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REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16  
OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the six month period ended on June 30, 2004.

SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF CHILE INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

El Trovador 4285, 6th Floor, Santiago, Chile (562) 425-2000

(Address and phone number of principal executive offices)

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Yes      No

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On August 17, 2004, the Registrant filed with the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros of Chile (the "SVS") a report that included information as to the Registrant's consolidated financial condition and results of operations for the six-month period ended on June 30, 2004. Attached is a summary of such consolidated financial information included in the summary and in the report filed with the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros of Chile. This financial information was prepared on the basis of accounting principles generally accepted in Chile and does not include a reconciliation of such information to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

THIS REPORT IS AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF, AND A CHILEAN GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES PRESENTATION OF, A SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2004 REPORT FILED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENCIA DE VALORES Y SEGUROS (SVS) IN CHILE, AND UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, FIGURES ARE IN US DOLLARS.

Consolidated Financial Statements

**SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.**

As of June 30, 2004 and 2003  
and for the years ended June 30, 2004 and 2003  
(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))

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Ch\$    □ Chilean pesos

ThCh   □ Thousands of Chilean pesos

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US\$    □ United States dollars

ThUS\$ □ Thousands of United States dollars

UF      □ The UF is an inflation-indexed, Chilean peso-denominated monetary unit. The UF rate is set daily in advance, based on the change in the Consumer Price Index of the previous month.

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Consolidated Statements of Income

(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))

|  | Note | As of June 30, |           |
|--|------|----------------|-----------|
|  |      | 2004           | 2003      |
|  |      | ThUS\$         | ThUS\$    |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |      |                |           |
| <b><i>Current assets</i></b>                         |      |                |           |
| Cash   |      | 12,946         | 14,800    |
| Time deposits  |      | 28,126         | 8,806     |
| Marketable securities                                | 4    | 31,425         | 51,489    |
| Accounts receivable, net                             | 5    | 142,515        | 119,667   |
| Other accounts receivable, net                       | 5    | 10,609         | 8,547     |
| Accounts receivable from related companies           | 6    | 35,041         | 34,931    |
| Inventories, net                                     | 7    | 255,705        | 227,789   |
| Recoverable taxes                                    |      | 15,595         | 11,589    |
| Prepaid expenses                                     |      | 4,206          | 3,578     |
| Other current assets                                 |      | 15,776         | 11,198    |
| Total current assets                                 |      | 551,944        | 492,394   |
| <b><i>Property, plant and equipment, net</i></b>     | 8    | 647,733        | 683,717   |
| <b><i>Other Assets</i></b>                           |      |                |           |
| Investments in related companies                     | 9    | 83,000         | 76,755    |
| Goodwill, net  | 10   | 12,329         | 12,962    |
| Negative goodwill, net                               | 10   | (373)          | (646)     |
| Intangible assets, net                               |      | 4,588          | 4,847     |
| Long-term accounts receivable, net                   | 5    | 7,222          | 8,094     |
| Long-term accounts receivable from related companies | 6    | 340            | 380       |
| Other long-term assets                               | 11   | 53,773         | 58,105    |
| Total Other Assets                                   |      | 160,879        | 160,497   |
| Total assets   |      | 1,360,556      | 1,336,608 |

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Consolidated Statements of Income

(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))

|   | Note | As of June 30, |           |
|---|------|----------------|-----------|
|   |      | 2004           | 2003      |
|   |      | ThUS\$         | ThUS\$    |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>     |      |                |           |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                      |      |                |           |
| Short-term bank debt                            | 12   | 102,635        | 520       |
| Current portion of long-term debt               | 12   | 4,577          | 36,749    |
| Dividends payable                               |      | 189            | 253       |
| Accounts payable                                |      | 51,697         | 49,346    |
| Other accounts payable                          |      | 1,571          | 1,558     |
| Notes and accounts payable to related companies | 6    | 11,301         | 8,444     |
| Accrued liabilities                             | 13   | 15,604         | 12,407    |
| Withholdings                                    |      | 2,399          | 2,292     |
| Income taxes                                    |      | 2,852          | 814       |
| Deferred income taxes                           | 14   | 6,093          | 2,176     |
| Deferred income                                 |      | 1,279          | 4,299     |
| Other current liabilities                       |      | 173            | 161       |
| Total current liabilities                       |      | 200,370        | 119,019   |
| <b>Long-term liabilities</b>                    |      |                |           |
| Long-term bank debt                             | 12   | 200,000        | 308,000   |
| Other accounts payable                          |      | 1,954          | 2,847     |
| Deferred income taxes                           | 14   | 31,444         | 19,999    |
| Staff severance indemnities                     | 15   | 9,883          | 9,376     |
| Total long-term liabilities                     |      | 243,281        | 340,222   |
| Minority interest                               | 16   | 27,643         | 23,178    |
| <b>Shareholders' equity</b>                     |      |                |           |
| Paid-in capital                                 | 17   | 477,386        | 477,386   |
| Other reserves                                  | 17   | 135,891        | 127,760   |
| Retained earnings                               | 17   | 275,985        | 249,043   |
| Total shareholders' equity                      |      | 889,262        | 854,189   |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity      |      | 1,360,556      | 1,336,608 |



**SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.**

Consolidated Statements of Income

**(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))**

|                                     | <b>For the years ended</b> |               |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
|                                     | <b>June 30,</b>            |               |
|                                     | <b>2004</b>                | <b>2003</b>   |
|                                     | <b>ThUS\$</b>              | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| <b><i>Operating results</i></b>     |                            |               |
| Sales                               | 379,859                    | 324,999       |
| Cost of sales                       | (298,720)                  | (260,439)     |
| Gross margin                        | 81,139                     | 64,560        |
| Selling and administrative expenses | (27,326)                   | (23,966)      |
| Operating income                    | 53,813                     | 40,594        |
| <b><i>Non-operating results</i></b> |                            |               |
| Non-operating income                | 19 7,877                   | 10,475        |
| Non-operating expenses              | 19 (18,761)                | (19,803)      |
| Non-operating loss                  | (10,884)                   | (9,328)       |
| Income before income taxes          | 42,929                     | 31,266        |
| Income tax expense                  | 14 (11,380)                | (7,762)       |
| Income before minority interest     | 31,549                     | 23,504        |
| Minority interest                   | 16 (1,789)                 | (982)         |
| Net income before negative goodwill | 29,760                     | 22,522        |
| Amortization of negative goodwill   | 10 102                     | 314           |
| <i>Net income for the year</i>      | 29,862                     | 22,836        |
|                                     | 5                          |               |

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|   | For the years ended June 30 |          |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|
|   | 2004                        | 2003     |
|   | ThUS\$                      | ThUS\$   |
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                                 |                             |          |
| Net income for the year   | 29,862                      | 22,836   |
| <b>Charges (credits) to income not representing cash flows</b>              |                             |          |
| Depreciation expense  | 8 29,578                    | 30,065   |
| Amortization of intangible assets   | 119                         | 144      |
| Write-offs and accruals   | 17,955                      | 10,106   |
| Gain on equity investments in related companies                             | (4,248)                     | (3,742)  |
| Loss on equity investments in related companies                             | 12                          | □        |
| Amortization of goodwill  | 10 619                      | 529      |
| Amortization of negative goodwill   | 10 (102)                    | (314)    |
| (Profit) loss on sales of assets  | 12                          | (16)     |
| Other credits to income not representing cash flows                         | (657)                       | (963)    |
| Other charges to income not representing cash flows                         | 27,778                      | 15,712   |
| Foreign exchange difference, net  | 1,969                       | (3,220)  |
| <b>Net changes in operating assets and liabilities (Increase) decrease:</b> |                             |          |
| Trade accounts receivable   | (4,717)                     | (6,837)  |
| Inventories   | (15,278)                    | 11,748   |
| Other assets  | (7,979)                     | 5,357    |
| Accounts payable  | (3,064)                     | (7,982)  |
| Interest payable  | 151                         | (1,849)  |
| Net income taxes payable  | 852                         | (1,481)  |
| Other accounts payable  | (2,020)                     | (802)    |
| VAT and taxes payable   | (2,007)                     | 4,105    |
| Minority interest   | 16 1,789                    | 982      |
| Net cash provided from operating activities                                 | 70,624                      | 74,378   |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>                                 |                             |          |
| Proceeds from short term bank financing                                     | 82,998                      | □        |
| Payment of dividends  | (25,275)                    | (21,288) |
| Repayment of bank financing   | (97,813)                    | (3,886)  |
| Payment relation chip enter praise  | □                           | (5,274)  |
| Net cash used in financing activities                                       | (40,090)                    | (30,448) |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                                 |                             |          |
| Sales of property, plant and equipment                                      | 606                         | 180      |
| Sales of investments  | 203                         | 532      |
| Other investing income  | 22 121                      | 7,293    |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment                                  | (17,056)                    | (31,187) |
| Capitalized interest  | (748)                       | (1,371)  |



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|  |                   |                   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Purchase of permanent investments                  | (902)             | (6,117)           |
| Other disbursements                                | □                 | (31)              |
|  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| Net cash used in investing activities              | (17,776)          | (30,701)          |
|  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| Effect of inflation on cash and cash equivalents   | 1                 | (100)             |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents            | 12,758            | 13,229            |
| Beginning balance of cash and cash equivalents     | 69,273            | 65,204            |
|  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| <b>Ending balance of cash and cash equivalents</b> | <b>82,032</b>     | <b>78,333</b>     |
|  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

## **SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.**

### **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))**

#### **Note 1 □ Company Background**

Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (the "Company") was registered with the Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance ("SVS") on March 18, 1983.

#### **Note 2 □ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

##### **a) Basis for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in U.S. dollars in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Chile ("Chilean GAAP") and the regulations of the SVS. For the convenience of the reader, the consolidated financial statements and their accompanying notes have been translated from Spanish into English. Certain accounting practices applied by the Company that conform with Chilean GAAP may not conform with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("US GAAP").

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (the "Parent Company") and subsidiaries (companies in which the Parent Company holds a controlling participation, generally equal to direct or indirect ownership of more than 50%). The Parent Company and its subsidiaries are referred to as the "Company".

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

In accordance with regulations set forth by the SVS in its Circular No. 1.697 and Technical Bulletins Nos. 64 and 72 of the Chilean Association of Accountants, the consolidated financial statements include the following subsidiaries:

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**Note 2 □ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)****a) Basis for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements (continued)****Direct or indirect ownership**

|  | <b>2004</b> | <b>2003</b> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | <b>2004</b> | <b>2003</b> |
| <b>Foreign subsidiaries:</b>                         | <b>%</b>    | <b>%</b>    |
| Nitrate Corp. of Chile Limited (United Kingdom)      | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Soquimich SRL □ Argentina                            | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Nitratos Naturais do Chile Ltda. (Brazil)            | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Europe NV (Belgium)                              | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM North America Corp. (USA)                        | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| North American Trading Company (USA)                 | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Peru S.A.  | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Corporation NV (Dutch Antilles)                  | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| S.Q.I. Corporation NV (Dutch Antilles)               | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Soquimich European Holding BV (Holland)              | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| PTM □ SQM Ibérica S.A. (Spain)                       | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQMC Holding Corporation LLP (USA)                   | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Ecuador S.A.                                     | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Cape Fear Bulk LLC (USA)                             | 51.00       | 51.00       |
| SQM Colombia Ltda. □                                 | □           | 100.00      |
| SQM Investment Corporation NV (Holland)              | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Brasil Ltda.                                     | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Royal Seed Trading Corporation AVV (Aruba)           | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Japan K.K.                                       | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Oceanía PTY Limited (Australia)                  | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM France S.A.                                      | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. (Spain)                 | 50.00       | 50.00       |
| Rs Agro-Chemical Trading AVV (Aruba)                 | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Comercial de México S.A. de C.V.                 | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Indonesia  | 80.00       | 80.00       |
| SQM Virginia LLC (USA)                               | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Agricolima S.A. de C.V. (Mexico)                     | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Venezuela S.A.                                   | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| SQM Italia SRL (Italy)                               | 95.00       | 95.00       |
| Comercial Caiman Internacional S.A. (Cayman Islands) | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Mineag SQM Africa Limited (South Africa)             | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Fertilizantes Olmeca y SQM S.A. de CV (Mexico)       | 100.00      | 100.00      |
| Administración y Servicios Santiago S.A. de C.V.     | 100.00      | □           |
| SQM Nitratos México S.A. de C.V.                     | 51.00       | □           |

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**Note 2 □ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)****a) Basis for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements (continued)**

|   | Direct or indirect ownership |        |
|---|------------------------------|--------|
|   | 2004                         | 2003   |
|   | %                            | %      |
| <b>Domestic subsidiaries:</b>                           |                              |        |
| Servicios Integrales de Tránsitos y Transferencias S.A. | 100.00                       | 100.00 |
| Soquimich Comercial S.A.                                | 60.64                        | 60.64  |
| Isapre Norte Grande Ltda.                               | 100.00                       | 100.00 |
| Almacenes y Depósitos Ltda.                             | 100.00                       | 100.00 |
| Ajay SQM Chile S.A.                                     | 51.00                        | 51.00  |
| SQM Nitratos S.A.                                       | 99.99                        | 99.99  |
| Proinsa Ltda.   | 60.58                        | 60.58  |
| SQM Potasio S.A.  | 100.00                       | 100.00 |
| SQMC International Limitada                             | 60.64                        | 60.64  |
| SQM Salar S.A.  | 100.00                       | 100.00 |
| Comercial Hydro S.A.                                    | 60.84                        | 60,84  |

All significant inter-company balances, transactions and unrealized gains and losses arising from transactions between these companies have been eliminated in consolidation.

As the Company exerts control over the subsidiary Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. it has been included in the consolidation for the period ended June 30, 2004 and 2003.

At June 30, 2004 and 2003, the subsidiary Lithium Specialties LLP was in the development stage and therefore was not included in the consolidation.

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### **Note 2 □ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### **b) Period**

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared as of June 30, 2004 and 2003 and for the years then ended.

#### **c) Reporting currency and monetary correction**

The financial statements of the Company are prepared in U.S. dollars. As a significant portion of the Company's operations are transacted in U.S. dollars, the U.S. dollar is considered the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

The Parent Company and those subsidiaries which maintain their accounting records in U.S. dollars are not required, or permitted, to restate the historical dollar amounts for the effects of inflation.

The financial statements of domestic subsidiaries, which maintain their accounting records in Chilean pesos have been restated to reflect the effects of variations in the purchasing power of Chilean pesos during the year. For this purpose, and in accordance with Chilean regulations, non-monetary assets and liabilities, equity and income statement accounts have been restated in terms of year-end constant pesos based on the change in the consumer price index during the year (0.8% and 1.1% in 2004 and 2003, respectively). The resulting net charge or credit to income arises as a result of the gain or loss in purchasing power from the holding of non-U.S. dollar denominated monetary assets and liabilities exposed to the effects of inflation.

Prior period financial statements presented for comparative purposes have not been restated to reflect the change in the purchasing power of the Chilean pesos during the most recent year-end. In accordance with Chilean GAAP, amounts expressed in U.S. dollars, including amounts included in the consolidated financial statements as determined in prior years from the translation of financial statements of those Chilean subsidiaries which maintain their accounting records in Chilean pesos, are not adjusted for price-level changes.

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### **Note 2 ☐ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### **d) Foreign currency**

##### **i) Foreign currency transactions**

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in Chilean pesos and other currencies have been translated to U.S. dollars at the observed exchange rates determined by the Central Bank of Chile in effect at each year-end of Ch\$636.30 per US\$1 at June 30, 2004 and Ch\$699.12 per US\$1 at June 30, 2003.

##### **ii) Translation of non-U.S. dollar financial statements**

In accordance with Chilean GAAP, the financial statements of foreign and domestic subsidiaries that do not maintain their accounting records in U.S. dollars are translated from the respective local currencies to U.S. dollars in accordance with Technical Bulletin No. 64 and No. 72 of the Chilean Association of Accountants ("BT 64") as follows:

- a)** For those subsidiaries and affiliates located in Chile which keep their accounting records in price-level adjusted Chilean pesos:
- ☐ Balance sheet accounts are translated to U.S. dollars at the year-end exchange rate without eliminating the effects of price-level restatement.
  - ☐ Income statement accounts are translated to U.S. dollars at the average exchange rate each month. The monetary correction account on the income statement, which is generated by the inclusion of price-level restatement on the non-monetary assets and liabilities and shareholders' equity, is translated to U.S. dollars at the average exchange rate for each month.
  - ☐ Translation gains and losses, as well as the price-level restatement to the balance sheet mentioned above, are included as an adjustment in shareholders' equity, in conformity with Circular No. 1.697 of the SVS.

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(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))****Note 2 ☐ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

- b)** The financial statements of those foreign subsidiaries that keep their accounting records in currencies other than the U.S. dollar have been translated at historical exchange rates as follows:
- ☐ Monetary assets and liabilities are translated at year-end exchange rates between the US dollar and the local currency.
  - ☐ All non-monetary assets and liabilities and shareholders' equity are translated at historical exchange rates between the US dollar and the local currency.
  - ☐ Income and expense accounts are translated at average exchange rates between the US dollar and the local currency.
  - ☐ Any exchange differences are included in the results of operations for the period.

**d) Foreign currency (continued)**

Foreign exchange differences for the period ended June 30, 2004 and 2003 generated net earnings (loss) of ThUS\$ (1,969) and ThUS\$ 3,220, respectively, which have been charged to the consolidated statements of income in each respective period.

The monetary assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries were translated into US dollars at the exchange rates per US dollar prevailing at June 30, as follows:

|                   | <u>2004</u> | <u>2003</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Brazilian Real    | 3.12        | 2.88        |
| New Peruvian Sol  | 3.47        | 3.47        |
| Argentine Peso    | 2.96        | 2.80        |
| Japanese Yen      | 108.43      | 119.80      |
| Euro              | 0.82        | 0.88        |
| Mexican Peso      | 11.53       | 10.42       |
| Indonesian Rupee  | 9,415.00    | 8,940.00    |
| Australian Dollar | 1.40        | 1.54        |
| Colombian Peso    | ☐           | 2,812.31    |
| Ecuadoran Sucre   | 1.00        | 1.00        |
| Pound Sterling    | 0.58        | 0.61        |
| Sudafrican Rand   | 6.85        | 7.57        |

The Company uses the "observed exchange rate", which is the rate determined daily by the Chilean Central Bank based on the average exchange rates at which bankers conduct authorized transactions.

## **SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.**

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### **Note 2 □ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### **e) Cash and cash equivalents**

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a remaining maturity of less than 90 days as of the closing date of the financial statements to be cash equivalents.

#### **f) Time Deposits**

Time deposits are recorded at cost plus accrued interest.

#### **g) Marketable securities**

Marketable securities are recorded at the lower of cost plus accrued interest or market value.

#### **h) Allowance for doubtful accounts**

The Company records an allowance for doubtful accounts based on estimated probable losses.

#### **i) Inventories and materials**

Inventories of finished products and work in process are valued at average production cost. Raw materials and products acquired from third parties are stated at average cost and materials-in-transit are valued at cost. All such values do not exceed net realizable values.

Inventories of non-critical spare parts and supplies are classified as other current assets, except for those items which the Company estimates to have a turnover period of one year or more, which are classified as other long-term assets.

#### **j) Income taxes and deferred income taxes**

Prior to 2000, income taxes were charged to results in the same period in which the income and expenses were recorded and were calculated in accordance with the enacted tax laws in Chile and the other jurisdictions in which the Company operated.



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### **Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))**

#### **Note 2 □ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

##### **j) Income and deferred taxes (continued)**

Under Chilean law, the Parent Company and its subsidiaries are required to file separate tax declarations. Beginning January 1, 2000, the Company records deferred income taxes in accordance with Technical Bulletin Nos. 60, 69, 71 and 73 of the Chilean Association of Accountants, and with Circular No. 1466 issued on January 27, 2000 by the SVS, recognizing the deferred tax effects of temporary differences between the financial and tax values of assets and liabilities, using the liability method. The effect of the temporary differences at December 31, 1999 were recorded in complementary asset and liability accounts, which are recognized in the statement of operations over the estimated period in which they reverse.

##### **k) Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant, equipment and property rights are recorded at cost, except for certain assets that were restated according to a technical appraisal in 1988. Depreciation expense has been calculated using the straight-line method based upon the estimated useful lives of the assets and is charged directly to expense.

Fixed assets acquired through financing lease agreements are accounted for at the present value of the minimum lease payments plus the purchase option based on the interest rate included in each contract. The Company does not legally own these assets and therefore cannot freely dispose of them.

In conformity with Technical Bulletin No. 31 and No. 33 of the Chilean Association of Accountants, the Company capitalizes interest cost associated with the financing of new assets during the construction period of such assets.

Maintenance costs of plant and equipment are charged to expenses as incurred.

The Company obtains property rights and mining concessions from the Chilean state. Other than minor filing fees, the property rights are usually obtained without initial cost, and once obtained, are retained perpetually by the Company as long as the annual fees are paid. Such fees, which are paid annually in June, are recorded as prepaid assets to be amortized over the following twelve months. Values attributable to these original mining concessions are recorded in property, plant and equipment and are being amortized on a straight-line basis over 50 years.

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### **Note 2 □ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

#### **l) Investments in related companies**

Investments in related companies over which the Company has significant influence, are included in other assets and are recorded using the equity method of accounting. Accordingly, the Company's proportional share in the net income or loss of each investee is recognized in the non-operating income and expense classification in the consolidated statements of income on an accrual basis, after eliminating any unrealized profits from transactions with the related companies.

The translation adjustment to U.S. dollars of investments in domestic subsidiaries, which maintain their accounting records and are controlled in Chilean pesos is recognized in the other reserves component of stockholders' equity. Direct and indirect investments in foreign subsidiaries or affiliates are controlled in U.S. dollars.

#### **m) Goodwill and negative goodwill**

Goodwill is calculated as the excess of the purchase price of companies acquired over their net book value, whereas negative goodwill occurs when the net book value exceeds the purchase price of companies acquired. Goodwill and negative goodwill resulting from equity method investments are maintained in the same currency in which the investment was made and are amortized based on the estimated period of investment return, generally 20 years for goodwill and negative goodwill, respectively.

#### **n) Intangible assets**

Intangible assets are stated at cost plus acquisition expenses and are amortized over a period of up to a maximum of 40 years, in accordance with Technical Bulletin No. 55 of the Chilean Association of Accountants.

#### **o) Mining development cost**

Mining development costs are recorded in other long-term assets and are amortized utilizing the unit of production basis.

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#### **Note 2 □ Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

##### **p) Accrued employee severance**

The Company calculates the liability for staff severance indemnities based on the present value of the accrued benefits for the actual years of service worked assuming an average employee tenure of 24 years and a real annual discount rate of 9%.

##### **q) Vacations**

The cost of employee vacations is recognized in the financial statements on an accrual basis.

##### **r) Dividends**

Dividends are generally declared in U.S. dollars but are paid in Chilean pesos.

##### **s) Derivative Contracts**

The Company maintains derivative contracts to hedge against movements in foreign currencies, which are recorded in conformity with Technical Bulletin No. 57 of the Chilean Association of Accountants. Such contracts are recorded at fair value with net losses recognized on the accrual basis and gains recognized when realized.

##### **t) Reclassifications**

Certain reclassifications have been made in the 2003 numbers to conform to the current period presentation.

##### **u) Revenue recognition**

Revenue is recognized on the date goods are physically delivered or when they are considered delivered according to the terms of the contract.

##### **v) Computer software**

In accordance with Circular No. 981 dated December 28, 1990 of the SVS, computer systems acquired by the Company are recorded at cost.

##### **w) Research and development expenses**

Research and development cost are charged to the income statement in the period in which they are incurred. Fixed assets which are acquired for their use in research and development activities and are determined to provide additional benefits to the Company are recorded in property, plant and equipment.

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**x) Transactions with buyback agreement**

These transactions are recognized under Other Current Assets for the amount paid in the purchase. Beginning on the purchase date the respective interest is recorded in accordance with Circular No. 768 issued by the Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance.

**Note 3 □ Changes in Accounting Principles**

There were no changes in the accounting principles used by the Company during 2004.

**Note 4 □ Marketable Securities**

As of June 30 marketable securities are detailed as follows:

|              | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
|              | <u>ThUS\$</u> | <u>ThUS\$</u> |
| Mutual funds | 31,425        | 51,489        |
| Total        | <u>31,425</u> | <u>51,489</u> |

Mutual funds consist of investments with Citibank in highly liquid funds invested in fixed-rate debt in the United States.

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**Note 5 □ Short-term and long-term Accounts Receivable**

a) Short term and long-term accounts receivable and other accounts receivable as of June 30 are detailed as follows:

|   | Up to 90 days |        | Between 90 days<br>and 1 year |        | 2004<br>Subtotal | Total<br>Short-term (net) |                |
|---|---------------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|   | 2004          | 2003   | 2004                          | 2003   |                  | 2004                      | 2003           |
|   | ThUS\$        | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$                        | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$           | ThUS\$                    | ThUS\$         |
| <b>Short-term</b>                         |               |        |                               |        |                  |                           |                |
| Trade accounts receivable                 | 115,517       | 98,938 | 12,590                        | 9,971  | 128,107          | 128,107                   | 108,909        |
| Allowance for doubtful<br>accounts        |               |        |                               |        |                  | (7,187)                   | (6,200)        |
| Notes receivable                          | 19,238        | 15,800 | 5,902                         | 3,450  | 25,140           | 25,140                    | 19,250         |
| Allowance for doubtful<br>accounts        |               |        |                               |        |                  | (3,545)                   | (2,292)        |
|   |               |        |                               |        |                  | <u>142,515</u>            | <u>119,667</u> |
| <b>Accounts receivable, net</b>           |               |        |                               |        |                  |                           |                |
| Other accounts receivable                 | 8,501         | 8,399  | 2,589                         | 928    | 11,090           | 11,090                    | 9,327          |
| Allowance for doubtful<br>accounts        |               |        |                               |        |                  | (481)                     | (780)          |
|   |               |        |                               |        |                  | <u>10,609</u>             | <u>8,547</u>   |
| <b>Other accounts receivable,<br/>net</b> |               |        |                               |        |                  |                           |                |
| <b>Long-term receivables</b>              |               |        |                               |        |                  | <u>7,222</u>              | <u>8,094</u>   |

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**Note 5 □ Short-term and Long-term Accounts Receivable (continued)****Consolidated Short-term and Long-term Receivables □ by Geographic Location**

|  | Chile  |        | Europe, Africa<br>and<br>the Middle<br>East |        | Asia and<br>Oceania |        | USA, Mexico<br>and Canada |        | Latin America<br>and the<br>Caribbean |        | Total   |         |
|--|--------|--------|---|--------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
|  | 2004   | 2003   | 2004  | 2003   | 2004                | 2003   | 2004                      | 2003   | 2004                                  | 2003   | 2004    | 2003    |
|  | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$                                      | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$              | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$                    | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$                                | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$  | ThUS\$  |
| Net short-term trade accounts receivable           |        |        |   |        |                     |        |                           |        |                                       |        |         |         |
| Balance  | 26,381 | 23,201 | 27,962                                      | 29,308 | 4,423               | 2,806  | 35,488                    | 29,157 | 26,666                                | 18,237 | 120,920 | 102,709 |
| % of total   | 21.82% | 22.59% | 23.12%                                      | 28.53% | 3.66%               | 2.73%  | 29.35%                    | 28.39% | 22.05%                                | 17.76% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Net short-term notes receivable                    |        |        |   |        |                     |        |                           |        |                                       |        |         |         |
| Balance  | 16,635 | 14,622 | 1,813                                       | 537    | 187                 | 13     | 477                       | 361    | 2,483                                 | 1,425  | 21,595  | 16,958  |
| % of total   | 77.03% | 86.22% | 8.40%                                       | 3.17%  | 0.87%               | 0.08%  | 2.20%                     | 2.13%  | 11.50%                                | 8.40%  | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Net short-term other accounts receivable           |        |        |   |        |                     |        |                           |        |                                       |        |         |         |
| Balance  | 3,714  | 5,274  | 783   | 1,089  | 8                   | 3      | 5,856                     | 1,838  | 248                                   | 343    | 10,609  | 8,547   |
| % of total   | 35.01% | 61.71% | 7.38%                                       | 12.74% | 0.08%               | 0.04%  | 55.19%                    | 21.50% | 2.34%                                 | 4.01%  | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Subtotal short-term accounts receivable, net       |        |        |   |        |                     |        |                           |        |                                       |        |         |         |
| Balance  | 46,730 | 43,097 | 30,558                                      | 30,934 | 4,618               | 2,822  | 41,821                    | 31,356 | 29,397                                | 20,005 | 153,124 | 128,214 |
| % of total   | 30.52% | 33.61% | 19.96%                                      | 24.13% | 3.02%               | 2.20%  | 27.30%                    | 24.46% | 19.20%                                | 15.60% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Long-term accounts receivable, net                 |        |        |   |        |                     |        |                           |        |                                       |        |         |         |
| Balance  | 7,139  | 6,982  | 68  | 68     |                     |        |                           |        | 15                                    | 1,044  | 7,222   | 8,094   |
| % of total   | 98.85% | 86.26% | 0.94%                                       | 0.84%  |                     |        |                           |        | 0.21%                                 | 12.90% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Total short and long-term accounts receivable, net |        |        |   |        |                     |        |                           |        |                                       |        |         |         |
| Balance  | 53,869 | 50,079 | 30,626                                      | 31,002 | 4,618               | 2,822  | 41,821                    | 31,356 | 29,412                                | 21,049 | 160,346 | 136,308 |
| % of total   | 33.60% | 36.74% | 19.10%                                      | 22.74% | 2.88%               | 2.07%  | 26.08%                    | 23.01% | 18.34%                                | 15.44% | 100.00% | 100.00% |



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**Note 6 □ Balances and Transactions with Related Parties**

Accounts receivable from and payable to related companies are stated in US dollars and accrue no interest.

Transactions are made under terms and conditions which are similar to those offered to unrelated third parties.

a) Amounts included in balances with related parties as of June 30, 2004 and 2003 are as follows:

|                                       | Short-term    |               | Long-term     |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                       | 2004          | 2003          | 2004          | 2003          |
| <b>Accounts receivable</b>            | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Ajay Europe S.A.R.L.                  | 2,409         | 4,357         | □             | □             |
| Nutrisi Holding N.V.                  | 1,584         | 2,228         | □             | □             |
| Generale de Nutrition Vegetale S.A.   | 173           | 171           | □             | □             |
| Abu Dhabi Fertilizer Ind. WLL         | 4,012         | 4,602         | □             | □             |
| NU3 N.V.                              | 39            | 1,137         | □             | □             |
| Doktor Tarsa □SQM Turkey              | 3,854         | 856           | □             | □             |
| Yara North America                    | 370           | □             | □             | □             |
| Yara Iberian S.A.                     | 1,956         | □             | □             | □             |
| SQM Lithium Specialties Limited       | 2,550         | 665           | □             | □             |
| Empresas Melón S.A.                   | □             | □             | 340           | 380           |
| Sales de Magnesio S.A.                | 66            | 11            | □             | □             |
| Ajay North America LLC                | 138           | 1,644         | □             | □             |
| Yara Internacional ASA                | □             | 69            | □             | □             |
| Yara France                           | 2,560         | 1,367         | □             | □             |
| Yara International Asia Trade Pte Ltd | 1,080         | 484           | □             | □             |
| Yara France S.A.                      | □             | 2,097         | □             | □             |
| Yara Poland SP                        | 903           | 388           | □             | □             |
| Yara Benelux B.V                      | 619           | 585           | □             | □             |
| Yara Hellas S.A.                      | 795           | 1,182         | □             | □             |
| Yara International Australia PTY.     | 400           | 396           | □             | □             |
| Yara UK Ltd.                          | 398           | 204           | □             | □             |
| Yara GMBH & CO KG                     | 433           | 258           | □             | □             |
| Yara AB                               | 102           | 51            | □             | □             |
| Yara Colombia Ltda..                  | 1,408         | 1,304         | □             | □             |
| Yara Specialties                      | □             | 6             | □             | □             |
| Yara México S.A. de C.V.              | □             | 1             |               |               |
| Nutrichem Benelux                     | □             | 29            |               |               |
| Yara Agri CZECH Republic SRO          | 11            | 8             |               |               |
| Yara France BU Africa                 | 72            | □             |               |               |
| Rotem Amfert Negev LTD.               | □             | 31            |               |               |
| NU3 B.V.                              | 835           | 1,164         | □             | □             |
| Yara Argentina S.A.                   | 334           | 4,150         | □             | □             |
| Adubo Trevo S.A.                      | 16            | 900           | □             | □             |
| Yara Italia SPA                       | 63            | □             | □             | □             |
| Yara Planta Nutr. Oslo                | □             | 38            |               |               |
| Impronta SRL                          | 7,861         | 4,548         | □             |               |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>35,041</b> | <b>34,931</b> | <b>340</b>    | <b>380</b>    |



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**Note 6 □ Balances and Transactions with Related Parties (continued)**

a) Amounts included in balances with related parties as of June 30, 2004 and 2003, continued:

|  | Short-term    |              |
|--|---------------|--------------|
|  | 2004          | 2003         |
| <i>Accounts payable</i>                | ThUS\$        | ThUS\$       |
| Ajay Europe S.A.R.L.                   | □             | 432          |
| Abu Dhabi Fertilizer Ind. WLL          | □             | 94           |
| NU3 N.V.                               | □             | 1,544        |
| Rotem Amfert Negev Limited             | 1,094         | 1,162        |
| Yara Porsgrunn                         | □             | 27           |
| Yara Internacional ASA                 | 103           | □            |
| Yara Australia LTD                     | □             | 11           |
| Yara North America                     | □             | 134          |
| Yara México S.A de C.V.                | □             | 11           |
| Yara Fertilizantes Ltda.               | 1,412         | 1,261        |
| Yara France S.A.                       | 369           | □            |
| NU3 B.V.                               | □             | 57           |
| Adm. y Servicios Santiago S.A. de C.V. | □             | 81           |
| Yara Benelux B.V.                      | □             | 23           |
| Yara France                            | □             | 3,556        |
| PCS Yumbes SCM                         | 8,323         | 51           |
|  | <u>11,301</u> | <u>8,444</u> |

There were no outstanding long-term accounts payable with related parties as of June 30, 2004 and 2003

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**Note 6 □ Balances and Transactions with Related Parties (continued)**

b) During 2004 and 2003, principal transactions with related parties were as follows:

| Company                                     | Relationship | Type of transaction   | Amount of Transaction |        | Impact on income (charge) credit |        |
|---|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------------------------------|--------|
|   |              |                       | 2004                  | 2003   | 2004                             | 2003   |
|   |              |                       | ThUS\$                | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$                           | ThUS\$ |
| NU3 N.V. (Belgica)                          | Indirect     | Sales of products     | 3,161                 | 1,022  | 2,447                            | 628    |
| Doktor Tarsa                                | Indirect     | Sales of products     | 3,484                 | 952    | 783                              | 205    |
| Abu Dhabi Fertilizer WLL                    | Indirect     | Sales of products     | 244                   | 14     | 1,068                            | 188    |
| Ajay Europe S.A.R.L.                        | Indirect     | Sales of products     | 2,806                 | 1,236  | 3,763                            | 1,221  |
| NU3 B.V.                                    | Indirect     | Sales of products     | 2,931                 | 1,387  | 2,177                            | 814    |
| Ajay North America LLC                      | Indirect     | Sales of products     | 3,859                 | 1,719  | 3,656                            | 537    |
| Yara UK Ltd.                                | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 696                   | 255    | 569                              | 152    |
| HydrYara International Asia Trade Pte Ltd.. | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 2,789                 | 656    | 2,451                            | 485    |
| Yara France S.A.                            | Shareholder  | Sales of products     |                       |        | 4,137                            | 876    |
| Yara Benelux B.V.                           | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 3,900                 | 967    | 4,179                            | 703    |
| Yara AB Sweden                              | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 548                   | 172    |                                  |        |
| Yara International Australia Pty Ltd.       | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 701                   | 179    | 644                              | 170    |
| Yara Iberian S.A.                           | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 2,663                 | 615    | 2,045                            | 407    |
| Yara Colombia Ltda.                         | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 1,525                 | 290    | 1,381                            | 246    |
| Yara Poland SP                              | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 1,146                 | 403    | 697                              | 265    |
| Yara GMBH & Co Kg                           | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 900                   | 306    | 641                              | 167    |
| Yara France                                 | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 5,444                 | 1,389  | 1,739                            | 379    |
| Yara Hellas S.A.                            | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 803                   | 202    | 1,119                            | 243    |
| Yara Argentina S.A.                         | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 5,607                 | 1,381  | 4,470                            | 308    |
| Adubo Trevo S.A.                            | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 5,303                 | 1,502  | 3,487                            | 1,179  |
| PCS Yumbes SCM                              | Shareholder  | Sales of products     | 4,776                 | 2,173  | 2,867                            | 1,941  |
|   |              | Purchases of products | 15,114                |        | 8,580                            |        |

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**Note 7 □ Inventories**

Net inventories are summarized as follows:

|                   | <b>2004</b>    | <b>2003</b>    |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                   | <u>ThUS\$</u>  | <u>ThUS\$</u>  |
| Finished products | 149,856        | 126,147        |
| Work in process   | 93,633         | 89,262         |
| Supplies          | 12,216         | 12,380         |
|                   | <u>255,705</u> | <u>227,789</u> |

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**Note 8 □ Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are summarized as follows:

|                                     | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                     | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| <b>Land</b>                         |               |               |
| Land                                | 20,003        | 13,453        |
| Mining Concessions                  | 42,210        | 49,505        |
|                                     | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Total                               | 62,213        | 62,958        |
|                                     | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| <b>Buildings and infrastructure</b> |               |               |
| Buildings                           | 150,420       | 157,049       |
| Installations                       | 310,050       | 286,915       |
| Construction-in-progress            | 28,945        | 37,570        |
| Other                               | 4,492         | 919           |
|                                     | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Total                               | 493,907       | 482,453       |
|                                     | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| <b>Machinery and Equipment</b>      |               |               |
| Machinery                           | 396,601       | 389,830       |
| Equipment                           | 107,729       | 102,873       |
| Project-in-progress                 | 11,464        | 14,603        |
| Other                               | 18,239        | 14,435        |
|                                     | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Total                               | 534,033       | 521,741       |
|                                     | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| <b>Other fixed assets</b>           |               |               |
| Tools                               | 7,743         | 11,583        |
| Furniture and office equipment      | 14,262        | 15,933        |
| Project-in-progress                 | 10,001        | 15,095        |
| Other                               | 7,019         | 675           |
|                                     | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Total                               | 39,025        | 43,286        |
|                                     | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

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**Note 8 □ Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)**

|  | <b>2004</b>      | <b>2003</b>      |
|--|------------------|------------------|
|  | <b>ThUS\$</b>    | <b>ThUS\$</b>    |
| <b>Amounts relating to technical revaluation of fixed assets</b> |                  |                  |
| Land   | 8,651            | 8,651            |
| Buildings and infrastructure                                     | 40,627           | 40,627           |
| Machinery and equipment  | 12,091           | 12,109           |
| Other assets   | 53               | 53               |
|  | <u>61,422</u>    | <u>61,440</u>    |
| Total property, plant and equipment                              | <u>1,190,600</u> | <u>1,171,878</u> |
| <b>Less: Accumulated depreciation</b>                            |                  |                  |
| Buildings and infrastructure                                     | (198,520)        | (173,161)        |
| Machinery and equipment  | (283,093)        | (257,271)        |
| Other fixed assets   | (27,556)         | (25,529)         |
| Technical appraisal  | (33,698)         | (32,200)         |
|  | <u>(542,867)</u> | <u>(488,161)</u> |
| Net property, plant and equipment                                | <u>647,733</u>   | <u>683,717</u>   |
|  | <b>2004</b>      | <b>2003</b>      |
|  | <b>ThUS\$</b>    | <b>ThUS\$</b>    |
| <b>Depreciation for the year ended June 30:</b>                  |                  |                  |
| Buildings and infrastructure                                     | (12,989)         | (12,468)         |
| Machinery and equipment  | (15,138)         | (15,929)         |
| Other fixed assets   | (806)            | (797)            |
| Technical revaluation  | (645)            | (871)            |
|  | <u>(29,578)</u>  | <u>(30,065)</u>  |

The Company has capitalized assets obtained through leasing, which are included in other fixed assets and are as follows:

|                                 | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                 | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Administrative office buildings | 2,115         | 2,081         |

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|                          |                   |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Accumulated depreciation | (443)             | (401)             |
|                          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| Total assets in leasing  | 1,672             | 1,680             |
|                          | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

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### **Note 9 □ Investments in and Receivables from Related Parties**

#### **a) Information on foreign investments**

There are no plans for the foreign investments to pay dividends, as it is the Company's policy to reinvest those earnings.

The Company has not designated their foreign investments as net investment hedges.

#### **b) Transactions executed in 2004**

In January 2004, the subsidiary Soquimich European Holding B.V. made a capital contribution of ThUS\$ 475 on its affiliate Misr Specialty Fertilizers.

At the meeting of the shareholders of Empresas Melón S.A. held on February 25, 2004, the shareholders agreed its spin-off in 2 companies, Empresas Melón S.A. and Inmobiliaria San Patricio S.A. As a result, SQM S.A. maintained its ownership of 14.05% in Empresas Melón S.A. and a same ownership percentage was assigned to this entity in the new company.

In April 2004, the subsidiary Soquimich European Holding B.V. increased capital by ThUS\$ 475 in its affiliate Misr Specialty Fertilizers.

#### **c) Transactions executed in 2003**

On January 27, 2003, SQM Comercial de México S.A. de C.V. and SQM Nitratos S.A. acquired 8,750 shares of the related company Fertilizantes Olmea y SQM S.A. de C.V. which represented 50% of its share capital. Consequently, Fertilizantes Olmea y SQM S.A. de C.V. became a subsidiary of SQM S.A. This transaction generated goodwill of ThUS\$279.

Subsequently, SQM Nitratos S.A. acquired from SQM Comercial de México S.A. de C.V. 8,749 shares in Fertilizantes Olmea y SQM S.A. de C.V. This transaction did not produce goodwill.

On January 31, 2003, SQM S.A. acquired shares owned by SQM Nitratos S.A. in Sociedad Contractual Minera Antucoya for an amount of ThUS\$ 100. This united all the shares of SCM Antucoya in one shareholder and consequently SCM Antucoya was liquidated and SQM S.A. assumed of all this company's assets and liabilities.

On March 30, 2003, Fertilizantes Olmea y SQM S.A. de C.V. increased its capital by ThUS\$2,000 through the issuance of 165,500 shares, which were subscribed in full by SQM Nitratos S.A. As a result, SQM Nitratos S.A. had an ownership interest of 78.29% and SQM Comercial de Mexico had an ownership interest of 21.71%.

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On March 30, 2003, Soquimich European Holding acquired 50% of the ownership interest of Mineag SQM Africa Ltd. from Ravlin Investment Limited for an amount of ThUS\$990. Consequently, Mineag SQM Africa Ltd. became a subsidiary of SQM S.A. This transaction did not produce goodwill.

On April 28, 2003, SQM Comercial S.A. acquired from Norsk Hydro ASA, 819,999 shares in Norsk Hydro Chile S.A. and SQM Comercial Internacional Ltda., a subsidiary company of SQMC, acquired the one remaining share consequently, SQMC became the sole owner and controlled 100% of Norsk Hydro Chile S.A. This transaction generated goodwill of ThUS\$ 1,429.

On June 30, 2003, SQM Nitratos S.A. acquired the shares owned by SQM S.A. in Sociedad Energía y Servicios S.A. The shares amounted to ThUS\$2,422. This transaction resulted in the consolidation of all the shares of Energía y Servicios S.A. to one shareholder, SQM Nitratos S.A. Consequently under Chilean Corporations Law Energía y Servicios S.A. was dissolved and SQM Nitratos S.A. assumed all its assets and liabilities.

On June 30, 2003, the subsidiaries SQM Virginia LLC and North American Trading Company, made a capital contribution to the subsidiary SQM Lithium Specialties LLP. This capital contribution amounted to ThUS\$ 1,678, in a proportion of 99% and 1% respectively.

On July 16, 2003, the subsidiary Norsk Hydro Chile changed its name to "Comercial Hydro S.A.".

On September 30, 2003, the subsidiaries SQM Virginia LLC and North American Trading Company, made a capital contribution to the subsidiary SQM Lithium Specialties LLP. This capital contribution amounted to ThUS\$ 367, in a proportion of 99% and 1%, respectively.

On September 30, 2003, SQM Corporation N.V. participated in a capital increase of Ajay Europe SARL in equal parts with Ajay Chemicals INC., both therefore maintaining the same ownership percentages.

On November 10, 2003, SQM Nitratos S.A. and SQM S.A. liquidated the subsidiary SQM Colombia Limitada.

On November 18, 2003, the subsidiary Soquimich European Holding BV, provided ThUS\$ 676 of capital to initiate a joint venture with the company Misr Specialty Fertilizer in Egypt.

On November 20, 2003, SQM Potasio S.A. made capital contribution of ThUS\$ 55,000 to RS Agro Chemical Trading AVV, increasing its participation in this subsidiary to 99.99%. SQM S.A. did not participate and therefore reduced its participation by 0.01%.



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**Note 9 □ Investments in and Receivables from Related Parties (continued)****c) Subsidiaries in the development stage**

At June 30, 2004 and 2003, the subsidiary SQM Lithium Specialties was in the development stage and therefore was not included in the consolidation.

The equity value of these investments is included in investments in related companies and the proportional share of the accumulated deficit during the development stage is included in a separate reserve within equity.

Balances in these subsidiaries are summarized as follows:

|  | <b>SQM Lithium<br/>Specialties Limited</b> |               |
|--|--|---------------|
|  | <b>2004</b>                                | <b>2003</b>   |
|  | <b>ThUS\$</b>                              | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Current assets                             | 928  | 1,380         |
| Fixed assets                               | 25,967                                     | 25,193        |
| Other assets                               | 674  | 822           |
|  | <hr/>                                      | <hr/>         |
| Total assets                               | 27,569                                     | 27,395        |
|  | <hr/>                                      | <hr/>         |
| Current liabilities                        | 2,716                                      | 870           |
| Shareholders' equity                       | 24,853                                     | 26,525        |
|  | <hr/>                                      | <hr/>         |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | 27,569                                     | 27,395        |
|  | <hr/>                                      | <hr/>         |

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**Note 9 □ Investments in and Receivables from Related Companies (continued)**

d) Detail of investments in related companies

| Tax<br>Registration<br>Number | Company   | Country<br>of<br>origin | Controlling<br>currency | Number<br>of shares | Ownership<br>interest |        | Equity of<br>companies |         | Book value of<br>investment |         | Net income<br>(loss) |        | Equity<br>participation<br>in net income<br>(loss) |        |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|----------------------|--------|--|--------|
|                               |   |                         |                         |                     | 2004                  | 2003   | 2004                   | 2003    | 2004                        | 2003    | 2004                 | 2003   | 2004   | 2003   |
|                               |   |                         |                         |                     | %                     | %      | ThUS\$                 | ThUS\$  | ThUS\$                      | ThUS\$  | ThUS\$               | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$   | ThUS\$ |
| 93390000-2                    | Empresas<br>Melón S.A..<br>SQM Lithium<br>Specialties | Chile                   |                         | □653,748,837        | 14.05                 | 14.05  | 290,648                | 281,140 | 40,836                      | 39,500  | 20,673               | 16,345 | 2,905  | 2,290  |
| D-E                           | Limited*  | USA                     | US\$                    | □100.00             | 100.00                | 24,853 | 26,525                 | 24,852  | 26,525                      | (1,851) | (1,064)              |        | □  |        |
| D-E                           | Ajay North<br>America LLC                             | USA                     | US\$                    | □                   | 49.00                 | 49.00  | 11,373                 | 13,931  | 5,573                       | 6,826   | 207                  | 599    | 190  | 290    |
| 99551480-K                    | Inmobiliaria<br>San Patricio<br>S.A.                  | Chile                   |                         | □                   | 14.05                 |        | 19,599                 |         | 2,753                       |         | (85)                 |        | (12)   |        |
| D-E                           | Nutrisi<br>Holding N.V.                               | Belgium                 | US\$                    | □                   | 50.00                 | 50.00  | 4,904                  | 2,591   | 2,329                       | 1,296   | 1,264                | 1,304  | 610  | 650    |
| D-E                           | Ajay Europe<br>S.A.R.L.                               | France                  | US\$                    | 36,700              | 50.00                 | 50.00  | 4,120                  | 650     | 2,060                       | 325     |                      |        |  |        |
| D-E                           | Misr Specialty<br>Fertilizers                         | Egipto                  | US\$                    | □                   | 47.00                 | 25     | 3,287                  |         | 1,561                       |         |                      |        |  |        |
| D-E                           | Abu Dhabi<br>Fertilizer<br>Industries<br>WLL          | UAE                     | US\$                    | 1,961               | 37.00                 | 37.00  | 3,227                  | 3,175   | 1,194                       | 1,175   | 84                   | 174    | 31   | 64     |
| D-E                           | Doktor Tarsa  | Turkey                  | Euros                   | □                   | 50.00                 | 50.00  | 2,170                  | 560     | 1,085                       | 280     | 590                  | 123    | 295  | 610    |
| D-E                           | Impronta SRL  | Italia                  | Euros                   | □                   | 50.00                 | 50.00  | 877                    | 1,109   | 439                         | 555     | 276                  | 683    | 138  | 340    |
| 77557430-5                    | Sales de<br>Magnesio<br>Ltda.                         | Chile                   |                         | □                   | 50.00                 | 50.00  | 346                    | 261     | 173                         | 131     | 158                  | 66     | 79   | 310    |
| D-E                           | Rui Xin<br>Packaging<br>Materials<br>Sanhe Co.Ltd     | China                   | US\$                    | □                   | 25.00                 | 25.00  | 482                    | 480     | 121                         | 120     |                      |        |  |        |
| 81767200-0                    | Asoc.<br>Garantizadora<br>Pensiones                   | Chile                   |                         | □                   | 3.31                  | 3.31   | 732                    | 665     | 24                          | 22      |                      |        |  |        |
| Total                         |   |                         |                         |                     |                       |        |                        |         | 83,000                      | 76,755  |                      |        |  |        |

\* In development stage

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**Note 10 □ Goodwill and Negative Goodwill**

Goodwill and negative goodwill and the related amortization is summarized as follows:

**a) Goodwill**

| Tax Registration<br>Number | Company                                | June 30, 2004                               |                     | June 30, 2003                               |                     |
|----------------------------|--|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|
|                            |  | Amount<br>amortized<br>during the<br>period | Goodwill<br>balance | Amount<br>amortized<br>during the<br>period | Goodwill<br>balance |
|                            |  | ThUS\$                                      | ThUS\$              | ThUS\$                                      | ThUS\$              |
| 0-E                        | Doktor Tarsa                           | 37  | 58                  | 34  | 123                 |
| 79768170-9                 | Soquimich Comercial S.A.               | 75  | 197                 | 75  | 347                 |
| 93390000-2                 | Empresas Melón S.A.                    | 279   | 7,656               | 238   | 7,456               |
| 79626800-K                 | SQM Salar S.A.                         | 22  | 61                  | 22  | 104                 |
| 0-E                        | SQM México S.A. de C.V.                | 28  | 975                 | 28  | 1,031               |
| 96864750-4                 | SQM Potassium S.A.                     | 72  | 1,807               | 72  | 1,952               |
| 0-E                        | Comercial Caiman<br>Internacional S.A. | 11  | 188                 | 11  | 211                 |
| 0-E                        | Fertilizantes Olmeca                   | 28  | 195                 | 28  | 251                 |
| 0-E                        | PTM SQM Iberica S.A.                   | □   | □                   | 10  | 69                  |
| 0-E                        | Impronta Italia S.R.L.                 | □   | □                   | □   | 138                 |
| 96801610-5                 | Comercial Hydro S.A.                   | 67  | 1,192               | 11  | 1,280               |
| Total                      |  | 619   | 12,329              | 529   | 12,962              |

**b) Negative Goodwill**

| Tax Registration<br>Number | Company                   | June 30, 2004                               |                                 | June 30, 2003                               |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
|                            |                           | Amount<br>amortized<br>during the<br>period | Negative<br>goodwill<br>balance | Amount<br>amortized<br>during the<br>period | Negative<br>goodwill<br>balance |
|                            |                           | ThUS\$                                      | ThUS\$                          | ThUS\$                                      | ThUS\$                          |
| 79626800-K                 | SQM Salar S.A.            | □   | □                               | 105   | 70                              |
| 96575300-1                 | Minera Mapocho S.A.       | 102   | 373                             | 102   | 576                             |
| 0-E                        | Mineag SQM Africa Limited | □   | □                               | 107   | □                               |
| Total                      |                           | 102   | 373                             | 314   | 646                             |

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**Note 11 □ Other Long-term Assets**

Other long-term assets are summarized as follows:

|                                       | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                       | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Engine and equipment spare-parts, net | 28,260        | 31,960        |
| Mine development costs                | 20,071        | 19,019        |
| Pension plan                          | 1,137         | 1,137         |
| Construction of Salar-Baquedano road  | 1,710         | 1,830         |
| Deferred loan issuance costs          | 1,444         | 3,029         |
| Other                                 | 1,151         | 1,130         |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>53,773</b> | <b>58,105</b> |

**Note 12 ☐ Bank Debt**

a) Short-term bank debt is detailed as follows:

|                                      | <b>2004</b>    | <b>2003</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Bank or financial institution</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b>  | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| SCH Overseas Bank                    | 40,016         | ☐             |
| Scotiabank                           | 13,073         | ☐             |
| Citibank                             | 11,014         | ☐             |
| HSBC Banc Chile                      | 10,003         |               |
| Banco de Chile                       | 26,020         |               |
| Other banks                          | 2,509          | 520           |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>102,635</b> | <b>520</b>    |
| <br>Annual average interest rate     | <br>1.59%      | <br>3.29%     |

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**Note 12 □ Bank Debt (continued)**

b) Long-term bank debt is detailed as follows:

|                                      | <u>2004</u>    | <u>2003</u>    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Bank or financial institution</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b>  | <b>ThUS\$</b>  |
| Union Bank of Switzerland (1)        | 204,577        | 204,541        |
| Royal Bank of Canada (2)             | □              | 60,013         |
| Bank of America (3)                  | □              | 80,195         |
|                                      | <u>204,577</u> | <u>344,749</u> |
| Total                                |                |                |
| Less: Current portion                | (4,577)        | (36,749)       |
|                                      | <u>200,000</u> | <u>308,000</u> |
| Long-term portion                    |                |                |

(1) U.S. dollar-denominated loan without guarantee, interest rate of 7.7% per annum, paid semi-annually. The principal is due on September 15, 2006.

(2) U.S. dollar-denominated loan without guarantee, interest rate of 2.23% per annum, paid semi-annually. The principal is divided into five equal semi-annual partial installments, beginning in November 2004 with the final installment ending in November 2005

(3) U.S. dollar-denominated loan without guarantee, repaid in full on November 28, 2003

c) The maturity of long-term debt is as follows:

|                          | <u>2004</u>    | <u>2003</u>    |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Years to maturity</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b>  | <b>ThUS\$</b>  |
| Current portion          | 4,577          | 36,749         |
| 1 to 2 years             | □              | 32,000         |
| 2 to 3 years             | 200,000        | 46,000         |
| 4 to 5 years             | □              | 230,000        |
|                          | <u>204,577</u> | <u>344,749</u> |
| Total                    |                |                |

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**Note 13 □ Accrued Liabilities**

As of June 30, 2004 and 2003, accrued liabilities are summarized as follows:

|   | <u>2004</u>   | <u>2003</u>   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | ThUS\$        | ThUS\$        |
| Provision for royalties                             | 1,208         | 1,018         |
| Quarterly bonus                                     | 209           | 471           |
| Provision for employee compensation and legal costs | 1,491         | 800           |
| Taxes and monthly income tax installment payments   | 752           | 748           |
| Vacation accrual                                    | 5,522         | 4,866         |
| Accrued employee benefits                           | 1,841         | 483           |
| Marketing expenses                                  | 1,950         | 800           |
| Other accruals                                      | 2,631         | 3,221         |
|   | <u>15,604</u> | <u>12,407</u> |

**Note 14 □ Income and Deferred Taxes**

a) At June 30, 2004 and 2003 the Company has the following consolidated balances for retained tax earnings, income not subject to taxes, tax loss carry-forwards and credit for shareholders:

|  | <u>2004</u> | <u>2003</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | ThUS\$      | ThUS\$      |
| Accumulated tax basis retained earnings with tax credit    | 15,169      | 16,468      |
| Accumulated tax basis retained earnings without tax credit | 2,724       | 1,041       |
| Tax loss carry-forwards (1)                                | 38,241      | 90,120      |
| Credit for shareholders                                    | 2,723       | 3,061       |

(1) Income tax losses in Chile can be carried forward indefinitely.

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**Note 14 □ Income and Deferred Taxes (continued)**

The deferred taxes as of June 30, 2004 and 2003 represented a net liability of ThUS\$ 37,537 and ThUS\$ 22,175. respectively, and consisted of:

| 2004                                | Deferred tax asset |           | Deferred tax liability |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
|                                     | Short-term         | Long-term | Short-term             | Long-term |
|                                     | ThUS\$             | ThUS\$    | ThUS\$                 | ThUS\$    |
| <b>Temporary differences</b>        |                    |           |                        |           |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts     | 1,215              | 392       | □                      | □         |
| Vacation accrual                    | 901                | □         | □                      | □         |
| Unrealized gain on sale of products | 5,892              | □         | □                      | □         |
| Provision for obsolescence          | □                  | 1,587     | □                      | □         |
| Production expenses                 | □                  | □         | 19,240                 | □         |
| Accelerated depreciation            | □                  | □         | □                      | 58,861    |
| Exploration expenses                | □                  | □         | □                      | 4,373     |
| Capitalized interest                | □                  | □         | □                      | 5,957     |
| Staff severance indemnities         | □                  | 476       | □                      | 1,822     |
| Accrued expenses                    | □                  | □         | □                      | 425       |
| Capitalized expenses                | □                  | □         | □                      | 442       |
| Tax loss carry-forwards             | 616                | 8,281     | □                      | □         |
| Losses from derivative transactions | □                  | □         | □                      | □         |
| Accrued interest                    | 112                | □         | □                      | □         |
| Other                               | 1,338              | 1,619     | 59                     | 138       |
| Total gross deferred taxes          | 10,074             | 12,355    | 19,299                 | 72,018    |
| Total complementary accounts        | □                  | (1,190)   | (3,132)                | (29,948)  |
| Valuation allowance                 | □                  | (539)     | □                      | □         |
| Total deferred taxes                | 10,074             | 10,626    | 16,167                 | 42,070    |

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| 2003                                | Deferred tax asset |           | Deferred tax liability |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
|                                     | Short-term         | Long-term | Short-term             | Long-term |
|                                     | ThUS\$             | ThUS\$    | ThUS\$                 | ThUS\$    |
| <b>Temporary differences</b>        |                    |           |                        |           |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts     | 1,025              | 263       | □                      | □         |
| Vacation accrual                    | 759                | □         | □                      | □         |
| Unrealized gain on sale of products | 5,285              | □         | □                      | □         |
| Provision for obsolescence          | □                  | 1,748     | □                      | □         |
| Production expenses                 | □                  | □         | 14,154                 | □         |
| Accelerated depreciation            | □                  | □         | □                      | 59,732    |
| Exploration expenses                | □                  | □         | □                      | 4,161     |
| Capitalized interest                | □                  | □         | □                      | 6,420     |
| Staff severance indemnities         | □                  | □         | □                      | 1,739     |
| Accrued expenses                    | □                  | □         | □                      | 425       |
| Capitalized expenses                | □                  | □         | □                      | 719       |
| Tax loss carry-forwards             | □                  | 17,185    | □                      | □         |
| Losses from derivative transactions | 5                  | □         | □                      | □         |
| Accrued interest                    | 77                 | □         | □                      | □         |
| Other                               | 965                | 736       | 140                    | 718       |
| Total gross deferred taxes          | 8,116              | 19,932    | 14,294                 | 73,914    |
| Total complementary accounts        | □                  | (773)     | (4,002)                | (34,756)  |
| Valuation allowance                 | □                  | □         | □                      | □         |
| Total deferred taxes                | 8,116              | 19,159    | 10,292                 | 39,158    |



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**Note 14 □ Income and Deferred Taxes (continued)**

c) Income tax expense is summarized as follows:

|  | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|--|---------------|---------------|
|  | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Tax expense adjustment ( prior year)             | (114)         | □             |
| Provision for current income tax                 | (3,321)       | (1,091)       |
| Effect of deferred tax assets and liabilities    | (5,313)       | (4,290)       |
| Effect of amortization of complementary accounts | (2,975)       | (2,643)       |
| Other tax charges and credits                    | 343           | 262           |
|  | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Total income tax expense                         | (11,380)      | (7,762)       |
|  | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

**Note 15 □ Staff Severance Indemnities**

Staff severance indemnities are summarized as follows:

|                         | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                         | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Opening balance         | 10,127        | 9,143         |
| Increases in obligation | 1,854         | 1,658         |
| Payments                | (1,506)       | (1,614)       |
| Exchange difference     | (592)         | 189           |
|                         | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Balance as of June 30   | 9,883         | 9,376         |
|                         | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

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**Note 16 ☐ Minority Interest**

Minority interest is summarized as follows:

|                                  | <b>Equity</b> |               | <b>Net Income/(Loss)</b> |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                                  | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   | <b>2004</b>              | <b>2003</b>   |
|                                  | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b>            | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Soquimich Comercial S.A.         | 24,056        | 19,654        | (1,393)                  | (507)         |
| Ajay SQM Chile S.A.              | 3,246         | 3,128         | (246)                    | (118)         |
| Cape Fear Bulk LLC               | 132           | 128           | (81)                     | (73)          |
| Fenasa                           | 246           | 256           | (44)                     | (66)          |
| SQM Nitratos México S.A. de C.V. | (48)          | ☐             | (35)                     | ☐             |
| SQM Italia S.R.L.                | 21            | 12            | ☐                        | 7             |
| Mineag SQM Africa Ltda.          | ☐             | ☐             | ☐                        | (225)         |
| SQM Indonesia S.A.               | (10)          | ☐             | 10                       | ☐             |
|                                  | <hr/>         | <hr/>         | <hr/>                    | <hr/>         |
| Total                            | 27,643        | 23,178        | (1,789)                  | (982)         |
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**(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))****Note 17 □ Shareholders' Equity**

a) Changes to shareholders' equity consisted of:

|  | <b>Number<br/>of shares</b> | <b>Paid-in<br/>capital<br/>ThUS\$</b> | <b>Other<br/>reserves<br/>ThUS\$</b> | <b>Accumulated<br/>deficit<br/>of<br/>subsidiaries<br/>in<br/>development<br/>stage<br/>ThUS\$</b> | <b>Retained<br/>earnings<br/>ThUS\$</b> | <b>Net<br/>income<br/>ThUS\$</b> | <b>Total<br/>ThUS\$</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance as of January 1, 2003                                  | 263,196,524                 | 477,386                               | 125,111                              | (3,661)  | 210,624                                 | 40,202                           | 849,662                 |
| Transfer 2002 net income to retained earnings                  | □                           | □                                     | □                                    | □  | 40,202                                  | (40,202)                         | □                       |
| Declared dividends 2003  | □                           | □                                     | □                                    | □  | (19,894)                                | □                                | (19,894)                |
| Accumulated deficit from subsidiaries in development stage (1) | □                           | □                                     | □                                    | (1,064)  | □                                       | □                                | (1,064)                 |
| Other comprehensive income (2)                                 | □                           | □                                     | 2,649                                | □  | □                                       | □                                | 2,649                   |
| Net income for the year  | □                           | □                                     | □                                    | □  | □                                       | 22,836                           | 22,836                  |
| <b>Balance as of June 30, 2003</b>                             | <b>263,196,524</b>          | <b>477,386</b>                        | <b>127,760</b>                       | <b>(4,725)</b>   | <b>230,932</b>                          | <b>22,836</b>                    | <b>854,189</b>          |
| Balance January 1, 2004  | 263,196,524                 | 477,386                               | 141,420                              | (6,519)  | 230,932                                 | 46,753                           | 889,972                 |
| Transfer 2003 net income to retained earnings                  | □                           | □                                     | □                                    | □  | 46,753                                  | (46,753)                         | □                       |
| Declared dividends 2004  | □                           | □                                     | □                                    | □  | (23,192)                                | □                                | (23,192)                |
| Accumulated deficit from subsidiaries in development stage (1) | □                           | □                                     | □                                    | (1,851)  | □                                       | □                                | (1,851)                 |
| Other comprehensive income (2)                                 | □                           | □                                     | (5,529)                              | □  | □                                       | □                                | (5,529)                 |
| Net income for the year  | □                           | □                                     | □                                    | □  | □                                       | 29,862                           | 29,862                  |
| <b>Balance as of June 30, 2004</b>                             | <b>263,196,524</b>          | <b>477,386</b>                        | <b>135,891</b>                       | <b>(8,370)</b>   | <b>254,493</b>                          | <b>29,862</b>                    | <b>889,262</b>          |

(1) The only subsidiary currently in a development stage is SQM Lithium Specialties Limited.

(2) Other comprehensive income includes translation adjustments and the effect of changes in the valuation of the Company's under-funded pension as of June 30, 2003 and 2004.

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**(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))****Note 17 □ Shareholders' Equity (continued)**

b) The composition of other comprehensive income as of June 30, 2004 is as follows:

| Detail  | For the year ended June 30, 2004 |                   | As of June 30, 2004 |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|   | ThUS\$                           |                   | ThUS\$              |
| Technical appraisal   |                                  | □                 | 151,345             |
| Changes to other comprehensive income from equity method investments: |                                  |                   |                     |
| Soquimich Comercial S.A.  | (1)                              | (2,360)           | (4,856)             |
| Isapre Note Grande Ltda.  | (1)                              | (9)               | (107)               |
| Inversiones Augusta S.A.  | (1)                              | □                 | (761)               |
| SQM Ecuador S.A.  | (3)                              | □                 | (270)               |
| Almacenes y Depósitos Ltda.   | (1)                              | (22)              | (113)               |
| Asociación Garantizadora de Pensiones                                 | (1)                              | (2)               | (16)                |
| Empresas Melón S.A.   | (1)                              | (3,076)           | (9,265)             |
| Sales de Magnesio Ltda.   | (1)                              | (9)               | 43                  |
| SQM North America Corp.   | (2)                              | □                 | (777)               |
| San Patricio S.A.   | (1)                              | (51)              | (51)                |
| Other Companies   | (1)                              | □                 | 719                 |
|   |                                  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u>   |
| Total other comprehensive income                                      |                                  | (5,529)           | 135,891             |
|   |                                  | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u>   |

(1) Corresponds to translation adjustments and monetary correction

(2) Corresponds to a change in the valuation of the Company's under-funded pension scheme

(3) Corresponds to the translation adjustment produced by the application of a new law implemented by the Ecuadorian Government

c) Capital consists of 263,196,524 fully authorized, subscribed and paid shares with no par value, divided into 142,819,552 Series A shares and 120,376,972 Series B shares.

The preferential voting rights of each series are as follows:

Series A : If the election of the president of the Company results in a tied vote, the Company's directors may vote once again, without the vote of the director elected by the Series B shareholders.

Series B: 1) A general or extraordinary shareholders' meeting may be called at the request of shareholders representing 5% of the Company's Series B shares.

2) An extraordinary meeting of the Board of Directors may be called with or without the agreement of the Company's president, at the request of a director elected by Series B shareholders.

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**(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))****Note 18 □ Derivatives Instruments**

Derivative instruments are recorded at their fair value at year-end. Changes in fair value are recognized in income with the liability recorded in other current liabilities. Losses from options relate to fees paid by the Company to enter into such contracts. As of June 30, 2004 the Company's derivative instruments are as follows:

| 2004<br>Type of<br>derivative | Notional or<br>covered<br>amount<br>ThUS\$ | Expiration             | Description<br>of the contract<br>type | Position<br>purchase/sale | (Liability)<br>Asset<br>amount<br>ThUS\$ | Income<br>(loss)<br>recorded<br>ThUS\$ |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| US dollar Forward             | 12,603                                     | 3st quarter of<br>2004 | Exchange rate                          | P                         | 187                                      | 187                                    |
| US dollar Forward             | 17,861                                     | 3st quarter of<br>2004 | Exchange rate                          | P                         | 275                                      | (275)                                  |
| US dollar Forward             | 1,079                                      | 4st quarter of<br>2004 | Exchange rate                          | P                         | 48                                       | (48)                                   |
| US dollar Forward             | 1,657                                      | 3st quarter of<br>2004 | Exchange rate                          | P                         | 67                                       | 67                                     |
| US dollar Forward             | 20,115                                     | 3st quarter of<br>2004 | Exchange rate                          | S                         | 1,191                                    | (1,191)                                |
| US dollar Forward             | 2,502                                      | 4st quarter of<br>2004 | Exchange rate                          | P                         | 97                                       | 97                                     |
| US dollar Forward             | 24,534                                     | 4nd quarter of<br>2004 | Exchange rate                          | S                         | 1,444                                    | (1,444)                                |
| US dollar Put Option          | 9,764                                      | 3nd quarter of<br>2004 | Exchange rate                          | P                         | 45                                       | □                                      |
|                               | <u>90,115</u>                              |                        |  |                           |  | <u>(2,607)</u>                         |

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**Note 19 □ Non-Operating Income and Expenses**

Amounts included in non-operating income and expenses are summarized as follows:

**a) Non-operating income**

|   | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Interest income   | 1,627         | 1,398         |
| Reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts                       | 267           | 500           |
| Net foreign exchange gains  | □             | 3,220         |
| Insurance recoveries  | 590           | 116           |
| Sales of materials and services                                   | 58            | 527           |
| Equity participation in net income of unconsolidated subsidiaries | 4,248         | 3,742         |
| Other income  | 1,087         | 972           |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Total   | 7,877         | 10,475        |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

**a) Non-operating expenses**

|   | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Write-off of investments  | 3,002         | 4,119         |
| Interest expense  | 9,956         | 11,216        |
| Equity participation in net losses of unconsolidated subsidiaries | 12            | □             |
| Amortization of goodwill  | 619           | 529           |
| Net foreign exchange losses                                       | 1,969         | □             |
| Work disruption expenses  | 312           | 1,282         |
| Increase in provision for employee compensation and legal costs   | 573           | 1,020         |
| Other expenses  | 1,518         | 1,637         |
| Provision for sales of materials, spare-parts and supplies        | 800           | □             |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| Total   | 18,761        | 19,803        |
|   | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

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**Note 20 □ Price-level Restatement**

Amounts charged or credited to income relating to price-level restatement are summarized as follows:

|  | <b>(Charge) credit to income from operations</b> |               |
|--|--|---------------|
|  | <b>2004</b>                                      | <b>2003</b>   |
|  | <b>ThUS\$</b>                                    | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Property, plant and equipment                                | 51   | 36            |
| Other assets and liabilities                                 | 6  | 89            |
| Shareholders' equity   | (449)  | (573)         |
|  | <hr/>  | <hr/>         |
| Subtotal price-level restatement                             | (392)  | (448)         |
|  | <hr/>  | <hr/>         |
| Net readjustment of assets and liabilities denominated in UF | 84   | 227           |
|  | <hr/>  | <hr/>         |
| Net price-level restatement                                  | (308)  | (221)         |
|  | <hr/>  | <hr/>         |

**Note 21 □ Assets and Liabilities Denominated in Foreign Currency**

|                            | <b>2004</b>   | <b>2003</b>   |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                            | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| <b>Assets</b>              |               |               |
| Chilean pesos              | 101,127       | 107,672       |
| US dollars                 | 1,166,305     | 1,153,035     |
| Euros                      | 33,432        | 37,748        |
| Japanese Yen               | 687           | 3,310         |
| Brazilian Real             | 432           | 1,711         |
| Mexican pesos              | 8,392         | 11,051        |
| UF                         | 44,113        | 10,366        |
| South African Rand         | 4,431         | 4,953         |
| Other currencies           | 1,637         | 6,762         |
| <b>Current liabilities</b> |               |               |
| Chilean pesos              | 47,070        | 41,203        |
| US dollars                 | 132,680       | 59,092        |
| Euros                      | 11,644        | 10,222        |
| Japanese Yen               | 75            | 275           |
| Brazilian Real             | 565           | 671           |
| Mexican pesos              | 5,849         | 4,578         |
| UF                         | 135           | 923           |
| South African Rand         | 1,921         | □             |
| Other currencies           | 431           | 2,055         |

**Long-term liabilities**

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|                  |         |         |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| Chilean pesos    | 60      | 5,664   |
| US dollars       | 233,575 | 331,393 |
| Japanese Yen     | 73      | 67      |
| UF               | 9,571   | 3,097   |
| Other currencies | 2       | 1       |
|                  | 42      |         |

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**Note 22 □ Cash Flow Statement**

Amounts included in other investing income are summarized as follows:

|                                      | <u>2004</u>       | <u>2003</u>       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                      | ThUS\$            | ThUS\$            |
| Sale of mining concessions           | □                 | □                 |
| Repayment of employee loans          | 121               | 2,944             |
| Cash balance in new subsidiaries (1) | □                 | 2,815             |
|                                      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |
| Total                                | 121               | 5,759             |
|                                      | <u>          </u> | <u>          </u> |

(1) Corresponds to the consolidation of the new subsidiaries Mineag SQM Africa Limited, Fertilizantes Olmecca and SQM S.A. de C.V. during 2003.

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### **Note 23 ☐ Commitments and Contingencies**

#### **I. Contingencies:**

(a) Material lawsuits or other legal actions of which the Company is party to:

1. Plaintiff : SQM Salar S.A.  
Defendants : ACE Seguros S.A. (formerly ☐ Cigna Compañía de Seguros (Chile) S.A.) and Chubb de Chile Compañía de Seguros Generales S.A.  
Date of lawsuit : April 2001  
Matter : Arbitration  
Status : Collection of compensation for insured claim  
Instance : Evidence verification  
Nominative value : ThUS\$ 36,316
  
2. Plaintiffs : Compagnie Du Guano de Poisson Angibaud S.A. and Generale de Nutrition Vegetale SAS  
Defendants : Soquimich European Holdings B.V., NU3 N.V. and SQM France S.A.  
Date of lawsuit : December 2002  
Court : Court of Arbitration in France  
Matter : Termination of the company relationship and liquidation of the company Generale de Nutrition Vegetale SAS  
Status : The lawsuit is being contested  
Nominative value: : ThEuro\$ 30,295
  
3. Plaintiffs : SQM S.A.  
Defendants : Empresa Minera de Mantos Blancos S.A.  
Date of lawsuit : June 2004  
Court : Arbitration Court  
Cause : Noncompliance with promise agreement  
Instance : Reply  
Nominative value : ThUS\$ 7,000

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### **Note 23 □ Commitments and Contingencies (continued)**

#### **I. Contingencies (continued):**

(b) Models for the Production of the María Elena site

The Company is currently reviewing the “Models for the Production of the María Elena site” which may be implemented as a result of the Decontamination Plan (see note 26). The different alternatives for production and technology development for the Maria Elena site, which are a part of the above-mentioned “Production Models” do not proactively generate significant changes in the present ore reserves or forecasted sales volumes. These options include possibilities to use new production methods and are related to the “leaching piles” and implementing a mixed system, which would be comprised of the use of the aforementioned technology and the current production methods. Advantages and disadvantages of the different options relate to the extension of the transition periods of new technology, the investments that will be required, production costs, changes in technologies and in productive processes and the effects on certain of the Company’s assets and their value. The possible effects on the valuation of assets are not yet determinable.

SQM will adopt the corresponding actions in the event of any decrease in the natural gas supply affecting the company and which allows the company to continue “generating the heat” necessary for the operation of its industrial plants in region II of Chile.

The diverse industrial equipment of SQM, which uses natural gas can also use diesel and, some equipment, subsequent to making certain investments, may also use fuel oil. The value of diesel is higher than that of natural gas value and the fuel value of oil is lower than the value of diesel and higher than the value of natural gas.

The greater costs which SQM should incur as a result of a possible decrease in the natural gas supply, which to date, is provided by Distrinor, will mostly depend on the volume of such a decrease and on the extension of the period which this decrease will last.

Consequently, SQM cannot currently estimate the economic effects that will cause a possible decrease on the natural gas supply.

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### **Note 23 □ Commitments and Contingencies (continued)**

(c) Other

The Company and its subsidiaries are involved in litigation in the ordinary course of business. Based on the advice of counsel, management believes the litigation will not have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

### **II. Commitments:**

- (a) The subsidiary SQM Salar S.A. maintains an agreement with a government agency, whereby the Company must make annual payments until 2030 based on the Company's annual sales. This amount, which has been paid since the beginning of the agreement in 1996, amounted to ThUS\$2,176 in 2004 (ThUS\$ 1,920 in 2003).
- (b) The Company has certain indirect guarantees, which relate to agreements with no remaining payments pending. These guarantees are still in effect and have been approved by the Company's Board of Directors; however, they have not been used by the subsidiaries.
- (c) Bank debt of SQM S.A. and its subsidiaries has no restrictions or terms other than those that might usually be found in identical debt in the financial markets, such as maximum indebtedness and minimum equity among others.

**SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.****Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements  
(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))****Note 24 □ Third Party Guarantees**

As of June 30, 2004 and 2003 the Company has the following indirect guarantees outstanding:

| <b>Beneficiary</b>       | <b>Debtor</b>                      |                     | <b>Balances outstanding</b> |               |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|                          | <b>Name</b>                        | <b>Relationship</b> | <b>2004</b>                 | <b>2003</b>   |
|                          |                                    |                     | <b>ThUS\$</b>               | <b>ThUS\$</b> |
| Phelps Dodge Corporation | SQM Potasio S.A.                   | Subsidiary          | 1,894                       | 2,739         |
| Bank of America N.A.     | RS Agro-Chemical Trading<br>A.V.V. | Subsidiary          | □                           | 80,195        |

**Note 25 □ Sanctions**

During 2004 and 2003, the SVS did not apply sanctions to the Company, its directors or managers.

**Note 26 □ Environmental Projects**

Disbursements incurred by the Company as of June 30, 2004 relating to its investments in production processes and compliance with regulations related to industrial processes and facilities are as follows:

| <b>Project</b>                                | <b>2004</b>   | <b>Future Disbursements</b> |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|
|   | <b>ThUS\$</b> | <b>ThUS\$</b>               |
| Environmental department                      | 278           | 279                         |
| Boratos sewage treatment plant                | 229           | 65                          |
| Tocopilla project                             | 611           | 2                           |
| Engineering and building of María Elena piles | 2,702         | 637                         |
| Treatment plant MOP                           | 208           | □                           |
| Other   | 804           | 315                         |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>4,832</b>  | <b>1,298</b>                |

Protecting the environment is a constant concern for SQM, regarding both the Company's productive processes and the manufactured goods.

SQM is currently implementing an Environmental Management System, which is based on the ISO 14000 standard, with which, the Company's environmental performance will be improved through the effective application of the Environmental Policy of SQM. The implementation program stipulates that late in 2004, all the operations maintained by the Company in Regions I and II of Chile, will have a fully implemented Environmental Management System.

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#### **Note 26 □ Environmental Projects (continued)**

As part of the conversion project to natural gas, the supplier will in turn make an investment of ThUS\$ 5,500 to be paid by the Company on a monthly basis for the duration of the contract (10 years).

Technological processes are intended to be environmentally friendly in order to reduce residual materials and improve technical conditions to ensure effective protection of the environment. An example of this is ongoing conversion of oil to natural gas used in the Company's plants.

Processes where sodium nitrate is used as a raw material are carried out in geographical areas such as the desert with favorable weather conditions for the drying of solid materials and the evaporation of liquids used in solar energy. The extraction of minerals in open pit mines, given their low waste-to-mineral ratio, gives rise to waste deposits that have little impact on the environment. The extraction process and ore crushing produce particles that are consistent with the industry of operation.

On August 10, 1993, the Ministry of Health published a resolution under the Sanitary Code that established that the levels of breathable particles present at Maria Elena Plant exceeded the level allowed for the quality of air and, which affected the nearby city of Maria Elena. Particles mainly come from dust that results from processing the sodium nitrate, particularly at the crushing process prior to leaching. The decontamination plan presented by the Company to reduce the level of particles was approved with certain modifications by means of Decree No. 164. As a result of the investments and processes implemented according to the approved plan, the Company has substantially reduced the levels of particles in the air. Resolution No. 384, made public on May 16, 2000, authorized the review and a new draw up of the decontamination plan for the city of Maria Elena. The Supreme Decree containing the final Decontamination Plan should be made public within months. It is not possible to assure that within such period the Company will be free from warnings, fines or even eventual temporary closing of the crushing plant in Maria Elena. The Company is continuously researching techniques, processes and systems relating to the processing of sodium nitrate that could even further reduce the level of particles in the city of Maria Elena.

Ore treatment operations, as they are controlled processes, produce solid residual materials that are the non-soluble by product and a certain degree of moisture.

Productive operations based on brine, are carried out at the Atacama Salt Mine and almost 95% of the energy used is solar energy and the remaining 5% comes from natural gas, electricity and fossil fuels. Residual brine left after the production processes are again injected to the Atacama Salt Mine in order to minimize the possible environmental impact.

SQM entered into a contract with the National Forestry Corporation (CONAF) aimed at researching the activities of flamingo groups that live in the Atacama Salt Mine lagoons. Such research includes a population count of the birds and wildlife, breeding research, additional behavior research and the climate phenomena of the area.

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### **Note 26 □ Environmental Projects (continued)**

Consistent with the Company's ongoing commitment with the environmental authorities, the Company actively participates in the Joint Monitoring Research project for the Atacama Salt Mine watershed along with other mining companies that make use of the water resources that supply the Atacama Salt Mine watershed.

### **Note 27 □ Share purchase PCS Yumbes S.C.M.**

On October 24, 2003 the Company's Board of Directors authorized SQM S.A.'s management to begin negotiations to acquire all the shares of the Chilean Company PCS Yumbes S.C.M., a subsidiary of Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc.

On November 20, 2003, SQM S.A. and its subsidiary SQM Nitratos S.A., subscribed to a share purchase agreement under which they are committed to purchase all of the outstanding shares of the company PCS Yumbes from Inversiones PCS Chile Limitada and 628550 Saskatchewan Ltd., both subsidiaries of Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc.. The final price of the share purchase will be ThUS\$35,000, subject to certain adjustments at the date the final agreement is signed. The purchase will comprise all of the fixed assets, mining concessions, water rights and other assets of PCS Yumbes S.C.M. and will exclude all liabilities and contractual obligations.

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#### **Note 28 □ Significant Events**

On March 19, 2003, the company informed the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance that the Board of Directors of SQM, at its meeting dated march 16, 2003 unanimously agreed to propose the payment of final dividend of US\$ 0.08811 per share in favor of those SQM's shareholders which were registered in the respective registry during the fifth working day prior to the payment of this dividend.

This proposal, upon approval by the next company's shareholders' meeting which will be held on April 30, 2004, will allow the company to pay and distribute, as stated in the respective Dividend Policy, and annual dividend equivalents to 50% of the net profits which can be distributed and are obtained during 2003.

On April 30, 2004, the company held its shareholders' meeting. At this meeting, the majority of the company's shareholders, among others agreed the following :

- a) The shareholders approved the distribution and payment of a final and total dividend of ch\$ 55.05465 per share. The payment of this dividend was agreed in one single installment, beginning on may 12, 2004 and with a charge to 2003 income.
- b) The shareholders approved the payment of UF 50 (fifty UF) in favor of each member of the Directors Committee, regardless of the number of meetings that this Committee holds during the respective month. In addition, they approved the implementation of an annual budget for the operating expenses of this Committee and of their advisors for an amount of UF 1,800 (one thousand and eight hundred UF).
- c) The shareholders approved remuneration to be paid to the Company's directors during the next twelve months.

#### **Note 29 □ Subsequent Events**

Company management are not aware of any significant subsequent events occurred between June 30, 2004 and the date of issuance of these consolidated financial statement (August 9, 2004), which may affect the presentation of these financial statements.



**SIGNATURES**

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

**SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.**

Conf: /s/ Ricardo Ramos

Ricardo Ramos

Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 10, 2004.

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