

BANK OF CHILE
Form 6-K
April 22, 2008

FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April, 2008

Commission File Number 001-15266

BANK OF CHILE
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Ahumada 251
Santiago, Chile
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

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BANCO DE CHILE
REPORT ON FORM 6-K

Attached is an English translation of a letter filed by Banco de Chile to the Chilean Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions, Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance and local stock exchanges, in connection with the agreement to postpone the sale of the remaining shares issued by Banco de Chile arising out of the capital increase which took place in 2007.

Santiago, April 21, 2008

Mr. Gustavo Arriagada Morales
Superintendent of Banks and
Financial Institutions

Ref: **ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

Mr. Superintendent:

Pursuant to articles 9 and 10 of the Securities Law No. 18,045 and chapter 18-10 of the Compilation of Regulations of the Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions, I do hereby inform you, as essential information regarding this banking institution, that at an Extraordinary Board of Directors meeting held on April 21, 2008, the Board agreed to postpone the sale of 319,951,628 shares for cash, which correspond to the remaining shares issued by Banco de Chile in relation to the capital increase agreed at the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting held on May 17, 2007.

The above mentioned agreement was adopted with the purpose of allowing the securities market to be familiarized with the quarterly financial statements in advance to the auction. The sale will be carried out through an auction, in ten batches, at the Santiago Stock Exchange on April 30 of this year. The minimum price will be determined by the Board of Directors before that date.

Sincerely,

Fernando Cañas
Berkowitz
General Manager

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: April 22, 2008

Banco de Chile

/s/ Fernando Cañas Berkowitz
By: Fernando Cañas Berkowitz
President and CEO
