

BANK OF CHILE
Form 6-K
February 02, 2009

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 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)

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

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule
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Yes No

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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 with the Chilean Superintendency of Banks, Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance and local Stock Exchanges, informing of the resolutions adopted at Banco de Chile's Board meeting held on January 30, 2009, at which time it was resolved to schedule an Ordinary Shareholders Meeting and an Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting on March 26, 2009 with the objective of proposing, among other matters, the distribution of dividends.

Santiago, February 2, 2009

Mr.
Gustavo Arriagada Morales
Superintendent of Banks and Financial Institutions
Present

RE: ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Mr. Superintendent:

Pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of Law No. 18,045 and Chapter 18-10 of the Regulations of the Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions, I inform you of an essential information regarding this institution, that in the Ordinary Session No. BCH 2,683 held on January 30, 2009, the Board of Directors of Banco de Chile resolved to summon an Ordinary Shareholders Meeting on March 26, 2009 with the objective of proposing, among other matters, the distribution of the dividend No. 197 in the amount of Ch\$ 2.357790 per share, corresponding to 70% of the profits obtained in the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2008. The Board of Directors also resolved to schedule an Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting on the same date in order to propose the approval of the capitalization of the remaining 30% of the Bank's profits from the fiscal year 2008 by means of the issuance of fully paid-in shares, without nominal value, calculated at the value of Ch\$ 31.26 per share and distributed between the shareholders at the rate of 0.032325 per share.

Sincerely,

Fernando Cañas Berkowitz
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 02, 2009

Banco de Chile

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