

BANK OF CHILE
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2009

Commission File Number 001-15266

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

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

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**BANCO DE CHILE
REPORT ON FORM 6-K**

Attached is an English translation of the consolidated financial statements submitted to the Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions and published by Banco de Chile in its website on February 5, 2009, for the month ended December 31, 2008.

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BANCO DE CHILE AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
As of December 31, 2008 and 2007

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MM\$ = Millions of Chilean pesos

BANCO DE CHILE AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
As of December 31,

| ASSETS | 2008 MM\$ | Proforma 2007 MM\$ (*) |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| Cash and due from banks | 751,223 | 511,779 |
| Transactions in the course of collection | 469,580 | 368,855 |
| Trading securities | 679,843 | 1,668,851 |
| Securities purchased under agreements to resell | 75,519 | 75,282 |
| Derivative instruments | 904,726 | 438,043 |
| Loans and advance to banks | 321,992 | 477,488 |
| Loans and accounts receivables to customers | 13,421,804 | 12,461,733 |
| Available for sale instruments | 1,071,438 | 229,127 |
| Held to maturity instruments | | |
| Investments in other affiliates | 11,377 | 9,958 |
| Intangible assets | 34,763 | 31,806 |
| Fixed assets | 205,369 | 215,286 |
| Deferred tax assets | 70,505 | 58,027 |
| Other assets | 110,303 | 189,614 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 18,128,442 | 16,735,849 |

(*) The amounts for 2007 are updated by Consumer Price Index for price-level restatement purposes (8.9%)

BANCO DE CHILE AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
As of December 31,

| LIABILITIES | 2008 | Proforma |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | MM\$ | 2007 |
| | | MM\$ (*) |
| Current accounts and demand deposits | 3,007,261 | 3,309,190 |
| Transactions in the course of payment | 141,988 | 105,438 |
| Securities sold under agreements to repurchase | 420,658 | 408,078 |
| Saving accounts and time deposits | 8,472,590 | 7,990,733 |
| Derivative instruments | 862,799 | 475,131 |
| Borrowings from financial institutions | 1,498,549 | 882,896 |
| Debt issued | 1,900,588 | 1,793,176 |
| Other financial obligations | 93,708 | 73,224 |
| Current tax liabilities | 9,053 | 2,551 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 25,465 | 22,347 |
| Provisions | 290,990 | 83,163 |
| Other liabilities | 107,050 | 94,659 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 16,830,699 | 15,240,586 |
| | | |
| EQUITY | | |
| | | |
| Attributable to equity holders of the parent: | | |
| Capital | 1,106,491 | 1,087,873 |
| Reserves | 118,170 | 118,336 |
| Other accounts | (16,660) | (6,963) |
| Retained earnings: | | |
| Retained earnings from previous periods | 8,007 | 8,007 |
| Income for the period | 272,425 | 288,000 |
| Less: | | |
| Provisions for minimum dividends | (190,698) | |
| | 1,297,735 | 1,495,253 |
| Minority interest | 8 | 10 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 1,297,743 | 1,495,263 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | 18,128,442 | 16,735,849 |

(*) The amounts for 2007 are updated by Consumer Price Index for price-level restatement purposes (8.9%)

BANCO DE CHILE AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME
As of December 31,

| | 2008 | Proforma |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | MM\$ | 2007 |
| | | MM\$ (*) |
| Interest revenue | 1,663,643 | 1,401,782 |
| Interest expense | (885,104) | (750,707) |
| Net interest revenue | 778,539 | 651,075 |
| Income from fees and commission | 275,899 | 271,841 |
| Expenses from fees and commission | (60,035) | (56,341) |
| Net fees and commission | 215,864 | 215,500 |
| Gains (losses) from trading and brokerage activities | 387,703 | 58,640 |
| Foreign exchange transactions, net | (353,012) | 21,702 |
| Other operating income | 68,386 | 27,435 |
| TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE | 1,097,480 | 974,352 |
| Provision for loan losses | (138,593) | (75,641) |
| NET OPERATING REVENUE | 958,887 | 898,711 |
| Staff expenses | (306,040) | (276,273) |
| Administrative expenses | (177,862) | (170,918) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (35,573) | (33,413) |
| Impairments | | |
| Other operational expenses | (54,373) | (29,259) |
| TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES | (573,848) | (509,863) |
| OPERATING INCOME | 385,039 | 388,848 |
| Income attributable to affiliates | 2,987 | (2,074) |
| Loss from price-level restatements | (77,789) | (63,520) |
| Income before income taxes | 310,237 | 323,254 |
| Income taxes | (37,810) | (35,251) |
| Income from continuous operations | 272,427 | 288,003 |
| Income from discontinued operations | | |

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| INCOME FOR THE PERIOD | 272,427 | 288,003 |
| Attributable to: | | |
| Equity holders of the parent | 272,425 | 288,000 |
| Minority interest | 2 | 3 |
| Earnings per share equity holders of the parent for the year: | | |
| Basic earnings per share | 3.37 | 3.65 |
| Diluted earnings per share | 3.37 | 3.65 |

(* The amounts for 2007 are updated by Consumer Price Index for price-level restatement purposes (8.9%)

BANCO DE CHILE AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Accounting Changes:

(a) The Superintendence of Banks and Financial Institutions (SBIF), through its Circular No. 3,410 dated November 9, 2007, subsequently complemented by Circular No. 3,443 dated August 21, 2008, introduced the new Compendium of Accounting Standards that Banks must apply in the context of the project of convergence to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) developed by that Superintendence. The main impacts originated by the application of these new accounting criteria are described below:

i. Accounting changes performed during 2008:

In accordance with Chapters B-4 and E of the mentioned Compendium of Standards of the Superintendence of Banks and Financial Institutions, the Bank recorded MCh\$190.698 in liabilities under Provisions as of December 31, 2008 for the concept of provision for payment of minimum dividends, reflecting as a counterpart an equity reduction for the same amount under Retained earnings. Until 2007, dividends were reflected as of the date of the agreement of the corresponding Ordinary General Shareholders Meeting. The mentioned change did not generate effects on income.

ii. New formats for the presentation of financial statements applied as of 2008:

Chapter C-3 of the mentioned Compendium of Standards of the Superintendence of Banks and Financial Institutions established the new formats for presentation of the annual financial statements, requiring in Chapter E, their application as of 2008. The application of these new formats only affected the presentation of these financial statements, and did not have an effect on the accounting criteria applied by the Bank. For comparison purposes the financial statements for 2007 have been modified in accordance with the new presentation format, and therefore, the financial statements that are presented for this period differ, in terms of their presentation, from those reported the previous year.

iii. Standards to be applicable as of 2009

In addition, the mentioned Compendium of Standards establishes that as of January 1, 2009, banks must begin with the application of the new accounting criteria established by the Superintendence of Banks and Financial Institutions (SBIF), and in those matters not addressed by the compendium, apply International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The changes in accounting criteria are related, among other things, to the following matters: a) suspension of the price-level restatement mechanism; b) option to revalue property, plant and equipment as of the date of the first time application of the standard; c) accrual of loan interest at the effective rate; d) changes and incorporation of additional disclosures in notes to the financial statements; etc.

The application of these new accounting criteria originated adjustments on the balances of the Bank's equity accounts as of January 1, 2009, and will also affect determination of income for future years. Likewise, and only for comparison purposes with the financial statements that will be presented in 2009, the Bank must present the financial statements for 2008 in accordance with the new accounting criteria, which will differ from those presented herein. As of the date of issuance of these consolidated financial statements, the Bank is in the process of preparing the information that will allow it to estimate, with reasonable objectivity, the final adjustments that must be reflected in 2009 and the effects on the statement of financial situation and on the statement of income for 2008.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
As of December, 31 2008 and 2007

Accounting Changes, continued:

(b) In connection with the merge between Bank de Chile and Citibank Chile, which became effective from January 1, 2008, it proceeded the homologation criteria maintained by each bank before the merge referring to financial instruments classification, according to the different categories defined by the rule. The homologation criteria process at September 30, 2008 has implied to reclassify certain financial instruments from "Trading Securities" to "Available for sale instruments" by an amount equivalent to MM\$ 244.827 (historical).

(c) During 2008, there have not been others accounting changes that may significantly affect these consolidated financial statements.

The complete financial statements, together with their respective notes and the corresponding report of the external auditors, are available at www.bancochile.cl, as well as at Banco de Chile Principal Offices

"These Consolidated Financial Statement correspond to financial information included in Press Release for fourth quarter 2008"

Héctor Hernández G.
Accounting Manager

Fernando Cañas B.
Chief Executive Officer

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: February 11, 2009

Banco de Chile

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