

CHEMICAL & MINING CO OF CHILE INC
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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of October, 2018.

Commission File Number 33-65728

CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF CHILE INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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Santiago, Chile. October 30, 2018.- Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) (NYSE: SQM; Santiago Stock Exchange: SQM-B, SQM-A) announced a structural reorganization, as a part of the Company's strategic development.

SQM's Chief Executive Officer, Patricio de Solminihac, stated, "The challenges SQM faces are dynamic, and as a result we need to make changes to the organization. We are currently facing particularly attractive and complex challenges in the production, sales and marketing of lithium, in the production of lithium in both Chile and Australia, and in the production, sales and marketing of nitrates, potassium and iodine. All of these businesses complement and enhance each other, and strengthening our leadership in our five business lines, will allow us to remain a world leader."

He continued by saying, "We have designed a new corporate structure that will allow us to more effectively focus our efforts on the priorities of our business. The executives that have been placed in charge of each of these departments all have a proven track record of success with SQM. I am confident that the great team we have will be able to successfully lead SQM into the future, while focusing on our values of excellence, safety and integrity."

Ricardo Ramos will be appointed as Deputy CEO, reporting to the CEO, until January 7, 2019 when he becomes the CEO of SQM.

These changes become effective as of today.

An organizational chart illustrating the new structure is set forth below:

About SQM

SQM's business strategy is to be a global company, with people committed to excellence, dedicated to the extraction of minerals and selectively integrated in the production and sale of products for the industries essential for human development (e.g. food, health, technology). This strategy was built on the following five principles:

- ensure availability of key resources required to support current goals and medium and long-term growth of the business;
- consolidate a culture of lean operations (M1 excellence) through the entire organization, including operations, sales and support areas;
 - significantly increase nitrate sales in all its applications and ensure consistency with iodine commercial strategy;
 - maximize the margins of each business line through appropriate pricing strategy;
- successfully develop and implement all lithium expansion projects of the Company, acquire more lithium and potassium assets to generate a competitive portfolio.

These principles are based on the following key concepts:

- strengthen the organizational structure to supports the development of the Company's strategic plan, focusing on the development of critical capabilities and the application of the corporate values of Excellence, Integrity and Safety;
 - develop a robust risk control and mitigation process to actively manage business risk;
- improve our stakeholder management to establish links with the community and communicate to Chile and worldwide our contribution to industries essential for human development.

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Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are estimates that reflect the best judgment of SQM management based on currently available information. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they involve a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors that are outside of our control and could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in such statements. Therefore, you should not rely on any of these forward-looking statements. Readers are referred to the documents filed by SQM with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically the most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which identifies important risk factors that could cause actual results to differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are based on information available to SQM on the date hereof and SQM assumes no obligation to update such statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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.

CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF CHILE INC.

(Registrant)

Date: October 30, 2018

/s/ Patricio de Solminihac

By: Patricio de Solminihac

CEO

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