



## SQM TO PAY DIVIDENDS

**Santiago, Chile, March 28, 2018** – Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) (NYSE: SQM; Santiago Stock Exchange: SQM-A, SQM-B), announced today that in accordance with Articles 9 and 10, and General Rule N° 30 of the Commission for the Financial Market (CMF), it informs the following as an essential fact (*hecho esencial*):

Today, the Board of Directors of SQM in an Ordinary Board Meeting has unanimously agreed the following:

1. To recommend to the shareholders at the next Annual Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting ("Shareholders' Meeting") the payment of a final dividend representing 100% of the 2017 net income of the Company. The final dividend amount of US\$1,62501 per share is calculated based on the total amount of the distributable net income of US\$427,697,034 obtained during 2017. Nevertheless, the amount of US\$1.20533 per share must be deducted from the final dividend, as it was already paid in the form of interim dividends, leaving the balance in the amount of US\$0.41968 per share.
2. To change the Dividend Policy for the 2017 business year, which was presented at the Shareholders' Meeting held on April 28, 2017, incorporating the payment of a dividend of US\$100 million (*dividendo eventual*), equivalent to US\$0.37994 per share, which shall be charged against the retained earnings of the Company. Therefore, and subject to the approval at the next Shareholders' Meeting to be held on April 27, 2018, this dividend (*dividendo eventual*) shall be paid together with the final dividend corresponding to the 2017 results of SQM.

Said amounts of US\$0.41968 per share (the balance of the final dividend) and US\$0.37994 per share (*dividendo eventual*) shall be paid in the equivalent in Chilean national currency according to the value of the "Observed Dollar" or "US Dollar" that appears published in the Official Gazette on April 27, 2018. The payment of these dividends shall be made in favor of the Company's shareholders, in person or through their duly authorized representatives, starting at 9:00am on May 10, 2018, who are registered with the respective registry on the fifth business day before the day on which the payment shall be made.

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## 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 support 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.