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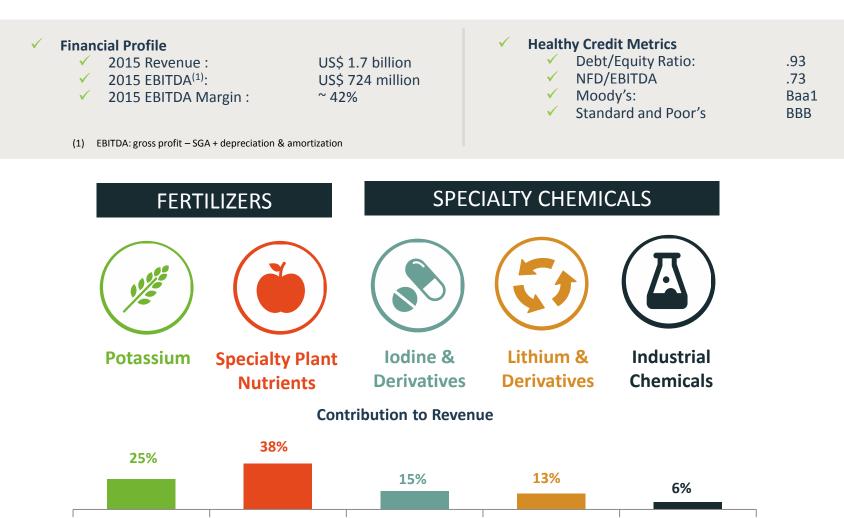
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## 1 INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS





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



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Germany





110

Sales to thousands of customers in about 110 countries.

20 Offices and

commercial representation

### **Sales Distribution**



✓ Sales diversified by industry and region

✓ No customer represents more than 4% of sales



High-quality reserves  $\rightarrow$  low-cost operations

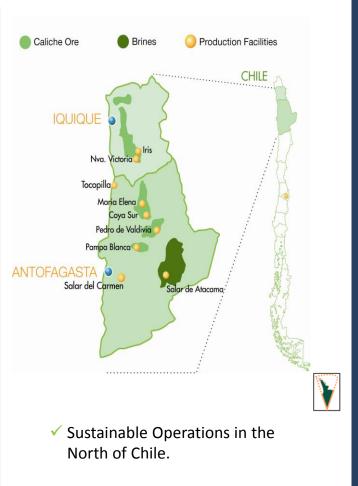
### **Caliche Ore**

- 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**

- Low processing costs due to its high concentrations of potassium and lithium
- ✓ High evaporation rates
- Production rights are pursuant to a lease agreement with CORFO until 2030





#### Sodium nitrate + Potassium chloride = Potassium nitrate + (Sodium chloride)

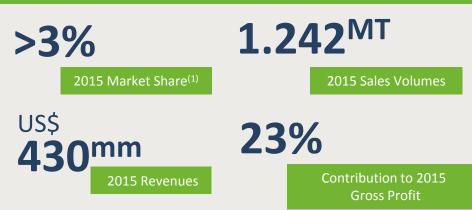
# 2 Business Lines

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### **Potassium Chloride: Industry Dynamics**

- Potassium chloride is the most commonly used potassium-based fertilizer. Sold all over the world
- ✓ 2015 global demand: ~57-58 million MT<sup>(1)</sup>
- ✓ Major players in Belarus, Canada, and Russia.

### **SQM Highlights**

- ✓ Low-cost producer of potassium chloride
- ✓ Brazil remains the most important market for MOP sales
- Flexibility to produce potassium chloride, potassium sulfate, and potassium nitrate depending on market needs
- Effective capacity ~ 2.0 million MT
- ✓ Higher sales volumes expected for 2016

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### Specialty Plant Nutrition





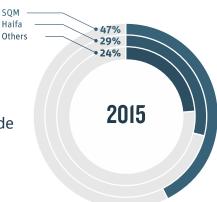


### **Industry Dynamics**

- Fertilizer provides unique benefits: Chlorine-free, water soluble, and fast absorption.
- Demand drivers: Higher cost of land, water scarcity, increased demand for higher quality crops
- Expected demand growth in 2016 (soluble): >5%<sup>(1)</sup>

### **SQM Highlights**

- ✓ Access to reserves of potassium and nitrate
- Developed distribution network and diverse customer base
- ✓ Lower price elasticity relative to potassium chloride





### Iodine and Derivatives



2015 Sales Volumes

Contribution to 2015

**Gross Profit** 

**9.3k**<sup>MT</sup>

14%



### **Industry Dynamics**

- Main uses: X-ray contrast media, LCD, pharmaceuticals and sanitizers
- ✓ Global demand: CAGR of ~3% for the period 2004-2015<sup>(1)</sup>
- ✓ Expected global demand 2016: ~34,000 MT<sup>(1)</sup>
- ✓ Limited sources of iodine worldwide:
  - ✓ Chile 56% (SQM 26%)
  - ✓ Japan (including recycling) 31%
  - ✓ Total recycling 18%

### SQM Highlights

✓ Low-cost producer

26%

US\$

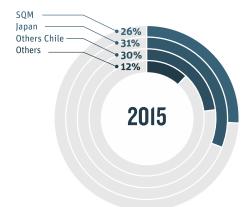
2015 Market Share<sup>(1)</sup>

2015 Revenues

 Developed distribution and sales network

**262**<sup>mm</sup>

- ✓ Effective capacity ~10,000 MT per year
- ✓ Prices have been decreasing. Lower average prices expected in 2016.



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### Lithium and Derivatives





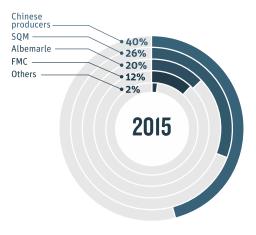
### **Industry Dynamics**

- ✓ Global demand: Growth of ~5% between 2014 and 2015 period. Growth of ~10% expected in 2016<sup>(1)</sup>.
- Main uses: batteries, lubricant, glass, pharmaceuticals. Future potential related to batteries for e-cars.
- ✓ Expect new supply in 2016



### **SQM Highlights**

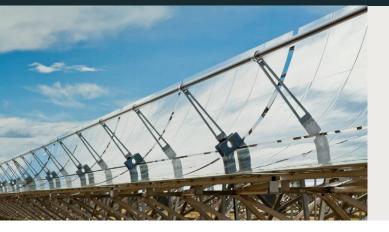
- Leading chemical lithium producer in the world and the lowest cost producer globally
- Produce lithium carbonate, lithium hydroxide, and lithium chloride.
- Current lithium carbonate plant capacity stands at 48,000 metric tons per year





### Industrial Chemicals



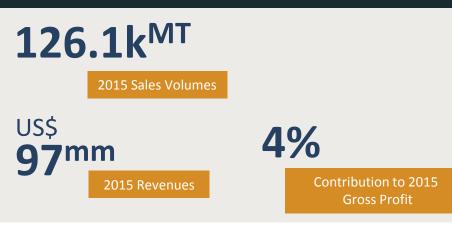


### **Industry Dynamics**

 Various traditional uses for industrial nitrates related to glass, metal treatment, water treatment, and explosives

### ✓ Solar Salts:

- ✓ IEA expects installed capacity of concentrated Solar Power (CSP) to double by 2020, and supply 20% of the world electricity by 2050.
- ✓ 50 MW → approximately 30,000 MT of solar salts
- ✓ Projects being developed globally



### SQM Highlights

- ✓ Operational flexibility with certain industrial sodium and potassium nitrate products
- ✓ Solar Salts:
  - ✓ Higher sales volumes in solar salts reported during 2015, expecting even higher sales volumes in 2016.
  - ✓ SQM produces both potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate, the two raw materials in solar salt production

# 3 Other Information





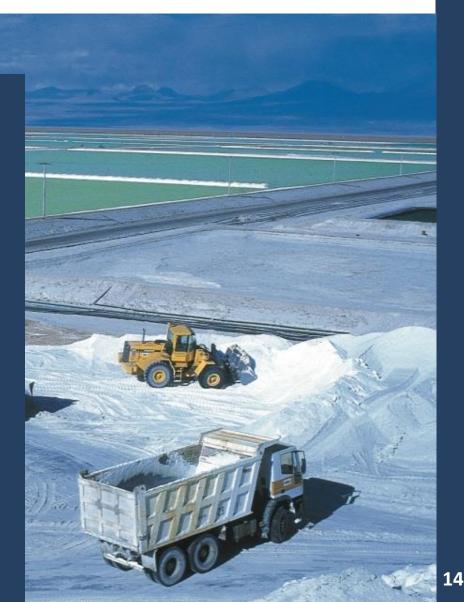
### Capital Expenditure Program

### **Capital Expenditures 2015:**

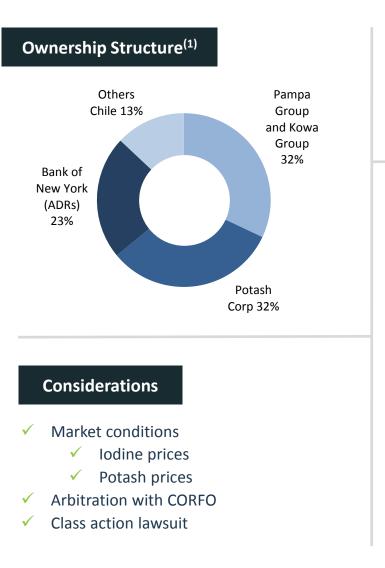
Capital expenditure reached approximately US\$111 million, primarily related to:

- ✓ Optimization of the potassium nitrate facilities
- ✓ Increasing iodine and nitrate production in Nueva Victoria
- ✓ Maintenance across all production units in order to ensure fulfillment of production targets, specifically at the port and the potassium nitrate facilities.

### Capital Expenditure 2016: US\$150







### Dividends

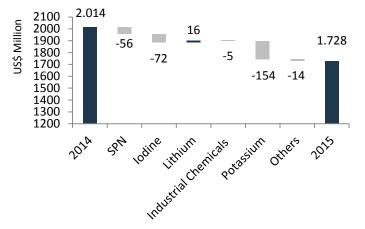
 Dividend policy: 50% of net income, approved by shareholders in April 2015

### SQM Business Opportunities

- Use of SQM's nitrates in the solar energy power generation known as thermal storage material. Increased sales volumes expected 2016 and beyond
- ✓ Recent price increases seen in lithium
- Strong cost position
- Water soluble market growth in SPN



#### **Revenue Contribution 2015/2014**



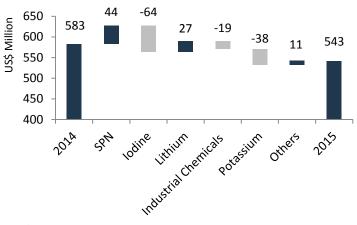
Revenues impacted by lower pricing in potash and iodine

✓ Higher lithium prices



#### Price (Base 100) vs EBITDA Margin

Gross Margin Contribution 2015/2014



✓ Positive effect on margins from cost savings

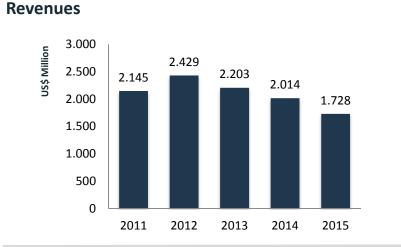
Purple line = iodine price. Base 100 at First Half 2012, reaching 50 in Second Half 2015 Green line = potash price. Base 100 at First Half 2012, reaching 53 in Second Half 2015 Yellow line = lithium price. Base 100 at First Half 2012, reaching 113 in Second Half 2015

Thick blue = "average price trend" (average price weighted by gross margin contribution). 67.5 in Second Half 2015

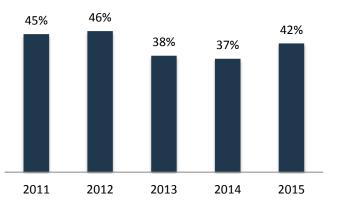
Columns represent the EBITDA margin every semester: 2012 full year average 46%, 2013: 38%, 2014: 37% and 42% in 2015

#### EBITDA margin for 2015: 42% / EBITDA margin for 2014: 37%





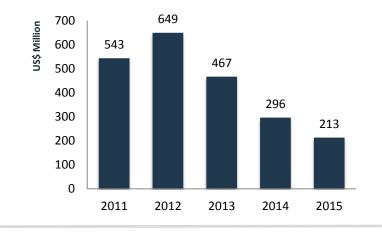
EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup>/Revenues



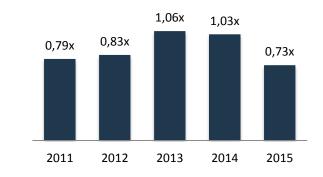
(1) EBITDA: Gross Profit – administrative expenses + depreciation & amortization.

(2) Net Financial Debt: interest bearing debt net of cash and cash equivalents, considering the effects of derivatives

**Net Income** 



### NFD<sup>(2)</sup>/EBITDA



### Investment Highlights

Unique and abundant natural resources

Sales in diverse industries, sold globally

SPN: Largest global producer

Potassium: Uniquely located to supply major markets

Iodine: Leading player in strong market with diverse uses

Lithium: Lowest-cost producer

Industrial Chemicals: Dominant player in a niche market

Metallic Exploration: Exploration with low risk

Solid financial position and financial management





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