



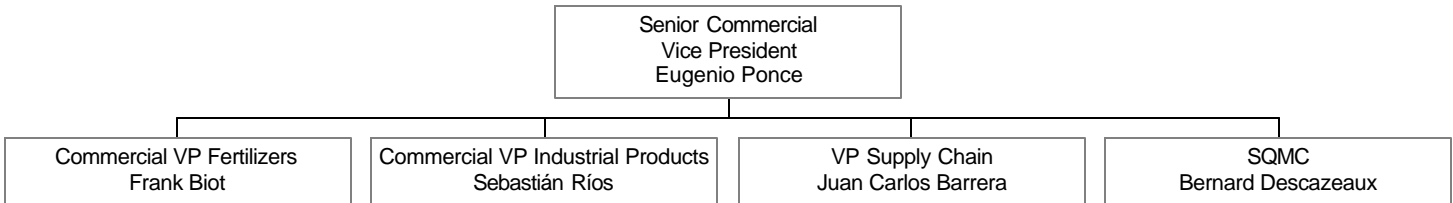
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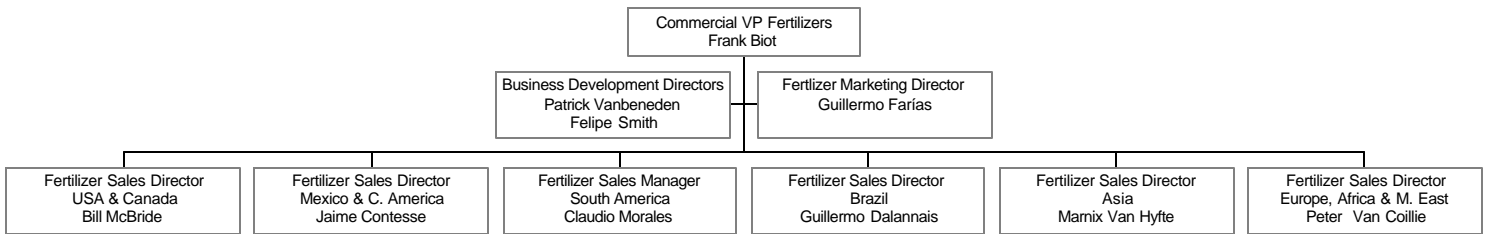
Santiago, June 13, 2002.- SQM informs that effective June 10, the Company's Commercial Area features a new organizational structure. This new structure is the result of months of hard work carried out by a multidisciplinary team conformed by Company staff and external consultants.

The main driver of the changes was to develop a client-oriented structure, organized in business units and being able to yield better results from a logistics perspective. The new structure deals with the supply chain aspects by focusing key efforts in a more efficient and centralized way, improving every step from the production stage until reaching the final customer.

The general outline for the new structure is as follows:

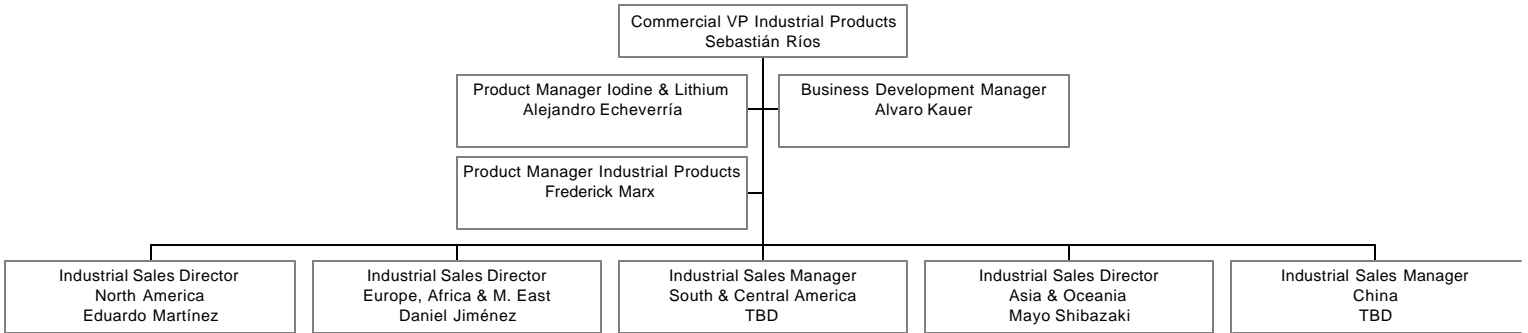


The structure for the Fertilizer Business Unit is as follows:



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The structure for the Industrial Business Unit is as follows:



With this new business organization the Company becomes more flexible and capable to suit the changing needs of its different customers and markets. It is therefore at this point in the Company's development that SQM renews and strengthens its commitment to provide its customers with solutions of the highest standards in quality and service.

SQM is an integrated producer and distributor of specialty fertilizers, industrial chemicals and iodine and lithium. Its products are based in the development of high quality natural resources that allow the Company to be leader in costs, supported by a specialized international network with sales in over 100 countries. SQM's development strategy aims to maintain and strengthen the world leadership in its three main businesses: specialty fertilizers, iodine and lithium.