

Second Quarter 2017 Earnings Presentation



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Natural Resources and Experience

High-quality reserves → low-cost operations

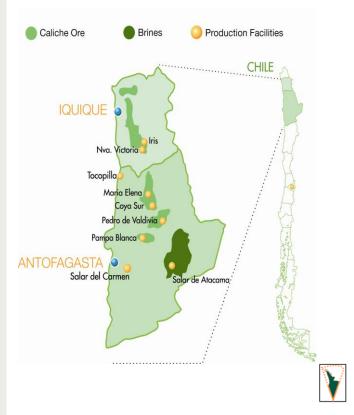
Caliche Ore

- ✓ Caliche ore is only found in Chile
- ✓ The world's largest deposits of nitrates and iodine
- ✓ Proprietary mining rights pursuant to exploitation concessions

Salar Brines

- ✓ High concentrations of potassium and lithium
- √ High evaporation rates
- ✓ Production rights are pursuant to a lease agreement with CORFO until 2030
- √ Technology and experience to efficiently operate





✓ Sustainable Operations in the North of Chile.

[√] Sodium nitrate + Potassium chloride = Potassium nitrate + (Sodium chloride)

[✓] Know How – Exploration, Process and Logistics



▶ SQM at a Glance

World Leader in Specialty Businesses: Potassium Nitrate, Iodine, Lithium & Solar Salts

✓ Financial Profile

✓ Revenue LTM⁽¹⁾: US\$2.1 billion
 ✓ EBITDA⁽²⁾ LTM: US\$853 million
 ✓ EBITDA Margin LTM: ~ 41%

- (1) LTM: Twelve months ended June 30, 2017
- (2) EBITDA: gross profit SGA + depreciation & amortization

Healthy Credit Metrics

- ✓ NFD/EBITDA
- ✓ Moody's:
- ✓ Standard and Poor's

.40 Baa1 BBB

FERTILIZERS

Potassium Specialty Plant Nutrients

SPECIALTY CHEMICALS

Iodine & Derivatives

Lithium & Derivatives

Industrial Chemicals

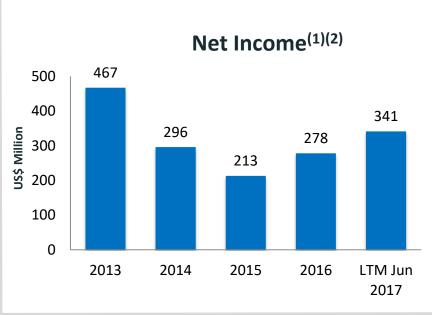
Contribution to Revenue vs. Gross Profit 1H2017





▶ Results

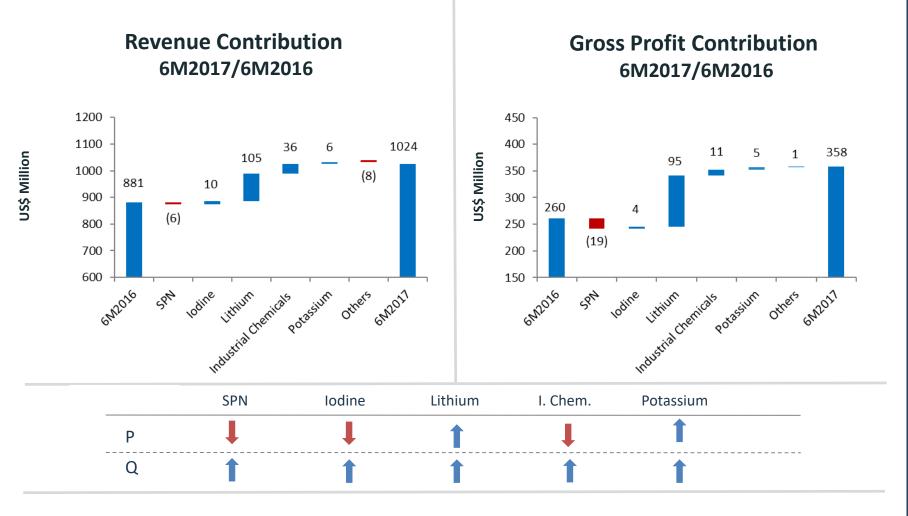




- ✓ Higher sales volumes in all business lines in 1H2017 and continued high lithium prices resulted in EBITDA of US\$853 million for the past 12 months and US\$433 million for the first half of the year.
- (1) Net income for 2016 includes one-time charge of US\$32.8 million related to stopping of our train that used to run between Coya Sur and Tocopilla, and provision for the payments of US\$30.5 million to DOJ and SEC.
- (2) Net Income for 2015 includes a charge of US\$57.7 million for impairment related to the closure of Pedro de Valdivia plant



▶ Results



✓ Impact of higher volumes outweighs lower prices in Iodine and IQ business lines.

Prices increased in lithium and potassium business lines.



▶ Market Outlook

- ✓ Potassium Market: Average price showed slight increase in 1H2017 compared to 1H2016, flat prices for the rest of 2017. Demand growth in 2017 ~2 million MT to over 60 million MT/year
- ✓ Potassium Nitrate: Increased demand and decreased supply resulted in the strongest sales volumes during 1H2017. Prices remain relatively flat
- ✓ Iodine Market: Sales volumes grew 34% in 1H2017 compared to 1H2016. We expect total sales volumes for 2017 to be more than 12k MT. Prices stabilized at US\$20/kg
- ✓ Lithium Market: Strong market growth (~14%) expected in 2017, we expect slightly higher prices in 2H2017. Demand could surpass 500k MT by 2025
- √ Solar Salts: Higher sales volumes expected in 2017 of ~ 90K MT/year



▶ Capital Expenditures & Investments

√ Historical maintenance CAPEX ~US\$100 million

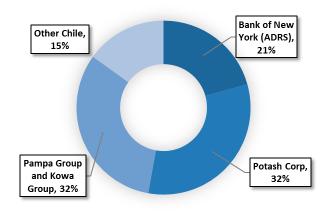
Growth Plans

- ✓ 2016-2018: Lithium Hydroxide Expansion to 13.5k MT: ~US\$30 million
- ✓ 2017-2018: Potassium Nitrate Expansion to 1.5m MT: ~US\$100 million
- √ 2017-2018: Lithium Carbonate Expansion to 63k MT: ~US\$50 million
- ✓ 2017-2018: Iodine capacity expansion to 14k MT: ~US\$30 million
- √ 2016-2019 (first stage 25k MT): Caucharí project in Argentina ~US\$425 million + ~US\$250 million (pre VAT) for stages I and II, respectively. (50/50 JV: SQM will be responsible for 50% of the investment). ~US\$100 million to be invested in 2017.
- √ 2017-2022: Mt. Holland project in Australia (50/50 JV, 40k MT) ~US\$110 million initial stage, total investment TBD



Other Relevant Topics

Ownership Structure⁽¹⁾



SQM Business Opportunities

- Strong demand growth in lithium market. Lithium carbonate production expansion to 63k MT/year
- ✓ JV to develop Caucharí-Olaroz lithium project, 25k MT/year 1st stage
- ✓ JV to develop Mt. Holland (Australia) lithium project, 40k MT/ year dual lithium hydroxide & carbonate plant
- Potassium nitrate capacity expansion: positioned to supply growing solar salts and water soluble fertilizer markets
- ✓ Iodine capacity expansion to 14k MT/year

Dividends & Dividend Policy(2)

Total Dividend paid in 2016 ~US\$400 million, 1H2017 - US\$103 million. Payment announced in Sep2017 – US\$101 million

2017 Net Income distribution in 3 interim & 1 final dividend

	100%	80%	60%
(a) $\frac{cash+other\ current\ financial\ assets}{current\ financial\ liabilities} \ge$	2.5	2.0	1.5
(b) $\frac{total\ liabilities}{total\ equity} \le$	1.1	1.2	1.3

If none of the above parameters is met: 50% of 2017 Net Income

As of June 30, 2017

⁽²⁾ Please see full dividend policy on our website at http://ir.sqm.com/English/investor-relation/default.aspx



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