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

Form 6-K

## REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of November, 2013.

Commission File Number 33-65728

### CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF CHILE INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

El Trovador 4285, Santiago, Chile (562) 2425-2000 (Address of principal executive office)

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Santiago, November 19, 2013.

Mr. Fernando Coloma C. Superintendent Superintendent of Securities and Insurance Avda. Lib. Bernardo O'Higgins N°1449 Santiago

**ESSENTIAL FACT** 

Dear Mr. Coloma,

The Directors of Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. (SQM), who met in an Ordinary Board of Director Meeting today, unanimously agreed to pay and distribute a provisional dividend referred to in the current "SQM's 2013 Dividend Policy" which was reported to the SQM Annual General Shareholders Meeting held on April 25th of this year. Therefore, SQM shall pay and distribute, as of December 12, 2013, a provisional dividend of US\$ 0.75609 per share, which is approximately equivalent to the total amount of US\$ 199 million and, the latter, to 49.9% of the distributable net income of the fiscal year 2013, accumulated to date at September 30 of this year. This shall be charged against the net income of said fiscal year, in favor of the Shareholders who appear in SQM's Registry of Shareholders on the fifth business day prior to December 12, 2013, and in its equivalent in national currency (Chilean pesos) according to the value of the "Observed Dollar" or "United States of America Dollar" as published in the Official Gazette on December 6, 2013.

We hereby notify the above as an essential fact and by the virtue of the provisions of this effect in Articles 9 and 10, second paragraph, of Law 18,045, and also in accordance with that provided in "SQM's 2013 Dividend Policy" and Bulletins  $N^{\circ}660$  and  $N^{\circ}687$  and the General Rule  $N^{\circ}$  30 of the Superintendence of Securities and Insurance.

We remain at your disposal to clarify any additional aspect that you consider relevant in regard to the above.

Sincerely yours,

SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

### **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)

Date: November 20, 2013

By: <u>/s/ Ricardo Ramos R.</u> Ricardo Ramos R.

CFO and Vice-President of Development

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