

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, 2014.

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 15, 2014.-** Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) (NYSE: SQM; Santiago Stock Exchange: SQM-B, SQM-A) announced today that it is subject to the obligations of the Chilean Income Tax Law (*Ley sobre Impuesto a la Renta*), including, when applicable, the payment of the corporate income taxes (*Impuesto de Primera Categoría*, or “First Category Tax”) established by such law.

On September 29, 2014, Law 20,780 was published in the Official Gazette. This law modified the Chilean Income Tax Law and introduced a progressive increase in the First Category Tax, which will reach a rate of 25% beginning in 2017, subject to the application of the Attributed Income System (*sistema de renta atribuida*), or a rate of 27% beginning in 2018, subject to the application of the Semi-Integrated System (*sistema parcialmente integrado*). SQM S.A. will be affected by these modifications to the Chilean Income Tax Law, regardless of which of the two systems it chooses to apply.

In accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), SQM S.A. must immediately recognize, in its consolidated statements of income, the effect that this increase in the First Category Tax will have on its deferred tax liabilities. SQM S.A. estimates that the effect, under the Semi-Integrated System, will be between US\$55 million and US\$60 million. Notwithstanding the foregoing, once the final amount has been determined, it will be recognized and charged to profit in SQM S.A.’s interim consolidated financial statements for the third quarter of 2014, which will be published during the month of November 2014.

We inform this material event pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 second paragraph of Chilean Law No.18,045 of Regulation No. 30 of the Chilean Superintendence of Securities and Insurance.

### 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 115 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 115 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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### Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "anticipate," "plan," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "strategy," "should," "will" and similar references to future periods. Examples of forward-looking statements include, among others, statements we make concerning the Company's business outlook,

future economic performance, anticipated profitability, revenues, expenses, or other financial items, anticipated cost synergies and product or service line growth.

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)

By: /s/ Ricardo Ramos  
CFO &  
Vice-President of  
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Date: October 15, 2014

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