



Para distribución inmediata ADR DE SQM COMIENZA A TRANSAR BAJO NUEVO RATIO

Santiago, Chile, 31 de marzo de 2008.- Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) (NYSE: SQM; Bolsa de Santiago: SQM-B, SQM-A) anunció en el día de hoy que su ADR serie B ha comenzado a transar bajo el nuevo ratio de acciones ordinarias a ADRs de 1:1. Tal como se anunció a principios de este mes, al modificar el ratio anterior de 10 acciones ordinarias a 1 ADR, SQM busca mejorar la liquidez y permitir que un rango más amplio de inversionistas tenga acceso a la Compañía. Las acciones ordinarias transadas en la Bolsa de Santiago no se verán afectadas por este cambio.

Este cambio de ratio tiene el mismo efecto que un *stock split* de diez-a-uno, reflejándose en el precio del ADR de SQM, el cual cambió desde su precio de cierre de US\$232,49 el viernes 28 de marzo a un precio de apertura de US\$23,50 el día de hoy.

SQM is an integrated producer and distributor of specialty plant nutrients, iodine and lithium. Its products are based on 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 Company's world leadership in its three core businesses: Specialty Plant Nutrition, Iodine and Lithium.

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