UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Includes the free translation of information published on the Company's website.

SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF CHILE INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

El Trovador 4285, Santiago, Chile (562) 425-2000 (Address and phone number of principal executive offices)

 $Indicate\ by\ check\ mark\ whether\ the\ registrant\ files\ or\ will\ file\ annual\ reports\ under\ cover\ of\ Form\ 20-F\ or\ Form\ 40-F.$

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.	
Yes o No	x
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Santiago, Chile, April 8, 2010.- Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM) (NYSE: SQM; Santiago Stock Exchange: SQM-B, SQM-A) reported that it is intending to offer, issue and sell senior notes due 2020.

The notes will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), or under any U.S. state securities laws. The notes are being offered solely (1) to qualified institutional buyers (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) and (2) to persons outside the United States in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The notes will not be registered under Law 18,045, as amended, of Chile with the *Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros* (Chilean Securities Commission), and, accordingly, may not be offered to persons in Chile except in circumstances that do not constitute a public offering under Chilean law.

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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.

SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

Conf: <u>/s/ Ricardo Ramos R.</u> *Ricardo Ramos R.* Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 12, 2010