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REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER

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

Includes the free translation of a material event sent by Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. to the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros de Chile on April 26, 2005.

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, Santiago, Chile (562) 425-2000

(Address and phone number of principal executive offices)

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On April 26, 2005, 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 three-month period ended on March 31, 2005. 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 THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2005 REPORT FILED WITH THE SUPERINTENDENCIA DE VALORES Y SEGUROS (SVS) IN CHILE, AND UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, FIGURES ARE IN US DOLLARS.

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Consolidated Financial Statements

SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

As of March 31, 2005 and 2004

and for the years ended March 31, 2005 and 2004
(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2 (a))

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Ch\$ - Chilean pesos

ThCh\$ - Thousands of Chilean pesos

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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| | Note | As of March 31, | |
|--|------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash | | 20,917 | 13,627 |
| Time deposits | | 9,479 | 36,184 |
| Marketable securities | 4 | 128,021 | 35,229 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 5 | 143,284 | 130,395 |
| Other accounts receivable, net | 5 | 9,688 | 11,562 |
| Accounts receivable from related companies | 6 | 47,451 | 34,396 |
| Inventories, net | 7 | 281,704 | 251,826 |
| Recoverable taxes | | 19,310 | 13,566 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 6,175 | 5,803 |
| Other current assets | | 9,681 | 29,546 |
| | | <u>675,710</u> | <u>562,134</u> |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 8 | <u>699,926</u> | <u>686,944</u> |
| Other Assets | | | |
| Investments in related companies | 9 | 16,561 | 57,506 |
| Goodwill, net | 10 | 17,048 | 12,882 |
| Negative goodwill, net | 10 | (220) | (423) |
| Intangible assets, net | | 4,428 | 4,648 |
| Long-term accounts receivable, net | 5 | 209 | 7,066 |
| Long-term accounts receivable from related companies | 6 | — | 340 |
| Other long-term assets | 11 | 49,816 | 54,832 |
| | | <u>87,842</u> | <u>136,851</u> |
| Total assets | | <u>1,463,478</u> | <u>1,385,929</u> |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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

| | Note | As of March 31, | |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|
| | | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Short-term bank debt | 12 | — | 65,095 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 12 | 981 | 1,041 |
| Dividends payable | | 173 | 170 |
| Accounts payable | | 58,057 | 52,457 |
| Other accounts payable | | 2,195 | 1,395 |
| Notes and accounts payable to related companies | 6 | 3,243 | 13,569 |
| Accrued liabilities | 13 | 15,260 | 13,223 |
| Withholdings | | 6,640 | 3,316 |
| Income taxes | | 18,542 | 1,220 |
| Deferred income taxes | 14 | 4,353 | 6,423 |
| Deferred income | | 987 | 1,576 |
| Other current liabilities | | 615 | 283 |
| | | <u>111,046</u> | <u>159,768</u> |
| Long-term liabilities | | | |
| Long-term bank debt | 12 | 300,000 | 260,000 |
| Other accounts payable | | 1,008 | 2,007 |
| Deferred income taxes | 14 | 35,922 | 26,367 |
| Staff severance indemnities | 15 | 11,780 | 9,914 |
| | | <u>348,710</u> | <u>298,288</u> |
| Minority interest | 16 | 33,034 | 28,524 |
| Shareholders' equity | | | |
| Paid-in capital | 17 | 477,386 | 477,386 |
| Other reserves | 17 | 148,196 | 137,663 |
| Retained earnings | 17 | 345,106 | 284,300 |
| | | <u>970,688</u> | <u>899,349</u> |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | | <u>1,463,478</u> | <u>1,385,929</u> |

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| | Note | For the years ended March 31, | |
|-------------------------------------|------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| | | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Operating results | | | |
| Sales | | 206,502 | 168,419 |
| Cost of sales | | (154,364) | (131,554) |
| Gross margin | | 52,138 | 36,865 |
| Selling and administrative expenses | | (14,241) | (12,962) |
| Operating income | | 37,897 | 23,903 |
| Non-operating results | | | |
| Non-operating income | 19 | 3,978 | 4,142 |
| Non-operating expenses | 19 | (9,295) | (8,930) |
| Non-operating loss | | (5,317) | (4,788) |
| Income before income taxes | | 32,580 | 19,115 |
| Income tax expense | 14 | (7,185) | (4,401) |
| Income before minority interest | | 25,395 | 14,714 |
| Minority interest | 16 | (704) | (768) |
| Net income before negative goodwill | | 24,691 | 13,946 |
| Amortization of negative goodwill | 10 | 60 | 51 |
| Net income for the year | | 24,751 | 13,997 |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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| | For the years ended March 31 | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net income for the year | 24,751 | 13,997 |
| Charges (credits) to income not representing cash flows | | |
| Depreciation expense | 16,482 | 14,810 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 122 | 66 |
| Write-offs and accruals | 9,201 | 10,902 |
| Gain on equity investments in related companies | (275) | (2,766) |
| Loss on equity investments in related companies | 128 | 73 |
| Amortization of goodwill | 349 | 337 |
| Amortization of negative goodwill | (60) | (51) |
| (Profit) loss on sales of assets | (6) | (26) |
| Other credits to income not representing cash flows | (2,396) | (318) |
| Other charges to income not representing cash flows | 19,839 | 12,901 |
| Foreign exchange difference, net | (780) | 566 |
| Net changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| (Increase) decrease in trade accounts receivable | (6,309) | 5,692 |
| Increase in inventories | (13,356) | (11,606) |
| Decrease in other assets | (9,641) | (9,948) |
| (Decrease) increase in accounts payable | (1,732) | 4,143 |
| Increase (decrease) in interest payable | (3,585) | (3,472) |
| Decrease in net income taxes payable | (1,321) | 795 |
| (Decrease) increase in other accounts payable | (5,429) | (1,373) |
| Decrease in VAT and taxes payable | (2,011) | 2,928 |
| Minority interest | (704) | (768) |
| Net cash provided from operating activities | 23,267 | 36,882 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Proceeds from short term bank financing | 100,000 | 22,056 |
| Payment of dividends | (128) | (29) |
| Repayment of bank financing | (6,000) | (12,626) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | 93,872 | 9,401 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Sales of property, plant and equipment | 92 | 597 |
| Sales of permanent investments | 13 | — |

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|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sales of investments | — | 203 |
| Other investing income | 22 | 768 |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (24,713) | (7,973) |
| Capitalized interest | (768) | (411) |
| Purchase of permanent investments | (411) | (475) |
| Other disbursements | (666) | — |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (25,685) | (7,955) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Effect of inflation on cash and cash equivalents | 209 | (1,911) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | 91,663 | 36,417 |
| Beginning balance of cash and cash equivalents | 66,753 | 69,273 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Ending balance of cash and cash equivalents | 158,416 | 105,690 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

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

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. 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). For the convenience of the reader, the consolidated financial statements and their accompanying notes have been translated from Spanish into English.

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 SVS 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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(continued)****a) Basis for the preparation of the consolidated
financial statements (continued)**

| | Direct or indirect ownership | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| Foreign subsidiaries: | % | % |
| 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 Investment Corporation NV (Dutch Antilles) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| SQM Brasil Ltda. | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Royal Seed Trading Corporation AVV (Aruba) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| SQM Japon Co. Ltda. | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| SQM Oceania PTY Limited (Australia) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| SQM France S.A. | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| 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 C.V. (Mexico) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Administración y Servicios Santiago S.A. de C.V. (Mexico) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| SQM Lithium Specialties LLC (USA) | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| SQM Nitratos México S.A. de C.V. | 51.00 | 51.00 |

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(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2)****Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)****a) Basis for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements (continued)**

| | Direct or indirect ownership | |
|---|------------------------------|--------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | % | % |
| Domestic subsidiaries: | | |
| 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 |
| Yumbes SCM | 100.00 | — |
| Comercial Hydro S.A. | 60.64 | 60.64 |

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

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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

b) Period

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared as of March 31, 2005 and 2004 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 -0.5% in 2005 and 2004, 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\$585.93 per US\$1 at March 31, 2005 and Ch\$616.41 per US\$1 at March 31, 2004.

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 72 of the Chilean Association of Accountants (BT 64-BT 72) 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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- 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 March 31, 2005 and 2004 generated net earnings (loss) of ThUS\$ 780 and ThUS\$ (566), 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 March 31, as follows:

| | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Brazilian Real | 2.67 | 2.92 |
| New Peruvian Sol | 3.26 | 3.46 |
| Argentine Peso | 2.92 | 2.88 |
| Japanese Yen | 107.39 | 105.69 |
| Euro | 0.77 | 0.82 |
| Mexican Peso | 11.23 | 11.21 |
| Indonesian Rupee | 9,289.97 | 8,465.00 |
| Australian Dollar | 1.29 | 1.31 |
| Pound Sterling | 0.52 | 0.58 |
| South African Rand | 5.79 | 6.66 |

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.

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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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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 March 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 acquisition cost, considering in general an average residual value of 5%, except for certain assets that were restated in accordance with a technical appraisal in 1989. Depreciation expense has been calculated using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets and is charged directly to expenses.

Property, plant and equipment acquired through financial 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 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 by the Company as long as the annual fees are paid. Such fees, which are paid annually in March, 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.

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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, in accordance with SVS Circulars Nos. 368 and 1,697 and Technical Bulletins Nos. 64 and 72 issued by the Chilean Association of Accountants. 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 that maintain their accounting records and are controlled in Chilean pesos is recognized in other reserves within shareholders' equity. Direct and indirect investments in foreign subsidiaries or affiliates are controlled in U.S. dollars.

Investments in which the Company has less than 20% participation and the capacity to exert significant influence or control over the investment, because SQM forms part of its Board of Directors, have been valued using the equity method.

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 and 10 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) Saleback operations

These operations are registered in Other Current Assets at the amount of the purchase. Starting at the purchase date, the respective interest is recorded in accordance with SVS Circular 768.

s) Dividends

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

t) 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.

u) Reclassifications

For comparison purposes, certain reclassifications have been made to the 2003 financial statements.

v) 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.

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w) Computer software

Computational systems developed internally using the Company's personnel and materials are charged to income during the year in which the expenses are incurred. In accordance with Circular No. 981 dated December 28, 1990 of the SVS, computer systems acquired by the Company are recorded at cost.

x) Research and development expenses

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

Note 3 - Changes in Accounting Principles

a) Changes in Accounting Principles

Up to December 31, 2004, the financial statements of the subsidiary Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. were considered in consolidation given that the Company maintained the control of this subsidiary (due to its right to manage this subsidiary's financial and operating policies). Beginning on January 1, 2005, the Company no longer controls this subsidiary and therefore the aforementioned subsidiary has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with letters a) to d) of No.6 in Attachment 1 to Technical Bulletin No. 72 issued by the Chilean Association of Accountants.

There were no other changes in the accounting principles used by the Company during 2005 and 2004.

b) Reformulation of 2004 Financial Statements

For comparison purposes, the financial statements as of March 31, 2004 have been reformulated excluding and incorporate the following assets and liabilities of Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. and

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SQM Lithium Specialties LLP, respectively. Consequently, assets and liabilities excluded and included are detailed as follows:

| | Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. | SQM Lithium Specialties LLP |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Current Asset | (9,907) | 386 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment | (104) | 26,421 |
| Other Assets | (71) | 714 |
| Current Liability | (9,501) | 1,681 |

Note 4 - Marketable Securities

As of March 31 marketable securities are detailed as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------|---------|--------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Mutual funds | 128,021 | 35,229 |
| Total | 128,021 | 35,229 |

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

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

a) Short term and long-term accounts receivable and other accounts receivable as of March 31 are detailed as follows:

| | Up to 90 days | | Between 90 days and 1 year | | Total Short-term (net) | |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Short-term | | | | | | |
| Trade accounts receivable | 98,677 | 101,200 | 20,451 | 14,485 | 119,128 | 115,685 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | | | | | (8,567) | (6,923) |
| Notes receivable | 33,944 | 23,349 | 2,379 | 1,138 | 36,323 | 24,487 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | | | | | (3,600) | (2,854) |
| Accounts receivable, net | | | | | 143,284 | 130,395 |

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|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| Other accounts receivable | 7,186 | 10,320 | 3,118 | 2,148 | 10,304 | 12,468 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | | | | | (616) | (906) |
| Other accounts receivable, net | | | | | <u>9,688</u> | <u>11,562</u> |
| Long-term receivables | | | | | <u>209</u> | <u>7,066</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 and the Middle East | | Asia and Oceania | | USA, Mexico and Canada | | Latin America and the Caribbean | | Total | |
|--|--------|--------|--|--------|---------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Net short-term trade accounts receivable | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance | 20,303 | 27,186 | 31,903 | 21,410 | 332 | 3,380 | 36,827 | 34,095 | 21,196 | 22,691 | 110,561 | 108,762 |
| % of total | 18.36% | 25.00% | 28.86% | 19.69% | 0.30% | 3.10% | 33.31% | 31.35% | 19.17% | 20.86% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Net short-term notes receivable | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance | 25,181 | 17,729 | 3,961 | 1,170 | 24 | 46 | 183 | 526 | 3,374 | 2,162 | 32,723 | 21,633 |
| % of total | 76.95% | 81.95% | 12.10% | 5.41% | 0.07% | 0.21% | 0.57% | 2.44% | 10.31% | 9.99% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Net short-term other accounts receivable | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance | 4,046 | 4,252 | 1,034 | 623 | 1 | 19 | 4,494 | 6,373 | 113 | 295 | 9,688 | 11,562 |
| % of total | 41.76% | 36.78% | 10.67% | 5.39% | 0.01% | 0.16% | 46.39% | 55.12% | 1.17% | 2.55% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Subtotal short-term accounts receivable, net | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance | 49,530 | 49,167 | 36,898 | 23,203 | 357 | 3,445 | 41,504 | 40,994 | 24,683 | 25,148 | 152,972 | 141,957 |
| % of total | 32.38% | 34.64% | 24.12% | 16.35% | 0.23% | 2.43% | 27.13% | 28.86% | 16.14% | 17.72% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Long-term accounts receivable, net | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance | 190 | 7,047 | 4 | 4 | — | — | — | — | 15 | 15 | 209 | 7,066 |
| % of total | 90.91% | 99.73% | 1.91% | 0.06% | — | — | — | — | 7.18% | 0.21% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| Total short and long-term accounts receivable, net | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance | 49,720 | 56,214 | 36,902 | 23,207 | 357 | 3,445 | 41,504 | 40,994 | 24,698 | 25,163 | 153,181 | 149,023 |
| % of total | 32.46% | 37.72% | 24.09% | 15.57% | 0.23% | 2.31% | 27.10% | 27.51% | 16.12% | 16.89% | 100.00% | 100.00% |

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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 March 31, 2005 and 2004 are as follows:

| Accounts receivable | Short-term | | Long-term | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Ajay Europe S.A.R.L. | 2,302 | 2,843 | — | — |
| Nutrisi Holding N.V. | 1,573 | 1,691 | — | — |
| Generale de Nutrition Vegetale S.A. | 132 | 179 | — | — |
| Abu Dhabi Fertilizer Ind. WLL | 6,449 | 4,060 | — | — |
| NU3 N.V. | 403 | 36 | — | — |
| Doktor Tarsa SQM Turkey | 7,342 | 3,539 | — | — |
| Yara North America | 179 | 358 | — | — |
| Yara Iberian S.A. | 1,652 | 1,196 | — | — |
| Empresas Melón S.A. | — | — | — | 340 |
| Sales de Magnesio S.A. | 44 | 74 | — | — |
| Ajay North America LLC | 1,159 | 258 | — | — |
| Yara International Asia Trade Pte Ltd | 2,282 | 1,087 | — | — |
| Yara France S.A. | 32 | 2,538 | — | — |
| Yara Poland SP | 406 | 295 | — | — |
| Yara Benelux B.V | 1,522 | 1,731 | — | — |
| Yara Hellas S.A. | 233 | 198 | — | — |
| Yara Australia Ltd. | — | 773 | — | — |
| Yara UK Ltd. | 452 | 327 | — | — |
| Yara GMBH & CO KG | 143 | 282 | — | — |
| Yara AB | 138 | 186 | — | — |
| Yara Colombia Ltda. | 1,153 | 2,060 | — | — |
| Yara International ASA | 151 | — | — | — |
| Yara Agri Norge | 7 | — | — | — |
| Yara Agri CZECH Republic | — | 6 | — | — |
| Yara International Australia PTY | 391 | — | — | — |
| Yara France BU Africa | 1,296 | — | — | — |
| NU3 B.V. | 523 | 984 | — | — |
| Yara Argentina S.A. | 90 | 36 | — | — |
| Adubo Trevo S.A. | — | 75 | — | — |
| PCS Sales Inc. | 10 | — | — | — |
| Yara France BU Latin America | 2,294 | — | — | — |

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| | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Yara International Wholesale Spec. Sudafrica | 3,557 | — | — | — |
| Yara East Africa Limited | 244 | — | — | — |
| Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. | 5,584 | 4,537 | — | — |
| Impronta SRL | 5,708 | 5,047 | — | — |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total | 47,451 | 34,396 | — | 340 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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a) Amounts included in balances with related parties as of March 31, 2005 and 2004, continued:

| Accounts payable | Short-term | |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| NU3 N.V. | 551 | — |
| Rotem Amfert Negev Limited | 17 | — |
| Yara Fertilizantes Ltda. | 960 | 1,089 |
| Yara International ASA | 158 | — |
| Yara North America | 114 | — |
| Yara France | 899 | — |
| Yara France BU Latin America | — | 5,452 |
| Yara France S.A. | 532 | — |
| Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. | 12 | — |
| PCS Yumbes SCM | — | 7,028 |
| Total | 3,243 | 13,569 |

There were no outstanding long-term accounts payable with related parties as of March 31, 2005 and 2004

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b) During 2005 and 2004, principal transactions with related parties were as follows:

| Company | Relationship | Type of transaction | Amount of Transaction | | Impact on income (charge) credit | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| | | | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| NU3 N.V. | Indirect | Sales of products | 1,598 | 1,575 | 155 | 478 |
| Doktor Tarsa | Indirect | Sales of products | 4,589 | 1,299 | 389 | 301 |
| Abu Dhabi Fertilizer WLL | Indirect | Sales of products | — | 244 | — | 14 |
| Ajay Europe S.A.R.L. | Indirect | Sales of products | 2,947 | 835 | 289 | 363 |
| NU3 B.V. | Indirect | Sales of products | 1,352 | 1,290 | (4) | 606 |
| Impronta SRL | Indirect | Sales of products | 414 | — | 55 | — |
| FENASA | Indirect | Sales of products | 4,252 | — | 535 | — |
| Ajay North America LLC | Indirect | Sales of products | 3,115 | 2,371 | 296 | 1,038 |
| Adubo Trevo S.A. | Shareholder | Sales of products | 921 | 2,290 | 179 | 660 |
| PCS Yumbes SCM | Shareholder | Sales of products | — | 3,427 | — | 2,057 |
| | | Purchases of products | — | 9,383 | — | — |

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| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----|
| Yara France BU America Latina | Shareholder | Sales of products | — | 1,015 | — | 45 |
| Yara UK Ltd. | Shareholder | Sales of products | 457 | 323 | 15 | 104 |
| Yara Int. Asia Trade PTE Ltd. | Shareholder | Sales of products | 2,269 | 1,804 | 269 | 422 |
| Yara France S.A. | Shareholder | Sales of products | 44 | 2,412 | 5 | 552 |
| Yara Benelux B.V. | Shareholder | Sales of products | 2,251 | 2,314 | 295 | 548 |
| Yara AB Sweden | Shareholder | Sales of products | 303 | 270 | 3 | 87 |
| Yara Australia Ltd. | Shareholder | Sales of products | 725 | 323 | 22 | 82 |
| Yara Iberian S.A. | Shareholder | Sales of products | 1,479 | 958 | 170 | 182 |
| Yara Colombia Ltda. | Shareholder | Sales of products | 1,399 | 1,095 | 196 | 222 |
| Yara Planta Nutri Poland | Shareholder | Sales of products | 446 | 307 | 4 | 80 |
| Yara GMBH & Co Kg | Shareholder | Sales of products | 364 | 371 | 17 | 100 |
| Yara France | Shareholder | Sales of products | 1,993 | — | 206 | — |
| Yara France BU Africa | Shareholder | Sales of products | 3,882 | — | 688 | — |
| Yara North America | Shareholder | Sales of products | 10,291 | — | 1,415 | — |
| Yara Internacional ASA | Shareholder | Sales of products | 5,561 | — | 452 | — |

Note 7 - Inventories

Net inventories are summarized as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Finished products | 158,932 | 139,564 |
| Work in process | 109,436 | 101,697 |
| Supplies | 13,336 | 10,565 |
| | 281,704 | 251,826 |

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Property, plant and equipment are summarized as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Land | | |
| Land | 20,003 | 20,003 |
| Mining Concessions | 44,143 | 42,757 |
| | 64,146 | 62,760 |
| Buildings and infrastructure | | |
| Buildings | 163,074 | 161,307 |
| Installations | 176,727 | 309,181 |
| Construction-in-progress | 58,925 | 27,375 |
| Other | 172,354 | 4,478 |
| | 571,080 | 502,341 |
| Machinery and Equipment | | |
| Machinery | 417,591 | 408,158 |
| Equipment | 98,836 | 106,536 |
| Project-in-progress | 20,159 | 12,690 |
| Other | 18,526 | 19,349 |
| | 555,112 | 546,733 |
| Other fixed assets | | |
| Tools | 8,156 | 7,633 |
| Furniture and office equipment | 14,303 | 13,953 |
| Project-in-progress | 11,597 | 13,366 |
| Other | 9,467 | 7,202 |
| | 43,523 | 42,154 |

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| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Amounts relating to technical revaluation of fixed assets | | |
| Land | 8,651 | 8,651 |
| Buildings and infrastructure | 40,627 | 40,627 |
| Machinery and equipment | 12,091 | 12,091 |
| Other assets | 53 | 53 |
| | <u>61,422</u> | <u>61,422</u> |
| | | |
| Total property, plant and equipment | <u>1,295,283</u> | <u>1,215,410</u> |
| | | |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | | |
| Buildings and infrastructure | (237,891) | (201,574) |
| Machinery and equipment | (303,707) | (275,903) |
| Other fixed assets | (19,092) | (17,614) |
| Technical appraisal | (34,667) | (33,375) |
| | <u>(595,357)</u> | <u>(528,466)</u> |
| | | |
| Net property, plant and equipment | <u>699,926</u> | <u>686,944</u> |
| | | |
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Depreciation for the year ended March 31: | | |
| Buildings and infrastructure | (7,321) | (6,580) |
| Machinery and equipment | (8,494) | (7,575) |
| Other fixed assets | (344) | (323) |
| Technical revaluation | (323) | (323) |
| | <u>(16,482)</u> | <u>(14,801)</u> |

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

| | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Administrative office buildings | 2,086 | 2,086 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (482) | (428) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total assets in leasing | 1,604 | 1,658 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

The administrative office buildings were acquired for 230 installments of UF 663.75 each and an annual, contractually established interest rate of 8.5%.

The vehicles were acquired for 36 installments of ThUS\$ 98 each.

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 2005

* Up to December 31, 2004, the financial statements of the subsidiary Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. were considered in consolidation given that the Company maintained the control of this subsidiary (due to its right to manage this subsidiary's financial and operating policies). Beginning on January 1, 2005, the Company no longer controls this subsidiary and therefore the aforementioned subsidiary has been excluded from consolidation in accordance with letters a) to d) of No.6 in Attachment 1 to Technical Bulletin No. 72 issued by the Chilean Association of Accountants.

* In March 2005, the subsidiary Soquimich European Holding B.V. made a capital increase of ThUS\$ 411 in its related company Misr Specialty Fertilizers. In accordance with Technical Bulletin

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No. 72 issued by the Chilean Association of Accountants and the regulations in Circular No. 1697 issued by the Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance, the valuation was performed in consideration of the book value of the equity of Misr Specialty Fertilizers as of December 31, 2004, which does not significantly differ from its fair value determined at that date.

* On February 28, 2005, SQM Nitratos S.A. made a capital contribution of ThUS\$484 to SQM Corporation N.V., with which it obtained participation of 99.9794% in this subsidiary . SQM S.A. did not concur to this contribution thereby reducing its participation to 0.0002% and ownership held by SQI Corporation N.V. by 0.0204%. In accordance with Technical Bulletin No. 72 issued by the Chilean Association of Accountants, this investment was stated using the pooling-of-interests method.

*On March 10, 2005, the subsidiary PCS Yumbes SCM, changed its name to Yumbes SCM.

*Assets, liabilities and equity of Yumbes SCM included in consolidation at their respective fair values as of March 31, 2005 are detailed as follows:

| | ThUS\$ |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Current assets | 9,459 |
| Property, plant & equipment | 17,453 |
| Other assets | 677 |
| Current liabilities | 4,277 |
| Long-term liabilities | 5 |
| Shareholders' equity | 23,307 |

The method applied for the acquisition of Yumbes S.C.M. was the acquisition method.

The Company continues to review valuation at fair value and for this purpose it will use the term permitted to refine the adjustment established in paragraph 66 of Technical Bulletin No. 72 issued by the Chilean Association of Accountants.

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c) 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. In accordance with BT 72 of the Chilean Association of Accountants and SVS Circular 1697, the investment in Misr Specialty Fertilizers was valued using the book value of equity as of December 31, 2003, which does not differ significantly from its fair value determined as of the same date.

* 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. In accordance with BT 72 of the Chilean Association of Accountants and SVS Circular 1697, the investment in Misr Specialty Fertilizers was valued using the book value of equity as of March 30, 2004, which does not differ significantly from its fair value determined as of the same date.

* On August 13, 2004, SQM S.A. transferred 653,748,837 shares of Inmobiliaria San Patricio to Blue Circle South American Holding S.A., which was the totality of the shares held by SQM S.A. (14.05% participation). This transfer was performed in accordance with the contract for acquiring shares of Empresas Melón during 1998. The effect on income is presented as part of the gain from the sale of Empresas Melón.

* On August 18, 2004, 653,748,837 shares of Empresas Melón S.A. were sold in a public auction in the Santiago Stock Market, which was the totality of the shares held by SQM S.A. (14.05% participation), for ThUS\$69,337, paid in cash on the same date. As a result of this sale, a gain before taxes of ThUS\$8,179.

* On August 20, 2004, SQM Potasio S.A. decreased its capital in RS Agro Chemical Trading A.V.V. by ThUS\$ 25,000, leaving it with 99.98% participation and SQM S.A. with 0.02%. This operation did not produce goodwill or negative goodwill.

* In October 2004, the subsidiary Soquimich European Holding B.V. increased its capital in Misr Specialty Fertilizers by ThUS\$ 475. In accordance with BT 72 of the Chilean Association of Accountants and SVS Circular 1697, the investment in Misr Specialty

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Fertilizers was valued using the book value of equity as of September 30, 2004, which does not differ significantly from its fair value determined as of the same date.

* On November 18, 2004, the subsidiary Soquimich European Holding B.V., contributed ThUS\$268 to a joint venture with SQM Eastmed Turkey.

* On November 25, 2004, SQM Potasio S.A. decreased its capital in RS Agro Chemical Trading A.V.V. by ThUS\$ 30,000, leaving it with 1.667% participation and SQM S.A. with 98.333%. This operation did not produce goodwill or negative goodwill.

* On December 20, 2004, SQM Nitratos S.A. contributed capital of ThUS\$1,350 to SQM Brasil Ltda, thus obtaining participation of 98.77% in this subsidiary. SQM S.A. did not contribute to this increase, thereby reducing its participation to 1.23%. In accordance with Technical Bulletin No. 72 issued by the Chilean Association of Accountants, this investment was valued using the pooling of interests method.

* On December 23, 2004, SQM S.A. and SQM Nitratos S.A. acquired 43,733,165 and 2,000 shares, respectively, of PSC Yumbes S.C.M. for ThUS\$ 39,708 (equivalent to 99.9954% and 0.0046% participation, respectively), of which ThUS\$34,511 was paid on the date of acquisition and the remaining ThUS\$5,197 will be paid on January 27, 2005.

Investments in related companies made starting January 1, 2004, are valued in accordance with BT 72 of the Chilean Association of Accountants and SVS Circular 1697, which establish that investments in related companies made until December 31, 2003 will continue to be valued using the equity method and investments in related companies realized starting January 1, 2004 are valued as described in Note 3 Changes in Accounting Principles .

In accordance with the aforementioned standards, the Company began valuing the assets and liabilities of the individual financial statements of PCS Yumbes S.C.M. as of December 31, 2004, valuing them at their respective fair values. This valuation method created goodwill of ThUS\$ 12,627, produced principally by the valuation of property, plant and equipment carried out using appraisals performed in accordance with SVS Circular 1698. The goodwill will be amortized over period of 20 years.

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Therefore, the assets, liabilities and equity incorporated in the consolidation of the respective fair values as of December 31, 2004 are as follows:

| | <u>Book value</u> | <u>Adjustment to Fair value</u> | <u>Adjusted value</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Current assets | 10,958 | — | 10,958 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 25,708 | (7,954) | 17,754 |
| Other assets | 293 | — | 293 |
| Current liabilities | 1,935 | — | 1,935 |
| Equity | 35,024 | (7,954) | 27,070 |

The purchase method was applied to the purchase of PCS Yumbes S.C.M.

The Company will continue to review the valuation of fair value to comply with timelines established in paragraph 66 of BT 72.

d) Investments with less than 20% participation

Investments in which the Company has less than 20% participation and the capacity to exert significant influence or control over the investment, because SQM forms part of its Board of Directors, have been valued using the equity method.

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(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2)**Note 9 - Investments in and Receivables from Related Companies (continued)****d) Detail of investments in related companies**

| Tax Registration Number | Company | Country of origin | Controlling currency | Number of shares | Ownership interest | | Equity of companies | | Book value of investment | | Net income (loss) | | Equity participation in net income (loss) | |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------|--|--------|
| | | | | | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | | | | | % | % | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| 0-E | Ajay North America LLC | USA | US\$ | — | 49.00 | 49.00 | 11,983 | 11,042 | 5,872 | 5,411 | 457 | (124) | 224 | (61) |
| 0-E | Nutrisi Holding N.V. | Belgium | US\$ | — | 50.00 | 50.00 | 5,035 | 4,068 | 2,517 | 2,034 | (256) | 946 | (128) | 473 |
| 0-E | Ajay Europe S.A.R.L. | France | US\$ | 36,700 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 4,422 | 4,120 | 2,211 | 2,060 | — | — | — | — |
| 0-E | Misr Specialty Fertilizers | Egypt | US\$ | — | 47.00 | 25.00 | 4,862 | 4,604 | 2,309 | 1,151 | — | — | — | — |
| 0-E | Abu Dhabi Fertilizer Industries WLL | UAE | US\$ | 1,961 | 37.00 | 37.00 | 3,417 | 3,264 | 1,265 | 1,208 | 44 | 232 | 16 | 45 |
| 0-E | Doktor Tarsa | Turkey | Euros | — | 50.00 | 50.00 | 2,170 | 2,373 | 1,085 | 1,186 | — | 577 | — | 289 |
| 0-E | Impronta SRL | Italia | Euros | — | 50.00 | 50.00 | 967 | 882 | 483 | 441 | — | 278 | — | 139 |
| 0-E | SQM Eastmed Turkey | Turkey | Euros | — | 50.00 | — | 510 | — | 255 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 77557430-5 | Sales de Magnesio Ltda. | Chile | — | — | 50.00 | 50.00 | 573 | 394 | 287 | 197 | 55 | 44 | 28 | 22 |
| 0-E | Rui Xin Packaging Materials Sanhe Co.Ltd | China | US\$ | — | 25.00 | 25.00 | 482 | 482 | 121 | 121 | — | — | — | — |
| 81767200-0 | Asoc. Garantizadora Pensiones | Chile | — | — | 3.00 | 3.00 | 794 | 755 | 26 | 25 | — | — | — | — |
| 93390000-2 | Empresas Melón S.A. | Chile | — | — | — | 14.05 | — | 288,805 | — | 40,577 | — | 13,582 | — | 1,908 |
| 99551480-K | Inmobiliaria San Patricio S.A. | Chile | — | — | — | 14.05 | — | 19,960 | — | 2,804 | — | (88) | — | (12) |
| 0-E | Fertilizantes Naturales S.A. | Chile | — | — | 25.00 | — | — | 582 | 130 | 291 | — | — | 7 | — |
| Total | | | | | | | | | 16,561 | 57,506 | | | | |

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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 Number | Company | March 31, 2005 | | March 31, 2004 | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Amount amortized during the period | Goodwill balance | Amount amortized during the period | Goodwill balance |
| | | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| 0-E | Doktor Tarsa | 19 | 3 | 18 | 77 |
| 79768170-9 | Soquimich Comercial S.A. | 38 | 84 | 37 | 235 |
| 93390000-2 | Empresas Melón S.A. | — | — | 143 | 8,038 |
| 79626800-K | SQM Salar S.A. | 11 | 29 | 11 | 72 |
| 0-E | SQM México S.A. de C.V. | 14 | 933 | 14 | 989 |
| 96864750-4 | SQM Potassium S.A. | 36 | 1,699 | 36 | 1,843 |
| 0-E | Comercial Caiman Internacional S.A. | 6 | 171 | 6 | 194 |
| 0-E | Fertilizantes Olmeca S.A. de C.V. | 14 | 153 | 14 | 209 |
| 0-E | Safnits PTY Ltd. | 15 | 302 | — | — |
| 79947100-0 | Yumbes SCM | 159 | 12,479 | — | — |
| 96801610-5 | Comercial Hydro S.A. | 37 | 1,195 | 58 | 1,225 |
| Total | | 349 | 17,048 | 337 | 12,882 |

b) Negative Goodwill

| Tax Registration Number | Company | March 31, 2005 | | March 31, 2004 | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Amount amortized during the period | Negative goodwill balance | Amount amortized during the period | Negative goodwill balance |
| | | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| 96575300-1 | Minera Mapocho S.A. | 60 | 220 | 51 | 423 |
| Total | | 60 | 220 | 51 | 423 |

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(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2)**Note 11 - Other Long-term Assets**

Other long-term assets are summarized as follows:

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Engine and equipment spare-parts, net | 22,495 | 29,609 |
| Mine development costs | 21,753 | 18,471 |
| Pension plan | 1,165 | 1,137 |
| Construction of Salar-Baquedano road | 1,620 | 1,740 |
| Deferred loan issuance costs | 978 | 1,932 |
| Other | 1,805 | 1,943 |
| | 49,816 | 54,832 |

Note 12 - Bank Debt

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

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Bank or financial institution | | |
| SCH Overseas Bank | — | 40,000 |
| Scotiabank | — | 13,025 |
| Citibank | — | 12,070 |
| | — | 65,095 |
| Annual average interest rate | — | 1.44% |

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

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Bank or financial institution | | |
| Union Bank of Switzerland ⁽¹⁾ | 200,727 | 200,685 |
| Royal Bank of Canada ⁽²⁾ | — | 60,356 |
| BBVA Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria ⁽³⁾ | 100,254 | — |
| Total | 300,981 | 261,041 |
| Less: Current portion | (981) | (1,041) |
| Long-term portion | 300,000 | 260,000 |

(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 1.99% per annum, paid semi-annually. The principal is divided into five equal semi-annual installments, which was fully paid on June 24, 2004.

(3) U.S. dollar-denominated loan without guarantee, interest rate of Libor + 0.325% per annum, quarterly payment. The principal is due on March 3, 2010.

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

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Years to maturity | | |
| Current portion | 981 | 1,041 |
| 1 to 2 years | 200,000 | — |
| 2 to 3 years | — | 260,000 |
| 3 to 5 years | 100,000 | — |
| Total | 300,981 | 261,041 |

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As of March 31, 2005 and 2004, accrued liabilities are summarized as follows:

| | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | ThUS\$ \$ | ThUS |
| Provision for royalties | 1,420 | 958 |
| Quarterly bonus | 407 | 453 |
| Provision for employee compensation and legal costs | 1,568 | 1,701 |
| Taxes and monthly income tax installment payments | 1,517 | 746 |
| Vacation accrual | 6,088 | 5,515 |
| Accrued employee benefits | 2,051 | 920 |
| Marketing expenses | 1,100 | 1,225 |
| Other accruals | 1,109 | 1,705 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total current liabilities | 15,260 | 13,223 |

Note 14 - Income and Deferred Taxes

a) At March 31, 2005 and 2004 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>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Accumulated tax basis retained earnings | | |
| with tax credit | 124,591 | 33,185 |
| Tax loss carry-forwards ⁽¹⁾ | 198,023 | 45,748 |
| Credit for shareholders | 25,153 | 6,115 |

(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 March 31, 2005 and 2004 represented a net liability of ThUS\$ 40,275 and ThUS\$ 32,790, respectively, and consisted of:

| | Deferred tax asset | | Deferred tax liability | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| | Short-term | Long-term | Short-term | Long-term |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Temporary differences | | | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 1,659 | 546 | — | — |
| Vacation accrual | 970 | — | — | — |
| Unrealized gain on sale of products | 9,794 | — | — | — |
| Provision for obsolescence | — | 1,976 | — | — |
| Production expenses | 7,871 | — | 20,636 | — |
| Accelerated depreciation | — | — | — | 53,479 |
| Exploration expenses | — | — | — | 5,244 |
| Capitalized interest | — | — | — | 5,804 |
| Staff severance indemnities | — | — | — | 1,990 |
| Accrued expenses | — | 170 | — | — |
| Capitalized expenses | — | — | — | 295 |
| Tax loss carry-forwards | 23 | 35,733 | — | — |
| Losses from derivative transactions | 3 | — | — | — |
| Accrued interest | 57 | — | — | — |
| Provision for investment contractual obligations | 170 | — | — | — |
| Other | 1,478 | 2,336 | 6 | 236 |
| | <u>22,025</u> | <u>40,761</u> | <u>20,642</u> | <u>67,048</u> |
| Total gross deferred taxes | 22,025 | 40,761 | 20,642 | 67,048 |
| Total complementary accounts | — | (5,933) | (2,309) | (25,099) |
| Valuation allowance | (8,045) | (28,801) | — | — |
| | <u>13,980</u> | <u>6,027</u> | <u>18,333</u> | <u>41,949</u> |
| Total deferred taxes | 13,980 | 6,027 | 18,333 | 41,949 |

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Note 14 - Income and Deferred Taxes (continued)

| 2004 | Deferred tax asset | | Deferred tax liability | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|
| | Short-term | Long-term | Short-term | Long-term |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Temporary differences | | | | |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | 1,236 | 559 | — | — |
| Vacation accrual | 901 | — | — | — |
| Unrealized gain on sale of products | 5,778 | — | — | — |
| Provision for obsolescence | — | 3,164 | — | — |
| Production expenses | — | — | 18,650 | — |
| Accelerated depreciation | — | — | — | 59,241 |
| Exploration expenses | — | — | — | 4,361 |
| Capitalized interest | — | — | — | 6,090 |
| Staff severance indemnities | — | — | — | 1,940 |
| Accrued expenses | — | — | — | 425 |
| Capitalized expenses | — | — | — | 554 |
| Tax loss carry-forwards | 119 | 12,595 | — | — |
| Losses from derivative transactions | — | — | 309 | — |
| Accrued interest | 66 | — | — | — |
| Other | 1,072 | 477 | 43 | 163 |
| | | | | |
| Total gross deferred taxes | 9,172 | 16,795 | 19,002 | 72,774 |
| Total complementary accounts | — | (1,233) | (3,407) | (31,384) |
| Valuation allowance | — | (539) | — | — |
| | | | | |
| Total deferred taxes | 9,172 | 15,023 | 15,595 | 41,390 |

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c) Income tax expense is summarized as follows:

| | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Provision for current income tax | (8,752) | (869) |
| Effect of deferred tax assets and liabilities | 2,653 | (2,030) |
| Effect of amortization of complementary accounts | (1,067) | (1,532) |
| Other tax charges and credits | (19) | 30 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total income tax expense | (7,185) | (4,401) |

Note 15 Staff Severance Indemnities

Staff severance indemnities are summarized as follows:

| | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Opening balance | 11,875 | 10,127 |
| Increases in obligation | 1,010 | 882 |
| Payments | (591) | (771) |
| Exchange difference | (514) | (324) |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Balance as of March 31 | 11,780 | 9,914 |

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(A translation of the original in Spanish- see note 2)**Note 16 - Minority Interest**

Minority interest is summarized as follows:

| | Equity | | Net Income/(Loss) | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Soquimich Comercial S.A. | 29,555 | 25,167 | (539) | (601) |
| Ajay SQM Chile S.A. | 3,333 | 3,248 | (139) | (96) |
| Cape Fear Bulk LLC | 202 | 148 | (56) | (48) |
| SQM Italia S.R.L | 21 | 19 | (1) | 2 |
| SQM Nitratos México S.A. de C.V. | (75) | (58) | 29 | (25) |
| SQM Indonesia S.A. | (2) | — | 2 | — |
| Total | 33,034 | 28,524 | (704) | (768) |

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

a) Changes to shareholders equity consisted of:

| | Number of shares | Paid-in capital | Other reserves | Accumulated deficit of subsidiaries in development stage | Retained earnings | Net income | Total |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|---------|
| | | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Balance as of 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) | — |
| Accumulated deficit from subsidiaries in development stage (1) | — | — | — | (863) | — | — | (863) |
| Other comprehensive income (2) | — | — | (3,757) | — | — | — | (3,757) |
| Net income for the year | — | — | — | — | — | 13,997 | 13,997 |
| Balance as of March 31, 2004 | 263,196,524 | 477,386 | 137,663 | (7,382) | 277,685 | 13,997 | 899,349 |
| Balance January 1, 2005 | 263,196,524 | 477,386 | 150,886 | (8,370) | 254,493 | 74,232 | 948,627 |
| Transfer 2004 net income to retained earnings | — | — | — | — | 74,232 | (74,232) | — |
| Other comprehensive income (2) | — | — | (2,690) | — | — | — | (2,690) |
| Net income for the year | — | — | — | — | — | 24,751 | 24,751 |
| Balance as of March 31, 2005 | 263,196,524 | 477,386 | 148,196 | (8,370) | 328,725 | 24,751 | 970,688 |

(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 March 31, 2004 and 2005.

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- b) The composition of other comprehensive income as of March 31, 2005 is as follows:

| Detail | For the year ended | | As of | |
|---|--------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | March 31, 2005 | | March 31, 2005 | |
| | | ThUS\$ | | ThUS\$ |
| Technical appraisal | | — | | 151,345 |
| Changes to other comprehensive income from equity method investments: | | | | |
| Soquimich Comercial S.A. | (1) | (2,666) | | (1,920) |
| Isapre Note Grande Ltda. | (1) | — | | (83) |
| Inversiones Augusta S.A. | (1) | — | | (761) |
| SQM Ecuador S.A. | (3) | — | | (271) |
| Almacenes y Depósitos Ltda. | (1) | (23) | | (79) |
| Asociación Garantizadora de Pensiones | (1) | (1) | | (14) |
| Sales de Magnesio Ltda. | (1) | — | | 52 |
| SQM North America Corp. | (2) | — | | (793) |
| Other Companies | (1) | — | | 720 |
| Total other comprehensive income | | (2,690) | | 148,196 |

(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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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 March 31, 2005 the Company's derivative instruments are as follows:

| 2005 Type of derivative | Notional or covered amount | Expiration | Description of the contract type | Position purchase/sale | (Liability)Asset amount | Income (loss) recorded |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | | | | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| US dollar Forward | 6,010 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | (22) | (22) |
| US dollar Forward | 26 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | 1 | 1 |
| US dollar Forward | 601 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | (1) | (1) |
| US dollar Forward | 25,849 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | 68 | 68 |
| US dollar Forward | 1,078 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | P | (12) | (12) |
| US dollar Forward | 24,267 | 3 rd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | 31 | 31 |
| US dollar Forward | 284 | 3 rd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | P | 6 | 6 |
| US dollar Forward | 13,671 | 4 th quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | (5) | (5) |
| US dollar Forward | 76 | 4 th quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | P | 2 | 2 |
| US dollar PUT | 14,460 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | (4) | (4) |
| US dollar PUT | 14,460 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | P | 94 | 94 |
| US dollar PUT | 32,005 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | (467) | (467) |
| US dollar PUT | 63,573 | 2 nd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | P | 27 | 27 |
| US dollar PUT | 10,002 | 3 rd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | (251) | (251) |
| US dollar PUT | 19,867 | 3 rd quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | P | 141 | 141 |
| US dollar PUT | 8,001 | 4 th quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | S | (272) | (272) |
| US dollar PUT | 15,893 | 4 th quarter of 2005 | Exchange rate | P | 206 | 206 |
| | <u>250,123</u> | | | | <u>(458)</u> | <u>(458)</u> |

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

a) Non-operating income

| | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Interest income | 1,204 | 587 |
| Reversal of allowance for doubtful accounts | 14 | — |
| Net foreign exchange | 780 | — |
| Insurance recoveries | 40 | 15 |
| Rental of property, plant and equipment | 299 | 199 |
| Sales of materials and services | — | 21 |
| Equity participation in net income of unconsolidated subsidiaries | 275 | 2,766 |
| Compensation obtained from third parties | 737 | — |
| Other income | 629 | 554 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total | 3,978 | 4,142 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

b) Non-operating expenses

| | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Write-off of investments | 4,119 | 1,821 |
| Interest expense | 4,142 | 4,695 |
| Equity participation in net losses of unconsolidated subsidiaries | 128 | 73 |
| Amortization of goodwill | 349 | 337 |
| Net foreign exchange losses | — | 566 |
| Work disruption expenses | 25 | 105 |
| Increase in provision for employee compensation and legal costs | 71 | 515 |
| Other expenses | 461 | 818 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Total | 9,295 | 8,930 |
| | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

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

| | (Charge) credit to income from operations | |
|-------------------------------|--|------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 |
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Property, plant and equipment | (10) | (68) |
| Other assets and liabilities | (100) | 5 |
| Shareholders equity | 644 | 360 |
| | <u>534</u> | <u>297</u> |
| Net price-level restatement | 534 | 297 |

Note 21 - Assets and Liabilities Denominated in Foreign Currency

| | 2005 | 2004 |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Assets | | |
| Total assets | | |
| Chilean pesos | 55,258 | 124,789 |
| US dollars | 1,310,926 | 1,139,918 |
| Euros | 24,082 | 50,021 |
| Japanese Yen | 6,780 | 3,625 |
| Brazilian Real | 241 | 896 |
| Mexican pesos | 7,859 | 18,673 |
| UF | 46,413 | 40,985 |
| South African Rand | 9,056 | 5,900 |
| Other currencies | 2,863 | 1,122 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Chilean pesos | 49,071 | 49,288 |
| US dollars | 50,630 | 89,059 |
| Euros | 1,216 | 8,282 |
| Japanese Yen | 19 | 34 |
| Brazilian Real | 684 | 639 |
| Mexican pesos | 6,588 | 7,976 |
| UF | 145 | 147 |
| South African Rand | 2,655 | 3,944 |
| Other currencies | 38 | 399 |
| Long-term liabilities | | |
| Chilean pesos | 10,382 | 8,042 |
| US dollars | 337,201 | 289,175 |
| Japanese Yen | 117 | — |
| UF | 1,008 | 1,071 |
| Other currencies | 2 | — |

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Amounts included in other investing income are summarized as follows:

| | <u>2005</u> | <u>2004</u> |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Repayment of employee loans | 31 | 104 |
| Compensation obtained from third parties | 737 | — |
| Total | 768 | 104 |

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 : On December 22, 2004, the court rejected both the principal lawsuit and the countersuit. SQM Salar S.A. has appealed part of this decision, which is currently being processed by the Santiago Court of Appeals.
Nominative value: ThUS\$ 36,316

- 2 Plaintiffs : 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 : Rejoinder
Nominative value: ThEuro\$ 30,295

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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 implementing different projects related to the María Elena Site Decontamination Plan (Note 26).

Projects that are being implemented in the María Elena site, a priori, do not generate any significant changes in the current mining reserves or forecasted production volumes.

The final execution of these projects is subject to the approval of environmental impact studies presented last December to the respective authorities.

(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, was ThUS\$ 1,420 in 2005 (ThUS\$ 958 in 2004).
- (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.

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Note 24 Third Party Guarantees

As of March 31, 2005 and 2004 the Company has the following indirect guarantees outstanding:

| Beneficiary | Debtor | | Balances outstanding | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | Name | Relationship | 2005 ThUS\$ | 2004 ThUS\$ |
| Phelps Dodge Corporation | SQM Potasio S.A. | Subsidiary | 957 | 1,863 |

Note 25 Sanctions

During 2005 and 2004, the SVS did not apply sanctions to the Company, its directors or managers.

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Disbursements incurred by the Company as of March 31, 2005 relating to its investments in production processes and compliance with regulations related to industrial processes and facilities are as follows:

| Project | 2005 | Future Disbursements |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|
| | ThUS\$ | ThUS\$ |
| Environmental department | 174 | 388 |
| Boratos sewage treatment plant | 294 | 4 |
| Tocopilla project | 615 | — |
| Engineering and building of María Elena piles | 2,692 | 51,975 |
| Treatment plant MOP | 208 | — |
| Renewal of fire water network | 4 | — |
| Increase in P2 camp plant treatment capacity | 28 | 32 |
| Light normalization | 224 | 27 |
| Light normalization II | — | 100 |
| Normalization of railings, corridors, CS crystal stairways | — | 863 |
| Authorization of money exchanges | — | 200 |
| Implementation of risk control system | 117 | 3 |
| Dangerous waste dumps | 7 | 357 |
| Extension of the carbonate plant (DIA) | 556 | — |
| Dry plant aspiration system | 118 | — |
| Modification of fire network (lithium carbonate) | 132 | — |
| Improvements in the salt deposit environment | 93 | 14 |
| Drying plant emission control | — | 60 |
| PG Salt deposit risk management | — | 32 |
| Engineering management environmental expenses | 31 | 9 |
| Total | 5,293 | 54,064 |

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

SQM is currently implementing an Environmental Management System, which is based on the ISO 14000 standard, with which the Company will improve its environmental performance. The implementation program stipulates that all the operations maintained by the Company in Regions I and II of Chile, will have a fully implemented Environmental Management System by late 2005.

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Note 26 Environmental Projects (continued)

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 drying solid materials and evaporating 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 air quality and, consequently, 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 Company has implemented a series of measures that have shown notable improvement in air quality at María Elena. A new decontamination plan for this area, released on March 13, 2004, is intended to meet air quality standards by April 1, 2006. On December 30, 2004, the Company submitted a proposal entitled Technological Change at María Elena, which intends to reduce particle emission, to the government's Environmental Impact Evaluation System. This proposal is presently pending evaluation by the environmental regulators, whose decision should be made public during the first semester of 2005.

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.

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.

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. To perform this study, SQM has involved diverse scientists from prestigious research institutions such as Dictuc of Pontificia Universidad Católica, the University of Nevada, Cornell University and the University of Binghamton in New York.

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Note 27 Significant Events

On January 19, 2005, the Company's Board of Directors informed the SVS that, in an Ordinary Session of the Board on January 18, 2005, they accepted the voluntary and irrevocable resignation of Mr. Avi Milstein as Director and appointed Mr. Daniel Yarur E. in his place.

On February 25, 2005, Royal Seed Trading Corp A.V.V., a subsidiary of Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A., entered into a syndicated loan for ThUS\$ 100,000, guaranteed by its Parent Company, with the following banks: BBVA Securities Inc., BNP Paribas and Rabobank Curacao N.V. The loan matures in 5 years, with quarterly interest payments at an initial annual interest rate of Libor + 0.325%", which could vary depending on any possible future modifications in the subsidiary's external debt classification. There are no real guarantees associated with this loan.

On March 16, 2005, the Company informed the Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance (SVS) that the Board of Directors of Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) at the ordinary meeting dated March 15, 2005 unanimously agreed to propose the payment of a final dividend for a sum of US\$0.18282 per share in favor of all those shareholders of SQM that are registered with the respective registry during the fifth business day prior to the day in which this dividend will be paid.

Upon approval of the aforementioned proposal at the next Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting that will be held on April 29, 2004, the amount of the final dividend to be distributed will be increased from 50% to 65% of net income and implies the partial modification of the Dividend Policy for the 2004 commercial year, which was communicated at the General Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on April 30, 2004.

Note 28 Subsequent Events

The director Mr. José Antonio Silva B. consulted with the Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance ("SVS") as to the applicability of the concept of "limitation of related persons" to Article 31 of the by-laws of SQM S.A. and as equal to this concept already existing in Article 31 Bis of the aforementioned by-laws- and also in respect to the quorum required to modify the percentage of "37.5%" referred to in Article 31. The SVS, through Ordinary Official Communication N002622 dated March 16, 2005, asked the Company's opinion in this respect and the Company, through its management informed the Board of Directors that the concept of "limitation of related persons" does not exist in Article 31 and that the history of both articles plus the interpretation of these articles at the different Shareholders' meetings held throughout the years and the different objectives of these articles, among other aspects, allow concluding that this concept is not applicable to article 31 and that; in addition, the amendment of the percentage requires the vote by absolute majority of shares issued with voting rights present at the Shareholders' meeting that analyze this amendment. Four directors agreed with the opinion provided by the management of SQM S.A. and two directors disagreed with this opinion and this was informed to the SVS. The SVS confirmed the opinion provided by the management of SQM S.A. based on matter of law of fact considerations explained in Ordinary Official Communication N003821 dated April 19, 2005.

Inversiones El Bolfo Limitada, owner of more than 10% of voting right shares issued of SQM S.A. and related to Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc., on April 25, 2005 has requested from the Board of

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directors of SQM S.A. that it requests an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of the Company to vote as to the convenience of either eliminating or not Series A and B shares - and preferences related to these series - in which the Company's capital is currently divided through the amendment of the pertinent articles of the Company's by-laws required to reflect this possible elimination and; alternately, and provided that the shareholders do not approve this elimination, to modify article 31 of these by-laws with the purpose of incorporating in this article the concept of "related persons" already included in Article 31 Bis of the aforementioned by-laws. The Company's Board of Directors unanimously agreed on its meeting held on April 26, 2005 to summon such a meeting for May 25, 2005 at 10.00 a.m.

Management is not aware of any significant subsequent events that have occurred after March 31, 2005 and that may affect the Company's financial position or the interpretation of these financial statements, (April 26, 2005).

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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 &
Business Development SVP

Date: May 17, 2005