

**“General Policy for Habitual-Ordinary Operations
Of SQM S.A.’s Lines of Business”**

SQM’s habitual operations include –i- the supply operations of raw materials, sub-products and products, and the purchase/sales operations of mining concessions for exploration and exploitation, whether in process or constituted, of groundwater exploration rights and surface water and groundwater use rights, whether in process or constituted, that the company performs with its subsidiary and affiliated companies –ii- the operations of contracting and provision of all types of services performed with its subsidiary and affiliated companies –iii- the operations of leasing- or of other operations that don’t transfer ownership - of properties, of mining concessions, and of water rights carried out with its subsidiary and affiliated companies –iv- the operations it performs through companies which are “related parties” to the Company –vi- the operations of contracting maritime shipments performed with companies which are “related parties” to the Company, and –vii- the finance operations that the Company performs with its subsidiary and affiliated companies and which, under any name, it implements to manage its assets, liabilities, and financial resources.”

Moreover, we hereby inform you that the Company Directors also unanimously agreed, in said same Meeting, and among other aspects, to annul, as of this same day, the previous “General Policy for Habitual-Ordinary Operations of SQM S.A.’s lines of business” which the Board of Directors of SQM approved in its Meeting held on May 24, 2011.

We hereby notify the above as an Essential Fact and pursuant to that provided in Articles 9 and 10, second paragraph of Chilean Law N° 18,045, and, also, in accordance with that provided in Article 147, paragraph two, letter b) of Chilean Law N° 18,046 and in the General Rule N° 30 and in the Bulletin N° 560 of the Securities and Insurance Commission.