

financial markets do not have enough resources to expand their production frontier (Chenery and Srinivasan, 1989). In this sense, FDI channels foreign savings into the productive projects the country needs to develop its economy (FEDESARROLLO, 2007). This has potentially positive effects on economic growth, employment, gross capital formation and tax revenue, among other aspects. FDI also can lead to improvements in the production process through technology transfer (Haddad and Harrison, 1993), since multinational companies use skills, knowledge and procedures aimed at optimizing production, which can be transmitted to domestic companies.