## **DIVIDEND POLICY FOR BUSINESS YEAR 2017**

## SOCIEDAD QUÍMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

Pursuant to Bulletin Nº 687 of the Chilean Superintendence of Securities and Insurance (*Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros*) of February 13, 1987, the Board of Directors of Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. ("SQM" or the "Company") agrees to inform at the ordinary shareholders' meeting, which is to be held on April 28, 2017, the following 2017 dividend policy:

- a) Distribute and pay, as a final dividend (*dividendo definitivo*) and in favor of the respective shareholders, a percentage of the net income that shall be determined per the following financial parameters:
  - (i) 100% of the 2017 net income, when the following financial parameters are met: (a) that the total sum of cash and cash equivalent, and other current financial assets ("Cash") divided by the total sum of the current financial liabilities ("Current Financial Liabilities") is equal to or greater than 2.5 times, and (b) the total sum of the current liabilities and the non-current liabilities ("Total Liabilities") divided by the total sum of the equity ("Equity") is equal to or less than 1.1 times.
  - (ii) 80% of the 2017 net income when the following financial parameters are met: (a) that Cash divided by Current Financial Liabilities is equal to or greater than 2.0 times, and (b) the total sum of the Total Liabilities divided by the total Equity is equal to or less than 1.1 times.
  - (iii) 60% of the 2017 net income when the following financial parameters are met: (a) that Cash divided by Current Financial Liabilities is equal to or greater than1.5 times, and (b) Total Liabilities divided by Equity is equal to or less than 1.3 times.

If none of the foregoing financial parameters are met, the Company shall distribute and pay, as a final dividend, and in favor of the respective shareholders, 50% of the 2017 net income.

- b) Distribute and pay, if possible and during 2017, three interim dividends (*dividendos provisorios*) that will be charged against the aforementioned final dividend. These interim dividends shall likely be paid during the month following the approval of the March, June, and September 2017 interim financial statements, respectively. Its amounts shall be calculated as follows:
  - (i) For the interim dividends that will be charged to the accumulated net income reflected in the March 2017 interim financial statements, the percentage distributed shall be determined per the financial parameters expressed in letter a) above.
  - (ii) For the interim dividends that will be charged to the accumulated net income reflected in the June 2017 interim financial statements, the percentage distributed shall be determined per the financial parameters expressed in letter a) above, discounting the total amount of interim dividends previously distributed during 2017.
  - (iii) For the interim dividends that will be charged to the accumulated net income reflected in the September 2017 interim financial statements, the percentage distributed shall be determined per the financial parameters expressed in letter a) above, discounting the total amount of interim dividends previously distributed during 2017.
- c) The amount of the interim dividends mentioned above may vary, pursuant to the information available to the Board of Directors on the date on which it agrees to the distribution of said dividends given that the dividend will not materially or negatively affect SQM's capacity to impact its investments, fulfill its

liabilities, or in general, comply with the investment and finance policy approved at the ordinary shareholders' meeting.

- d) At the ordinary shareholders meeting that will be held in 2018, the Board of Directors shall propose a final dividend pursuant to the financial parameters expressed in letter a) above, discounting the total amount of the interim dividends previously distributed during 2017.
- e) If there is an excess of net income in 2017, this may be retained and assigned or allocated for financing its own operations, to one or more investment projects of the Company, notwithstanding a future distribution of potential dividends (*dividendos eventuales*) charged to the accumulated net income previously approved at the shareholders' meeting, or the possible and future capitalization of all or part of the latter.
- f) The Board of Directors does not consider the payment of additional dividends (*dividendos adicionales*).

It is expressly stated that the dividend policy described above corresponds to the intention of the Board of Directors, and the compliance of it shall depend on the net income that the Company ultimately obtains, as well as the results of periodic projections that could impact the Company, or to the existence of determined conditions that may affect it, as applicable. If the dividend policy exposed by the Board of Directors suffers a substantial change, the Company must communicate it as an essential fact (*hecho esencial*) to the SVS.

Santiago, March 22, 2017