

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 a material event sent by Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. to the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros de Chile on January 24, 2006

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.

Form 20-F

Form 40-F

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

No .

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82\_\_\_\_\_

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

Santiago, January 24, 2006

Mr.  
Alejandro Ferreiro Y.  
Superintendent  
Securities and Insurance Superintendence  
Avda. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 1449  
Santiago

### **Essential Issue**

Dear Mr. Superintendent.

We hereby inform you that Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. has placed today and in the national market, a senior unsecured bond of UF 3 million. The above, for a 21 years term, with an annual re-offer yield of 4.18% and to refinance liabilities and to fund 2006 capital expenditure program.

We inform you the above as Essential Issue in compliance with articles 9 and 10 of Law Number 18.045. Additionally, also in compliance with the indications set forth in the Rule of General Character Number 30 that was issued on November 10, 1989.

We remain at your disposal to clarify any additional aspects that you may deem relevant in relation to the above.

Yours truly,

**Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A.**

**Conf: /s/ Patricio Contesse G.  
Patricio Contesse G.  
Chief Executive Officer**

Cc: Santiago Stock Exchange  
Brokers Stock Exchange  
Electronic Stock Exchange  
New York Stock Exchange  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
The Bank of New York

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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: /s/ Ricardo Ramos  
Ricardo Ramos  
Chief Financial Officer &  
Business Development SVP

Date: January 24, 2006

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