued)

JULY 31, 2004

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development and delivery of initial and annual privacy notices and maintenance of appropriate and adequate records. The Fund will require its service providers to confirm to The Fund, in writing, that they are restricting access to nonpublic personal information about customers to those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to customers.

The Fund requires its service providers to provide periodic reports, no less frequently than annually, to the Board of Directors outlining their privacy policies and implementation and promptly report to The Fund any material changes to their privacy policy before, or promptly after, their adoption.

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

Management of the Fund (unaudited)

JULY 31, 2004

BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The management and affairs of the Fund are supervised by the Board of Directors. The Board consists of five individuals, all of whom are not "interested persons" of the Fund as the term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Directors are fiduciaries for the Fund's shareholders and are governed by the laws of the State of Maryland in this regard. The Board establishes policies for the operation of the Fund and appoints the officers who conduct the daily business of the Fund. The Directors and Interested Officers of the Fund are listed below with their addresses, present position(s) with the Fund, length of time served, principal occupations over at least the last five years, and any other Directorships held. Please note that there is only one fund in the complex that is overseen by the Directors.

NAME AND ADDRESS	YEAR BORN	POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	TERM OF OFFICE/LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS
Gerald Hellerman..... 10965 Eight Bells Lane Columbia, MD 21044	1937	Director, President, CEO and CFO	2004 / 3 years	Managing Director, Hellerman Associates
Phillip Goldstein..... 60 Heritage Drive Pleasantville, NY 10570	1945	Director	2005 / 4 years	President, Kimball & Winthrop, Inc.; and general partner of Opportunity Partners,

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				L.P.; Managing Member of the general partner of Full Value Partners, L.P.	
Glenn Goodstein.....	1963	Director	2005 / 3 years	Registered Investment Advisor; held numerous executive positions with Automatic Data Processing until 1996.	Di Fu
4243 Mooncrest Place Encino, CA 91436					
Rajeev Das.....	1968	Director	2006 / 3 years	Senior analyst, Kimball & Winthrop, Inc.; prior Credit Manager, Muriel Siebett & Company.	No
68 Lafayette Avenue Dumont, NJ 07628					
Andrew Dakos.....	1966	Director	2006 / 3 years	President and CEO, UVitec Printing Ink, Inc.; and Managing Member of the general partner of Full Value Partners, L.P.; President of Elmhurst Capital, Inc.	No
43 Waterford Drive Montville, NJ 07045					

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NAME AND ADDRESS	YEAR BORN	POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	TERM OF OFFICE/LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS	
Andrew Chica..... 5324 West Terry Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53223	1975	Interested Officer, Assistant Vice President and Assistant Treasurer	Indefinite / 3 years	Compliance Officer and Assistant Vice President, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC	No
Thomas Meller..... 933 North Marshall Milwaukee, WI 53202	1980	Interested Officer, Secretary	Indefinite / 1 year	Compliance Administrator, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC	No

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THE MEXICO EQUITY AND INCOME FUND, INC.

INVESTMENT ADVISER:
Richardo Asset Management, S.A. de C.V.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

The registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer. The registrant has not made any amendments to its code of ethics during the covered period. The registrant has not granted any waivers from any provisions of the code of ethics during the covered period. The registrant undertakes to provide to any person without charge, upon request, a copy of its code of ethics by mail when they call the registrant at 1-414-765-5307.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

The registrant's board of directors has determined that it does not have an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee. At this time, the registrant believes that the experience provided by each member of the audit committee together offers the registrant adequate oversight for the registrant's level of financial complexity.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

The registrant has engaged its principal accountant to perform audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services during the past two

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fiscal years. "Audit services" refer to performing an audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years. "Audit-related services" refer to the assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit. "Tax services" refer to professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning. "Other services" were not provided by the principal accountant. The following table details the aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for audit fees, audit-related fees, tax fees and other fees by the principal accountant.

	FYE 7/31/2004 -----	FYE 7/31/2003 -----
Audit Fees	\$18,400	\$18,000
Audit-Related Fees	0	0
Tax Fees	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,500
All Other Fees	0	0

The audit committee has adopted pre-approval policies and procedures that require the audit committee to pre-approve all audit and non-audit services of the registrant, including services provided to any entity affiliated with the registrant. All of the principal accountant's hours spent on auditing the registrant's financial statements were attributed to work performed by full-time permanent employees of the principal accountant.

The following table indicates the non-audit fees billed by the registrant's accountant for services to the registrant and to the registrant's investment adviser (and any other controlling entity, etc.--not sub-adviser) for the last two years. The audit committee of the board of trustees/directors has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were

rendered to the registrant's investment adviser is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence and has concluded that the provision of such non-audit services by the accountant has not compromised the accountant's independence.

Non-Audit Related Fees -----	FYE 7/31/2004 -----	FYE 7/31/2003 -----
Registrant	0	0
Registrant's Investment Adviser	0	0

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Effective March 24, 2004, the standing audit committee is comprised of Mr. Andrew Dakos, Mr. Phillip Goldstein, and Mr. Rajeev Das.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

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Schedule of Investments is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this Form.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

The Proxy Voting Policies and Guidelines contained in this document summarize The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc.'s (the "Fund") positions on various issues of concern to the Fund's shareholders. These Guidelines give general indication as to how the Fund's Advisor will vote Fund shares on each issue listed. However, this listing does not address all potential voting issues or the intricacies that may surround individual proxy votes. For that reason there may be instances in which votes may vary from the guidelines presented here. The Fund endeavors to vote Fund shares in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and strategies.

The Fund will vote NO on any proposals that would limit or restrict a shareholders rights.

I. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

A. BOARD AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

1. BOARD OF DIRECTOR/TRUSTEE COMPOSITION

The Board of Directors is responsible for the overall governance of the corporation.

The Fund advisor will OPPOSE slates without at least a majority of independent directors (1/3 of directors who are outsiders to the corporation).

The Fund advisor will vote FOR shareholder proposals that request that the board audit, compensation and/or nominating committees include independent directors exclusively.

2. INCREASE AUTHORIZED COMMON STOCK

The Fund advisor will generally SUPPORT the authorization of additional common stock necessary to facilitate a stock split.

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The Fund advisor will generally SUPPORT the authorization of additional common stock, if the company already has a large amount of stock authorized but not issued or reserved for its stock option plans. In this latter instance, there is a concern that the authorized but unissued shares will be used as a poison pill or other takeover defense, which will be OPPOSED. In addition, we will require the company to provide a specific purpose for any request to increase shares by more than 100 percent of the current authorization.

3. BLANK CHECK PREFERRED STOCK

Blank check preferred is stock with a fixed dividend and a preferential claim on company assets relative to common shares. The terms of the stock (voting dividend and conversion rights) are set by the Board at a future date without further shareholder action. While such an issue can in theory have legitimate corporate purposes, most often it has been used as a takeover defense since the stock has terms that make the entire company less attractive.

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The Fund advisor will generally OPPOSE the creation of blank check preferred stock.

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4. CLASSIFIED OR "STAGGERED" BOARD

On a classified (or staggered) board, directors are divided into separate classes (usually three) with directors in each class elected to overlapping three-year terms. Companies argue that such Boards offer continuity in direction which promotes long-term planning. However, in some instances they may serve to deter unwanted takeovers since a potential buyer would have to wait at least two years to gain a majority of Board seats.

The Fund advisor will vote no on proposals involving classified boards.

5. SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENTS

Supermajority vote requirements in a company's charter or bylaws require a level of voting approval in excess of a simple majority. Generally, supermajority provisions require at least 2/3 affirmative vote for passage of issues.

The Fund advisor will vote no on proposals involving supermajority voting.

6. RESTRICTIONS ON SHAREHOLDERS TO ACT BY WRITTEN CONSENT

Written consent allows shareholders to initiate and carry out a shareholder action without waiting until the annual meeting or by calling a special meeting. It permits action to be taken by the written consent of the same percentage of outstanding shares that would be required to effect the proposed action at a shareholder meeting.

The Fund advisor will vote no on proposals to limit or eliminate the right of shareholders to act by written consent.

7. RESTRICTIONS ON SHAREHOLDERS TO CALL MEETINGS

The Fund advisor will generally OPPOSE such a restriction as it limits the right of the shareholder.

8. LIMITATIONS, DIRECTOR LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

Because of increased litigation brought against directors of corporations and the increased costs of director's liability insurance, many states have passed laws limiting director liability for those acting in good faith. Shareholders however must opt into such statutes. In addition, many companies are seeking to add indemnification of directors to corporate bylaws.

The Fund advisor will generally SUPPORT director liability and indemnification resolutions because it is important for companies to be able to attract the most qualified individuals to their Boards. Note: Those directors acting fraudulently would remain liable for their actions irrespective of this resolution.

9. REINCORPORATION

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Corporations are in general bound by the laws of the state in which they are incorporated. Companies reincorporate for a variety of reasons including shifting incorporation to a state where the company has its most active operations or corporate headquarters, or shifting incorporation to take advantage of state corporate takeover laws.

While each reincorporation proposal will be evaluated based on its own merits, the Fund advisor will generally SUPPORT reincorporation resolutions for valid business reasons (such as reincorporating in the same state as the corporate headquarters).

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10. CUMULATIVE VOTING

Cumulative voting allows shareholders to "stack" their votes behind one or a few directors running for the board, thereby helping a minority of shareholders to win board representation. Cumulative voting gives minority shareholders a voice in corporate affairs proportionate to their actual strength in voting shares.

The Fund advisor will generally SUPPORT proposals calling for cumulative voting in the election of directors.

11. DUAL CLASSES OF STOCK

In order to maintain corporate control in the hands of a certain group of shareholders, companies may seek to create multiple classes of stock with differing rights pertaining to voting and dividends.

The Fund advisor will generally OPPOSE dual classes of stock. However, the advisor will SUPPORT classes of stock offering different dividend rights (such as one class which pays cash dividends and a second which pays stock dividends) depending on the circumstances.

12. LIMIT DIRECTORS' TENURE

In general corporate directors may stand for re-election indefinitely. Opponents of this practice suggest that limited tenure would inject new perspectives into the boardroom as well as possibly creating room for directors from diverse backgrounds; however, continuity is important to corporate leadership and in some instances alternative means may be explored for injecting new ideas or members from diverse backgrounds into corporate boardrooms.

Accordingly, the Fund advisor will vote on a case-by-case basis attempts to limit director tenure.

13. MINIMUM DIRECTOR STOCK OWNERSHIP

The director share ownership proposal requires that all corporate directors own a minimum number of shares in the corporation. The purpose of this resolution is to encourage directors to have the same interest as other shareholders.

The Fund advisor will SUPPORT resolutions that require corporate directors to own shares in the company.

14. SELECTION OF AUDITOR

Annual election of the outside accountants is standard practice. While

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it is recognized that the company is in the best position to evaluate the competence of the outside accountants, we believe that outside accountants must ultimately be accountable to shareholders. Furthermore, audit committees have been the subject of a report released by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of Corporate Audit Committees in conjunction with the NYSE and the National Association of Securities Dealers. The Blue Ribbon Commission concluded that audit committees must improve their current level of oversight of independent accountants. Given the rash of accounting irregularities that were not detected by audit panels or auditors, shareholder ratification is an essential step in restoring investor confidence.

The Fund advisor will OPPOSE the resolutions seeking ratification of the auditor when fees for financial systems design and implementation exceed audit and all other fees, as this can compromise the independence of the auditor.

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The Fund advisor will OPPOSE the election of the audit committee chair if the audit committee recommends an auditors whose fees for financial systems design and implementation exceed audit and all other fees, as this can compromise the independence of the auditor.

B. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

1. DISCLOSURE OF CEO, EXECUTIVE, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION

On a case-by-case basis, the Fund advisor will SUPPORT shareholder resolutions requesting companies to disclose the salaries of top management and the Board of Directors.

2. COMPENSATION FOR CEO, EXECUTIVE, BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

The Fund advisor will OPPOSE an executive compensation proposal if we believe the compensation does not reflect the economic and social circumstances of the company (i.e. at times of layoffs, downsizing, employee wage freezes, etc.).

3. FORMATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF COMPENSATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Fund advisor will SUPPORT shareholder resolutions requesting the formation of a committee of independent directors to review and examine executive compensation.

4. STOCK OPTIONS FOR BOARD AND EXECUTIVES

The Fund advisor will generally OPPOSE stock option plans that in total offer greater than 15% of shares outstanding because of voting and earnings dilution.

The Fund advisor will generally OPPOSE option programs that allow the repricing of underwater options. (Repricing divides shareholder and employee interests. Shareholders cannot "reprice" their stock and, therefore, optionees should not be treated differently).

The Fund advisor will generally OPPOSE stock option plans that have option exercise prices below the marketplace on the day of the grant.

The Fund advisor will generally SUPPORT options programs for outside directors subject to the same constraints previously described.

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5. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN (ESOPS)

The Fund advisor will SUPPORT ESOPs created to promote active employee ownership. However, they will OPPOSE any ESOP whose purpose is to prevent a corporate takeover.

6. PAY EQUITY

The Fund advisor will SUPPORT shareholder resolutions that request that management provide a race and/or gender pay equity report.

7. RATIO BETWEEN CEO AND WORKER PAY

The Fund advisor will generally SUPPORT shareholder resolutions requesting that management report on the ratio between CEO and employee compensation.

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8. MAXIMUM RATIO BETWEEN CEO AND WORKER COMPENSATION AND/OR CAP ON CEO COMPENSATION

The Fund advisor will vote on a case-by-case basis shareholder resolutions requesting management to set a maximum ratio between CEO and employee compensation and/or a cap on CEO compensation.

9. CHANGES TO CHARTER OR BY-LAWS

The Fund advisor will conduct a case-by-case review of the proposed changes with the voting decision resting on whether the proposed changes are in shareholder's best interests.

10. CONFIDENTIAL VOTING

Typically, proxy voting differs from voting in political elections in that the company is made aware of shareholder votes as they are cast. This enables management to contact dissenting shareholders in an attempt to get them to change their votes.

The Fund advisor will SUPPORT confidential voting because the voting process should be free of coercion.

11. EQUAL ACCESS TO PROXY

Equal access proposals ask companies to give shareholders access to proxy materials to state their views on contested issues, including director nominations. In some cases, they would actually allow shareholders to nominate directors. Companies suggest that such proposals would make an increasingly complex process even more burdensome.

In general, the Fund advisor will OPPOSE resolutions for equal access proposals.

12. GOLDEN PARACHUTES

Golden parachutes are severance payments to top executives who are terminated or demoted pursuant to a takeover. Companies argue that such provisions are necessary to keep executives from "jumping ship" during potential takeover attempts.

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The Fund advisor will SUPPORT the right of shareholders to vote on golden parachutes because they go above and beyond ordinary compensation practices. In evaluating a particular golden parachute, we will examine total management compensation, the employees covered by the plan, and the quality of management.

C. MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

1. CONSIDERING THE NON-FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF A MERGER PROPOSAL

Such a proposal allows or requires the Board to consider the impact of merger decisions on various "stakeholders," such as employees, communities, customers and business partners. This proposal gives the Board the right to reject a tender offer on the grounds that it would adversely affect the company's stakeholders.

The Fund advisor will SUPPORT shareholder resolutions that consider non-financial impacts of mergers.

2. MERGERS, RESTRUCTURING AND SPIN-OFFS

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A merger, restructuring, or spin-off in some way affects a change in control of the company's assets. In evaluating the merit of each issue, we will consider the terms of each proposal. This will include an analysis of the potential long-term value of the investment.

The Fund advisor will SUPPORT management proposals for merger or restructuring if the transaction appears to offer fair value and other proxy voting policies stated are not violated. For example, the advisor may oppose restructuring resolution which include in it significant takeover defenses and may again oppose the merger of a non-nuclear and a nuclear utility if it poses potential liabilities.

3. POISON PILLS

Poison pills (or shareholder rights plans) are triggered by an unwanted takeover attempt and cause a variety of events to occur which may make the company financially less attractive to the suitor. Typically, directors have enacted these plans without shareholder approval. Most poison pill resolutions deal with putting poison pills up for a vote or repealing them altogether.

The Fund advisor will SUPPORT proposals to put rights plans up for a shareholder vote. In general, poison pills will be OPPOSED unless management is able to present a convincing case for such a plan.

4. OPT-OUT OF STATE ANTI-TAKEOVER LAW

A strategy for dealing with anti-takeover issues has been a shareholder resolution asking for a company to opt-out of a particular state's anti-takeover laws.

The Fund advisor will generally SUPPORT bylaws changes requiring a company to opt-out of state anti-takeover laws. However, resolutions requiring companies to opt-into state anti-takeover statutes will be OPPOSED.

ITEM 8. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT

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COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASES.

Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company
and Affiliated Purchases 02/01/04-07/31/04

PERIOD -----	TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED -----	AVERAGE PRICE PAID PER SHARE (OR UNIT) -----	TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED AS PART OF PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED PLANS OR PROGRAMS -----
02.01.04-02.29.04	0	0	0
03.01.04-03.31.04	0	0	0
04.01.04-04.30.04	0	0	0

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PERIOD -----	TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED -----	AVERAGE PRICE PAID PER SHARE (OR UNIT) -----	TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES PURCHASED AS PART OF PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED PLANS OR PROGRAMS -----
05.01.04-05.31.04	0	0	0
06.01.04-06.30.04	0	0	0
07.01.04-07.31.04	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0

ITEM 9. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

The registrant's independent directors/trustees serve as its nominating committee, however they do not make use of a nominating committee charter.

ITEM 10. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The Registrant's President/Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act")) are effective as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this

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paragraph, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act and Rules 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

- (b) There were no significant changes in the Registrant's internal controls or in other factors that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal half-year that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 11. EXHIBITS.

- (a) Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Filed herewith.
- (b) Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Furnished herewith.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The Mexico Equity and Income Fund, Inc.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gerald Hellerman, President

Gerald Hellerman, President

Date October 7, 2004

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Gerald Hellerman, President & Treasurer

Gerald Hellerman, President & Treasurer

Date October 7, 2004

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