

BANK OF CHILE  
Form 6-K  
February 11, 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 February, 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, in connection with the acquisition by Banco de Chile jointly with its subsidiary Banchile Asesoría Financiera S.A. of all the shares of **Legg Mason (Chile) Administradora General de Fondos S.A.**

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Santiago, February 11, 2008

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

**RE: ESSENTIAL INFORMATION. Issuer BANCO DE CHILE**

Mr. Superintendent:

In accordance with Articles 9 and 10 of the Securities Law N° 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 according to the authorization granted by that Superintendency, pursuant to letter number 01774, dated February 1, 2008, Banco de Chile jointly with its subsidiary, Banchile Asesoría Financiera S.A., acquired on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2008, all of the shares of the company named Legg Mason ( Chile) Administradora General de Fondos S.A.. Banco de Chile purchased 148,793 shares and Banchile Asesoría Financiera S.A. acquired 1share. The total purchasing price for all of these shares was the amount of thirteen million dollars of the United States of America (US\$13,000,000.), which was paid in cash.

By virtue of the foregoing transaction Legg Mason (Chile) Administradora General de Fondos S.A. has become a subsidiary of Banco de Chile.

Sincerely,  
Fernando Cañas Berkowitz  
President and CEO

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**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, 2008

Banco de Chile

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

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