

BANK OF CHILE  
Form 6-K  
January 15, 2008

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**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 January, 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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12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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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 that Citibank Agencia de Valores S.A. has become a subsidiary of Banco de Chile.

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Santiago, January 14, 2008

Mr.

**Gustavo Arriagada Morales**

Superintendent of Banks and Financial Institutions

Subject: Essential Information

Mr. Superintendent:

In accordance with Articles 9 and 10 of the Securities Law N° 18,045 and Chapter 18-10 of the Compilations of Regulations of that Superintendency I hereby inform, as Essential Information, that as a result of the merger between Banco de Chile and Citibank Chile, approved by resolution number 3 of this Superintendency, dated January 8, 2008, and the excerpts of the corresponding amendment to articles of incorporation, published in the Official Gazette on January 11, 2008, and registered with the Santiago Official Registrant pages 1,284, number 820, and pages 1,286 number 821, year 2008, Banco de Chile, as successor or continuing legal entity of Citibank Chile, former Citibank, N.A. Agencia en Chile, has become the owner of all rights which were held by the latter in the stock corporation named Citibank Agencia de Valores S.A. Pursuant to section 70 of the General Banking Act, and Chapter 11-6 of the aforesaid Compilations of Regulations, Citibank Agencia de Valores S.A has transformed into a subsidiary corporation of Banco de Chile.

Sincerely,

Fernando Cañas Berkowitz

President and 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: January 15, 2008

Banco de Chile

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

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