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Form 6-K  
August 17, 2004

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 an information sent by Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile S.A. to the Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros de Chile on August 16, 2004.

SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF CHILE INC.

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

El Trovador 4285, Santiago, Chile (562) 425-2000

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(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):

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SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

Santiago, August 16, 2004

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

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Dear Mr. Superintendent.

We hereby inform you that Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile S.A. transferred during August 13, 2004, 653,748,837 shares of Inmobiliaria San Patricio S.A. ("ISP") to Blue Circle South American Holdings S.A. Said 653,748,837 shares represent, approximately, 14% of ISP shares.

We inform you the above in accordance with Article 12 of Law number 18.045.

Yours truly,

SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A.

Conf: /S/ PATRICIO CONTESSE G.

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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

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 R.

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Ricardo Ramos R.  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 17, 2004

