



Independent Series B Board Member Nominated

Santiago, Chile. April 14, 2015.- Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) (NYSE: SQM; Santiago Stock Exchange: SQM-B, SQM-A) informed that on April 13, 2015, The Bank of New York Mellon, in its capacity as depositary bank for the American Depositary Receipt ("ADR") program of the Company, received an instruction from SailingStone Holdings Limited to nominate Edward J. Waitzer as an Independent Director representing the B-shares of SQM. SailingStone Holdings Limited is the beneficial owner of 12.130.134 ADRs representing 12.130.134 B-shares of the Company on April 13, 2015.

Mr. Waitzer was Chair of Stikeman Elliott LLP, a leading Canadian law firm, from 1999 to 2006 and remains a senior partner whose practice focuses on complex business transactions. He also advises on a range of public policy and governance matters. He is a Professor and the Jarislowsky Dimma Mooney Chair in Corporate Governance and is Director of the Hennick Centre for Business and Law at Osgoode Hall and the Schulich School of Business at York University. Mr. Waitzer served from 1993 to 1996 as Chair of the Ontario Securities Commission (and of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions) and until 1981 as Vice-President of The Toronto Stock Exchange. He is Chair of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario. He has written and spoken extensively on a variety of legal and public policy issues and serves or has served as director of a number of corporations, foundations, community organizations, editorial boards and advisory groups, including the Canadian Foundation for the Advancement of Investors Rights. He is currently the President of the Canada -Chile Business Council and spent 2003-2004 as an advisor to the Superintendent of Securities and Insurance (SVS) in Santiago, Chile. He earned his LL.B. (1976) and LL.M. (1981) from the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto. Mr. Waitzer was called to the Ontario Bar in 1978 and the New York Bar in 1985.

Board elections will take place at the next Annual General Shareholder's meeting scheduled for April 24, 2015 in Santiago, Chile. For more information on the shareholder meeting, please visit the Company website at www.sqm.com.

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About SQM

SQM is an integrated producer and distributor of specialty plant nutrients, iodine, lithium, potassium-related fertilizers and industrial chemicals. Its products are based on the development of high quality natural resources that allow the Company to be a leader in costs, supported by a specialized international network with sales in over 110 countries. SQM's development strategy aims to maintain and strengthen the Company's position in each of its businesses.

The leadership strategy is based on the Company's competitive advantages and on the sustainable growth of the different markets in which it participates. SQM's main competitive advantages in its different businesses include:

- Low production costs based on vast and high quality natural resources;
- Know-how and its own technological developments in its various production processes;
- Logistics infrastructure and high production levels that allow SQM to have low distribution costs;
- High market share in all its core products;
- International sales network with offices in 20 countries and sales in over 110 countries;
- Synergies from the production of multiple products that are obtained from the same two natural resources;
- Continuous new product development according to the specific needs of its different customers;
- Conservative and solid financial position.

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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.