

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MEGAN VILLELLA, Individually and on	:	Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-02106-ER-GWG
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	:	(Consolidated)
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Plaintiff,	:	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
	:	
vs.	:	DECLARATION OF ROSS D. MURRAY
	:	REGARDING NOTICE
CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF	:	DISSEMINATION, PUBLICATION, AND
CHILE INC., et al.,	:	REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION
	:	RECEIVED TO DATE
Defendants.	:	
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I, ROSS D. MURRAY, declare and state as follows:

1. I am employed as a Vice President of Securities by Gilardi & Co. LLC (“Gilardi”), located at 1 McInnis Parkway, Suite 250, San Rafael, California. The following statements are based on my personal knowledge and information provided to me by other Gilardi employees and if called to testify I could and would do so competently.

2. Pursuant to this Court’s December 18, 2020 Order Preliminarily Approving Settlement and Providing for Notice (“Notice Order”), Gilardi was appointed to supervise and administer the notice procedure as well as the processing of claims in connection with the proposed Settlement of the above-captioned litigation (the “Litigation”).¹ I oversaw the notice services that Gilardi provided in accordance with the Notice Order.

3. I submit this declaration in order to provide the Court and the parties to the Litigation with information regarding: (i) mailing of the Court-approved Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (the “Notice”) and Proof of Claim and Release form (the “Proof of Claim”) (collectively, the “Claim Package,” attached hereto as Exhibit A); (ii) publication of the Summary Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action; (iii) establishment of the website and toll-free telephone number dedicated to this Settlement; and (iv) the number of requests for exclusion from the Class received to date by Gilardi.

DISSEMINATION OF THE CLAIM PACKAGE

4. Pursuant to the Notice Order, Gilardi is responsible for disseminating the Claim Package to potential Class Members. The Class consists of all Persons who purchased or otherwise acquired SQM ADSs traded on the New York Stock Exchange during the Class Period (June 30, 2010 through March 18, 2015, inclusive). Excluded from the Class are: (i) SQM; (ii) any entity in which SQM has a controlling interest; (iii) the officers and directors of SQM; (iv) the legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns of any such excluded party; and (v) any person who sold the entirety of their position in SQM ADS before January 11, 2015. Also excluded from the

¹ All capitalized terms that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings provided in the Stipulation of Settlement dated December 11, 2020 (the “Stipulation”).

Class is any Person who would otherwise be a Member of the Class but who validly and timely requests exclusion in accordance with the requirements set by the Court.

5. Gilardi received files via email from SQM's transfer agent, which contained the names and addresses of potential Class Members. The lists were reviewed to identify and eliminate duplicate entries and incomplete data, resulting in a usable mailing list of 99 unique names and addresses. Gilardi had the unique name and address data printed on to Claim Packages, posted the Claim Packages for First-Class Mail, postage prepaid, and delivered 99 Claim Packages on January 8, 2021 to the United States Post Office for mailing. Gilardi received additional files from SQM's transfer agent after the January 8, 2021 mailing was completed. They were processed in the same manner, and Gilardi delivered 157 additional Claim Packages on January 27, 2021 to the United States Post Office for mailing.

6. In addition, on January 8, 2021, as part of its normal mailing procedures, Gilardi mailed, by First-Class Mail, Claim Packages and cover letters to 282 brokerages, custodial banks, and other institutions ("Nominee Holders") that hold securities in "street name" as nominees for the benefit of their customers who are the beneficial owners of the securities. The Nominee Holders also include a group of filers/institutions who have requested notification of every securities case. These Nominee Holders are included in a proprietary database created and maintained by Gilardi. In Gilardi's experience, the Nominee Holders included in this proprietary database represent a significant majority of the beneficial holders of securities. The cover letter accompanying the Claim Packages advised the Nominee Holders of the proposed Settlement and requested their cooperation in forwarding the Claim Packages to potential Class Members. In the more than three decades that Gilardi has been providing notice and claims administration services in securities class actions, Gilardi has found the majority of potential class members hold their securities in street name and are notified through the Nominee Holders. Gilardi also mailed Claim Packages and cover letters to the 4,455 institutions included on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") list of active brokers and dealers at the time of mailing. A sample of the

cover letter mailed to Nominee Holders and the institutions included on the SEC's list of active brokers and dealers is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

7. On January 8, 2021, Gilardi also delivered electronic copies of the Claim Package to 378 registered electronic filers who are qualified to submit electronic claims. These filers are primarily institutions and third-party filers who typically file numerous claims on behalf of beneficial owners for whom they act as trustees or fiduciaries.

8. As part of the notice program for this Settlement, on January 8, 2021, Gilardi also delivered electronic copies of the Claim Package via email to be published by the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") on the DTC Legal Notice System ("LENS"). LENS enables the participating bank and broker nominees to review the Claim Package and contact Gilardi for copies of the Claim Package for their beneficial holders.

9. Gilardi has acted as a repository for shareholder and nominee inquiries and communications received in this Litigation. In this regard, Gilardi has forwarded the Claim Package on request to nominees who purchased or acquired SQM ADSs for the beneficial interest of other persons. Gilardi has also forwarded the Claim Package directly to beneficial owners upon receipt of the names and addresses from such beneficial owners or nominees.

10. Following the initial mailing, Gilardi received 17 responses to the outreach efforts described above which included computer files containing a total of 13,678 names and addresses of potential Class Members. In addition, 26 institutions requested that Gilardi send them a total of 52,688 Claim Packages for forwarding directly to their clients. Gilardi has also received 2 responses that included mailing labels with names and addresses of an additional 169 potential Class Members. Gilardi has also mailed 22 Claim Packages as a result of returned mail for which new addresses were identified for re-mailing to those potential Class Members. Each of these requests has been completed in a timely manner.

11. As of February 25, 2021, Gilardi has mailed a total of 71,928 Claim Packages to potential Class Members and nominees.

PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMARY NOTICE

12. In accordance with the Notice Order, on January 15, 2021, Gilardi caused the Summary Notice to be published in *The Wall Street Journal* and transmitted over *Business Wire*, as shown in the confirmations of publication attached hereto as Exhibit C.

TELEPHONE HELPLINE AND WEBSITE

13. On January 8, 2021, Gilardi established and continues to maintain a case-specific, toll-free telephone helpline, 1-866-688-8811, to accommodate potential Class Member inquiries. The toll-free number was set forth in the Notice and on the case website. Gilardi has been and will continue to promptly respond to all inquiries to the toll-free telephone helpline.

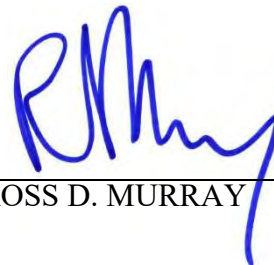
14. On January 8, 2021, Gilardi established and continues to maintain a website dedicated to this Settlement (www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com) to provide additional information to Class Members and to provide answers to frequently asked questions. The web address was set forth in the Claim Package and the Summary Notice. The website includes information regarding the Litigation and the Settlement, including the exclusion, objection, and claim filing deadlines, and the date, time, and location of the Court's Settlement Hearing. Copies of the Notice, Proof of Claim, Stipulation, and Notice Order are posted on the website and are available for downloading. Class Members can also complete and submit a Proof of Claim through the website.

REQUESTS FOR EXCLUSION RECEIVED TO DATE

15. The Notice informs potential Class Members that written requests for exclusion from the Class must be mailed to *SQM Securities Settlement*, c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC, EXCLUSIONS, 150 Royall Street, Suite 101, Canton, MA 02021, such that they are postmarked no later than March 12, 2021.

16. The Notice also sets forth the information that must be included in each request for exclusion. Gilardi has monitored and will continue to monitor all mail delivered to this address. As of the date of this declaration, Gilardi has not received any requests for exclusion.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed this 25th day of February, 2021, at San Rafael, California.



ROSS D. MURRAY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ellen Gusikoff Stewart, hereby certify that on February 26, 2021, I authorized a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such public filing to all counsel registered to receive such notice.

/s/ Ellen Gusikoff Stewart

ELLEN GUSIKOFF STEWART

**INDEX OF EXHIBITS TO DECLARATION OF ROSS D. MURRAY
REGARDING NOTICE DISSEMINATION, PUBLICATION, AND
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EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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MEGAN VILLELLA, Individually and on	:	Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-02106-ER-GWG
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	:	(Consolidated)
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Plaintiff,	:	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
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vs.	:	
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CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY	:	
OF CHILE INC., et al.,	:	
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Defendants.	:	
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NOTICE OF PENDENCY AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO PURCHASED CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF CHILE INC., A/K/A SOCIEDAD QUÍMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A. (“SQM” OR THE “COMPANY”) AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES (“ADSS”) DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN JUNE 30, 2010 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH 18, 2015, AND ARE NOT OTHERWISE EXCLUDED FROM THE CLASS

THIS NOTICE WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT. IT IS NOT A LAWYER SOLICITATION. PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY PROCEEDINGS IN THIS LITIGATION. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE A CLASS MEMBER, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO SHARE IN THE PROCEEDS OF THE SETTLEMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE. TO CLAIM YOUR SHARE OF THE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS, YOU MUST SUBMIT A VALID PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM (“PROOF OF CLAIM”) **POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE ON OR BEFORE APRIL 8, 2021.**

This Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action (“Notice”) has been sent to you pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Court”). The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the pendency of this class action (the “Litigation”) between Lead Plaintiff The Council of the Borough of South Tyneside Acting in its Capacity as the Administering Authority of the Tyne and Wear Pension Fund and Defendant SQM; the proposed \$62,500,000 settlement reached therein (the “Settlement”); and the hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement as well as counsel’s application for fees and expenses. This Notice describes what steps you may take in relation to the Settlement and the Litigation.¹

This Notice is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, an expression of any opinion by the Court with respect to the truth of the allegations in the Litigation as to the Defendant or the merits of the claims or defenses asserted by or against the Defendant. This Notice is solely to advise you of the proposed Settlement of the Litigation and of your rights in connection therewith.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT	
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM	The only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement. Proof of Claim forms must be postmarked or submitted online on or before April 8, 2021.
EXCLUDE YOURSELF	Get no payment. This is the only option that <i>potentially</i> allows you to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendant or any other Released Persons about the legal claims being resolved by this Settlement. Should you elect to exclude yourself from the Class you should understand that Defendant and the other Released Defendant Parties will have the right to assert any and all defenses they may have to any claims that you may seek to assert, including, without limitation, the defense that any such claims are untimely under applicable statutes of limitations and statutes of repose. Exclusions must be postmarked on or before March 12, 2021.
OBJECT	Write to the Court about why you do not like the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys’ fees and expenses. You will still be a Member of the Class. Objections must be received by the Court and counsel on or before March 12, 2021. If you submit a written objection, you may (but do not have to) attend the hearing.

¹ All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Stipulation of Settlement dated December 11, 2020 (the “Settlement Agreement” or “Stipulation”), which is available on the website www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com.

GO TO THE HEARING ON APRIL 2, 2021	Ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the Settlement. Requests to speak must be received by the Court and counsel on or before March 12, 2021.
DO NOTHING	Receive no payment. You will, however, still be a Member of the Class, which means that you give up your right to ever be part of any other lawsuit against the Defendant or any other Released Defendant Parties about the legal claims being resolved by this Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Litigation.

SUMMARY OF THIS NOTICE

Statement of Class Recovery

Pursuant to the Settlement described herein, a \$62.5 million Settlement Fund has been established. Based on Lead Plaintiff's estimate of the number of SQM ADSs eligible to recover under the Settlement, the average distribution per ADS under the Plan of Allocation is approximately \$1.04 before deduction of any taxes on the income earned on the Settlement Amount thereof, notice and administration costs, and the attorneys' fees and expenses as determined by the Court. **Class Members should note, however, that these are only estimates.** A Class Member's actual recovery will be a proportion of the Net Settlement Fund determined by that Class Member's claims as compared to the total claims of all Class Members who submit acceptable Proofs of Claim. An individual Class Member may receive more or less than this estimated average amount. See Plan of Allocation set forth and discussed at pages 8-12 below for more information on the calculation of your claim.

Statement of Potential Outcome of Case

The Settling Parties disagree on both liability and damages and do not agree on the amount of damages per security, if any, that would be recoverable if the Class prevailed on each claim alleged. SQM denies that it is liable to the Class and denies that the Class has suffered any damages. The issues on which the parties disagree are many, but include: (1) whether Defendant engaged in conduct that would give rise to any liability to the Class under the federal securities laws, or any other laws; (2) whether Defendant has valid defenses to any such claims of liability; (3) the appropriate economic model for determining the amount by which the price of SQM ADSs was allegedly artificially inflated (if at all) during the Class Period; (4) the amount, if any, by which the price of SQM ADSs was allegedly artificially inflated (if at all) during the Class Period; (5) the effect of various market forces on the price of SQM ADSs at various times during the Class Period; (6) the extent to which external factors influenced the price of SQM ADSs at various times during the Class Period; (7) the extent to which the various statements that Lead Plaintiff alleged were materially false or misleading influenced (if at all) the price of SQM ADSs at various times during the Class Period; and (8) the extent to which the various allegedly adverse material facts that Lead Plaintiff alleged were omitted influenced (if at all) the price of SQM ADSs at various times during the Class Period.

Statement of Attorneys' Fees and Expenses Sought

Since the Litigation's inception, Lead Counsel has expended considerable time and effort in the prosecution of this Litigation on a wholly contingent basis and has advanced the expenses of the Litigation in the expectation that if it was successful in obtaining a recovery for the Class, it would be paid from such recovery. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed seventeen and one-half percent (17.5%) of the Settlement Amount, plus expenses not to exceed \$1,400,000, plus interest earned on both amounts at the same rate as earned by the Settlement Fund. If the amounts requested are approved by the Court, the average cost per SQM ADS will be approximately \$0.21. In addition, Lead Plaintiff may seek payment for its time and expenses incurred in representing the Class. Any such award will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

Further Information

For further information regarding the Litigation, this Notice or to review the Stipulation of Settlement, please contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-688-8811, or visit the website www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com.

You may also contact a representative of counsel for the Class: Rick Nelson, Shareholder Relations, Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP, 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900, San Diego, CA 92101, 1-800-449-4900, www.rgrdlaw.com.

Please Do Not Call the Court or Defendant with Questions About the Settlement.

Reasons for the Settlement

Lead Plaintiff's principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the benefit to the Class now, without further risk or the delays inherent in continued litigation. The cash benefit under the Settlement must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery—or, indeed, no recovery at all—might be achieved after contested motions, trial, and likely appeals, a process that could last several years into the future. For the Defendant, the principal reason for entering into the Settlement is to eliminate the uncertainty, risk, costs, and burdens inherent in any litigation, especially in complex cases such as this Litigation. Defendant has concluded that further conduct of this Litigation could be protracted and distracting.

BASIC INFORMATION**1. Why did I get this Notice package?**

This Notice was sent to you pursuant to an Order of a U.S. District Court because you or someone in your family or an investment account for which you serve as custodian may have purchased SQM ADSs during the period between June 30, 2010 through and including March 18, 2015 (the "Class Period").

This Notice explains the class action lawsuit, the Settlement, Class Members' legal rights in connection with the Settlement, what benefits are available, who is eligible for them, and how to get them.

The Court in charge of the Litigation is the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the case is known as *Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc.*, No. 1:15-cv-02106-ER-GWG. The case has been assigned to the Honorable Edgardo Ramos. The entity representing the Class is the "Lead Plaintiff," and the company it sued and which has now settled is called the "Defendant."

2. What is this lawsuit about?

The Litigation is currently pending before the Honorable Edgardo Ramos in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"). The initial complaint in this action was filed on March 19, 2015. On October 14, 2015, the Court appointed Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel.

Lead Plaintiff's Corrected Consolidated Complaint for Violation of the Securities Laws (the "Complaint"), filed on February 9, 2016, alleges that Defendant violated §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. More specifically, Lead Plaintiff alleges that throughout the Class Period (June 30, 2010 through March 18, 2015, inclusive), Defendant made materially false and misleading statements and/or failed to disclose adverse information regarding the Company's business and operations, which caused the price of the Company's American Depository Shares ("ADSs") to trade at artificially inflated prices, until the market learned of the false and misleading statements or omissions, and the Company's ADS price significantly declined. Defendant contends that it did not violate §10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Specifically, Defendant denies, *inter alia*, that the alleged fraudulent statements caused any damages to Class Members, including Lead Plaintiff.

On March 30, 2016, SQM moved to dismiss the Complaint. Lead Plaintiff opposed the motion on May 26, 2016, and SQM filed its reply on June 29, 2016. On March 28, 2017, the Court issued its Opinion and Order, granting in part and denying in part SQM's motion to dismiss. SQM answered the Complaint on April 25, 2017. On January 10, 2018, Lead Plaintiff moved for class certification. SQM took document and deposition discovery of Lead Plaintiff and Lead Plaintiff's investment manager responsible for Lead Plaintiff's investment in SQM. On December 12, 2018, SQM filed its opposition to the class certification motion. SQM simultaneously filed a motion to exclude Lead Plaintiff's expert. Lead Plaintiff filed its opposition to the motion to exclude and its reply to the class certification motion on January 25, 2019. SQM filed its reply to its motion to exclude Lead Plaintiff's expert on February 15, 2019. On September 23, 2019, the Court certified the Class and denied SQM's motion to exclude.

The Settling Parties have conducted extensive fact and expert discovery, including depositions, the production and review of documents, and exchange of expert reports.

On April 16, 2020, the Settling Parties filed motions for summary judgment and motions to exclude experts at trial. On June 19, 2020, the Settling Parties filed their responses to the various motions, and filed their reply briefs on August 3, 2020. The motions remained pending at the time this Settlement was reached.

On April 19, 2018, the Settling Parties participated in a voluntary confidential mediation with the Hon. Layn R. Phillips (Ret.), an experienced mediator. The mediation was preceded by submission of mediation statements by the Settling Parties. The Settling Parties engaged in good faith negotiations, but did not reach a settlement, and litigation continued. On October 9, 2020, Defendant and Lead Plaintiff participated in another mediation session with Judge Phillips. Prior to this session, the Settling Parties provided to Judge Phillips and exchanged supplemental mediation materials. The Settling Parties engaged in arm's-length negotiations during the mediation session, and were unable to reach an agreement, but continued settlement discussions through Judge Phillips. On November 11, 2020, the Settling Parties reached an agreement-in-principle to resolve the Litigation, and executed a term sheet memorializing their agreement. The agreement included, among other things, the Settling Parties' agreement to settle the Litigation in return for a cash payment of \$62,500,000 for the benefit of the Class, subject to the negotiation of the terms of a Stipulation of Settlement and approval by the Court.

Throughout this Litigation, Defendant has denied, and continues to deny, causing any damages and any liability under § 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Among other things, Defendant expressly has denied, and continues to deny, that the price of SQM ADSs was artificially inflated as a result of any materially false or misleading statement or omission, that any Class Member, including Lead Plaintiff, has suffered any damages, or that any Class Member, including Lead Plaintiff, was harmed by any conduct alleged in the Litigation or that could have been alleged therein. Defendant maintains that it has meritorious defenses to the §10(b) claim alleged in the Litigation.

Neither the Settlement nor any of the terms of the Stipulation shall be construed or deemed to be evidence of or constitute an admission, concession, or finding of any liability or damage whatsoever or any infirmity in the defenses that Defendant has, or could have, asserted.

THE COURT HAS NOT RULED AS TO WHETHER DEFENDANT IS LIABLE TO LEAD PLAINTIFF OR TO THE CLASS. THIS NOTICE IS NOT INTENDED TO BE AN EXPRESSION OF ANY OPINION BY THE COURT WITH RESPECT TO THE TRUTH OF THE ALLEGATIONS IN THIS LITIGATION OR THE MERITS OF THE CLAIMS OR DEFENSES ASSERTED. THIS NOTICE IS SOLELY TO ADVISE YOU OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF THIS LITIGATION AND YOUR RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT SETTLEMENT.

3. Why is there a settlement?

The Court has not decided in favor of Defendant or of the Lead Plaintiff. Instead, both sides agreed to the Settlement to avoid the burden, expense, and uncertainty of further litigation, and Lead Plaintiff agreed to the Settlement in order to ensure that Class Members will receive compensation.

WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT

4. How do I know if I am a Member of the Class?

The Court directed that everyone who fits this description is a Class Member: all Persons who purchased or otherwise acquired SQM ADSs traded on the New York Stock Exchange during the period between June 30, 2010, through and including March 18, 2015, except those Persons and entities that are excluded.

Excluded from the Class are: (i) SQM; (ii) any entity in which SQM has a controlling interest; (iii) the officers and directors of SQM; (iv) the legal representatives, heirs, successors or assigns of any such excluded party; and (v) any person who sold the entirety of their position in SQM ADS before January 11, 2015. Also excluded from the Class are those Persons who timely and validly exclude themselves therefrom by submitting a request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in question 11 below.

Please Note: Receipt of this Notice does not mean that you are a Class Member or that you will be entitled to receive a payment from the Settlement. If you are a Class Member and you wish to be eligible to participate in the distribution of proceeds from the Settlement, you are required to submit the Proof of Claim that is being distributed with this Notice and the required supporting documentation as set forth therein postmarked or submitted online on or before April 8, 2021.

5. What if I am still not sure if I am included?

If you are still not sure whether you are included, you can ask for free help. You can contact the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-688-8811, or you can fill out and return the Proof of Claim form enclosed with this Notice package to see if you qualify.

THE SETTLEMENT BENEFITS – WHAT YOU GET

6. What does the Settlement provide?

The Settlement provides that, in exchange for the release of the Released Claims (defined below) and dismissal of the Litigation, Defendant has agreed to pay (or cause to be paid) \$62.5 million in cash to be distributed after taxes, tax expenses, notice and claims administration expenses, and approved attorneys' fees and expenses, *pro rata*, to Class Members who send in a valid Proof of Claim form pursuant to the Court-approved Plan of Allocation. The Plan of Allocation is described in more detail at the end of this Notice.

7. How much will my payment be?

Your share of the Net Settlement Fund will depend on several things, including the total dollar amount of claims represented by the valid Proof of Claim forms that Class Members send in, compared to the dollar amount of your claim, all as calculated under the Plan of Allocation discussed below.

HOW YOU GET A PAYMENT – SUBMITTING A PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

8. How can I get a payment?

To be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement, you must submit a Proof of Claim form. A Proof of Claim form is enclosed with this Notice or it may be downloaded at www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com. Read the instructions carefully, fill out the Proof of Claim, include all the documents the form asks for, sign it, and **mail or submit it online so that it is postmarked or received no later than April 8, 2021**. The Proof of Claim form may be submitted online at www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com.

9. When would I get my payment?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing on April 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement, there might be appeals. It is always uncertain whether appeals can be resolved, and if so, how long it would take to resolve them. It also takes time for all the Proofs of Claim to be processed. Please be patient.

10. What am I giving up to get a payment or to stay in the Class?

Unless you timely and validly exclude yourself, you are staying in the Class, and that means you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant or its Related Parties about the Released Claims (as defined below) in this case. It also means that all of the Court's orders will apply to you and legally bind you. If you remain a Class Member, and if the Settlement is approved, you will give up all "Released Claims" (as defined below), including "Unknown Claims" (as defined below), against the "Released Persons" (as defined below):

- "Released Claims" means any and all rights, liabilities, suits, debts, obligations, demands, damages, losses, judgment matters, issues, claims (including "Unknown Claims," as defined below), and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, in law, equity, or otherwise, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, whether arising under federal, state, local, statutory, common or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, whether class and/or individual in nature based on, arising out of, or in connection with both: (i) the purchase of SQM ADSs during the Class Period; and (ii) the allegations, transactions, acts, facts, matters, occurrences, disclosures, filings, representations, statements, omissions, or events that were or could have been alleged or asserted in the Litigation. "Released Claims" does not include claims to enforce the Settlement, or the claims of any person or entity that submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.
- "Released Defendant's Claims" means any and all claims and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, including both known claims and Unknown Claims, against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff's Counsel or any Class Member that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against Defendant in the Litigation, except for claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement.
- "Released Defendant Party" or "Released Defendant Parties" or "Released Persons" means each and all of the Defendant, Defendant's counsel, and any of their Related Parties.
- "Related Parties" means Defendant's former, present or future parents, subsidiaries, divisions, controlling persons, associates, related entities and affiliates and each and all of their respective present and former employees, members, partners, principals, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, agents, attorneys, advisors (including financial or investment advisors), accountants, auditors, consultants, underwriters, investment bankers, commercial bankers, entities providing fairness opinions, general or limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, members, joint ventures and insurers and reinsurers of each of them; as well as the predecessors, successors, estates, immediate family members, spouses, heirs, executors, trusts, trustees, administrators, agents, legal or personal representatives, assigns, and assignees of each of them, in their capacity as such.
- "Unknown Claims" means (a) any and all Released Claims which any of the Releasing Plaintiff Parties do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released Defendant Parties, or might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including, but not limited to, whether or not to object to this Settlement or seek exclusion from the Class; and (b) any and all Released Defendant's Claims that any of the Released Defendant Parties do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of Lead Plaintiff, the Class and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement and release of Lead Plaintiff, the Class and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel. With respect to (a) any and all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, and (b) any and all Released Defendant's Claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Settling Parties shall expressly waive, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party and Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

The Settling Parties shall expressly waive, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party and Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542. The Releasing Plaintiff Parties and Released Defendant Parties acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts, legal theories or authorities in addition to or different from those which he, she, it or their counsel now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims or Released Defendant's Claims, but (a) the Releasing Plaintiff Parties shall expressly fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish and release, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party shall be deemed to have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, and upon the Effective Date, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, accrued or unaccrued, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, or may hereafter exist, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities, and (b) the Released Defendant Parties shall expressly fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish and release, and upon the Effective Date, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Defendant's Claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and the Releasing Plaintiff Parties and Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and is an essential element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

EXCLUDING YOURSELF FROM THE CLASS

If you do not want to participate in this Settlement, and you want to keep the right to potentially sue Defendant and the other Released Persons, on your own, about the claims being released by the Settlement, then you must take steps to remove yourself from the Settlement. This is called excluding yourself—or is sometimes referred to as “opting out.” If you are requesting exclusion because you want to bring your own lawsuit based on the matters alleged in this Litigation, you may want to consult an attorney and discuss whether any individual claim that you may wish to pursue would be time-barred by the applicable statutes of limitation or repose.

11. How do I get out of the Class and the proposed Settlement?

To exclude yourself from the Class and the Settlement, you must send a letter by First-Class Mail stating that you “request exclusion from the Class in the *SQM Securities Settlement*.” Your letter must include your purchases of SQM ADSs during the Class Period, including the dates, the number of SQM ADSs purchased, and price paid for each such purchase or acquisition. In addition, you must include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature. You must submit your exclusion request so that it is **postmarked no later than March 12, 2021** to:

SQM Securities Settlement
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
EXCLUSIONS
150 Royall Street, Suite 101
Canton, MA 02021

If you ask to be excluded, you will not get any payment from the Settlement, and you cannot object to the Settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit, and you may be able to sue the Defendant and the other Released Persons about the Released Claims in the future.

12. If I do not exclude myself, can I sue the Defendant and the other Released Persons for the same thing later?

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any rights you may potentially have to sue the Defendant and the other Released Persons for any and all Released Claims. If you have a pending lawsuit against the Released Persons, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately. You must exclude yourself from the Class in this Litigation to continue your own lawsuit. Remember, the exclusion deadline is March 12, 2021.

13. If I exclude myself, can I get money from the proposed Settlement?

No. If you exclude yourself, you should not send in a Proof of Claim to ask for any money. But you may have the right to potentially sue or be part of a different lawsuit against the Defendant and the other Released Persons.

THE LAWYERS REPRESENTING YOU

14. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court ordered that the law firm of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP represent the Class Members, including you. These lawyers are called Lead Counsel. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

15. How will the lawyers be paid?

Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees not to exceed seventeen and one-half percent (17.5%) of the Settlement Amount and for expenses, costs and charges in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 in connection with the Litigation, plus interest on such fees and expenses at the same rate as earned by the Settlement Fund. In addition, Lead Plaintiff may seek up to \$20,000 for its time and expenses incurred in representing the Class. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund.

OBJECTING TO THE SETTLEMENT

You can tell the Court that you do not agree with the Settlement or any part of it.

16. How do I tell the Court that I object to the proposed Settlement?

If you are a Class Member, you can comment on or object to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation and/or Lead Counsel's fee and expense application. You can write to the Court setting out your comment or objection. The Court will consider your views. To comment or object, you must send a signed letter saying that you wish to comment on or object to the proposed Settlement in the *SQM Securities Settlement*. Include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature, identify the date(s), price(s), and number of SQM ADSs you purchased and sold during the Class Period, and state with specificity your comments or the reasons why you object to the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation and/or fee and expense application, including any legal support for such objection. Any objection must state whether it applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Class, or to the entire Class. You must also include copies of documents demonstrating such purchase(s) and/or sale(s). Your comments or objection must be filed with the Court and mailed or delivered to each of the following addresses such that it is **received no later than March 12, 2021**:

COURT	LEAD COUNSEL	DEFENDANT'S COUNSEL
CLERK OF THE COURT UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007	ROBBINS GELLER RUDMAN & DOWD LLP ELLEN GUSIKOFF STEWART 655 West Broadway, Suite 1900 San Diego, CA 92101	MILBANK LLP GRANT R. MAINLAND 55 Hudson Yards New York, NY 10001

17. What is the difference between objecting and excluding?

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you do not like something about the Settlement. You can object **only** if you stay in the Class.

Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you do not want to be paid and do not want to release any claims you think you may have against any of the Released Defendant Parties. If you exclude yourself, you cannot object to the Settlement because it does not affect you.

THE COURT'S SETTLEMENT HEARING

The Court will hold a hearing to decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement. You may attend and you may ask to speak, but you do not have to.

18. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the proposed Settlement?

The Court will hold a Settlement Hearing at **10:00 a.m. on April 2, 2021**, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Edgardo Ramos, at the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse, 500 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10007. At the hearing, the Court will consider whether the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation are fair, reasonable, and adequate. If there are objections, the Court will consider them, even if you do not ask to speak at the hearing. The Court will listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. The Court may also decide how much to pay to Lead Counsel and Lead Plaintiff. After the Settlement Hearing, the Court will decide whether

to approve the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation. We do not know how long these decisions will take. You should be aware that the Court may change the date and time of the Settlement Hearing without another notice being sent to Class Members. In addition, the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a fluid situation that creates the possibility that the Court may decide to conduct the Settlement Hearing by video or telephonic conference, or otherwise allow Class Members to appear at the hearing by phone, without further written notice to the Class. **In order to determine whether the date and time of the Settlement Hearing have changed, or whether Class Members must or may participate by phone or video, it is important that you monitor the Court's docket and the Settlement website, www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com, before making any plans to attend the Settlement Hearing. Any updates regarding the Settlement Hearing, including any changes to the date and time of the hearing or updates regarding in-person, telephonic or video conference appearances at the hearing, will be posted to the Settlement website, www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com. Also, if the Court requires or allows Class Members to participate in the Settlement Hearing by telephone or video conference, the phone number for accessing the telephonic conference or the website for accessing the video conference will be posted to the Settlement website, www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com.** If you want to attend the hearing, either in person or telephonically, if permitted, you should check with Lead Counsel or the Settlement website, www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com, beforehand to be sure that the date and/or time has not changed.

19. Do I have to come to the hearing?

No. Lead Counsel will answer questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense. If you send an objection, you do not have to come to Court to talk about it. As long as you mailed your written objection on time, the Court will consider it. You may also pay your own lawyer to attend, but it is not necessary. Class Members do not need to appear at the hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

20. May I speak at the hearing?

If you object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the fee and expense application, you may ask the Court for permission to speak at the Settlement Hearing. To do so, you must include with your objection (see question 16 above) a statement saying that it is your "Notice of Intention to Appear in the *SQM Securities Settlement*." Persons who intend to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or any attorneys' fees and expenses to be awarded to Lead Counsel or Lead Plaintiff and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objections the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing. Your notice of intention to appear must be **received no later than March 12, 2021**, and addressed to the Clerk of the Court, Lead Counsel, and Defendant's counsel, at the addresses listed above in question 16.

You cannot speak at the hearing if you exclude yourself from the Class.

IF YOU DO NOTHING

21. What happens if I do nothing?

If you do nothing, you will not receive any money from this Settlement. In addition, unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to start a lawsuit, continue with a lawsuit, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant and its Related Parties about the Released Claims in this case.

GETTING MORE INFORMATION

22. How do I get more information?

For even more detailed information concerning the matters involved in this Litigation, you can obtain answers to common questions regarding the proposed Settlement by contacting the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-866-688-8811. Reference is also made to the Settlement Agreement, to the pleadings in support of the Settlement, to the Orders entered by the Court and to the other Settlement related papers filed in the Litigation, which are posted on the Settlement website at www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com, and which may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, during regular business hours. For a fee, all papers filed in this Litigation are available at www.pacer.gov.

THE PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION OF NET SETTLEMENT FUND AMONG CLASS MEMBERS

23. How will my claim be calculated?

As discussed above, the Settlement provides \$62,500,000 in cash for the benefit of the Class. The Settlement Amount and any interest it earns constitute the "Settlement Fund." The Settlement Fund, after deduction of Court-approved attorneys' fees and expenses, Notice and Administration Expenses, Taxes, and any other fees or expenses approved by the Court, is the "Net Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court, the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to eligible Authorized Claimants—*i.e.*, members of the Class who timely submit valid Proofs of Claim that are accepted for payment by the Court—in accordance with this proposed Plan of Allocation ("Plan of Allocation" or "Plan") or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve. Class Members who do not timely submit valid Proofs of Claim will

not share in the Net Settlement Fund but will otherwise be bound by the Settlement. The Court may approve this proposed Plan of Allocation, or modify it, without additional notice to the Class. Any order modifying the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the Settlement website, www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com.

The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to distribute the Net Settlement Fund proceeds equitably among Class Members based on their respective alleged economic losses resulting from the securities law violations alleged in the Litigation. The Plan of Allocation is not a formal damage analysis, and the calculations made in accordance with the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, or indicative of, the amounts that Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations in accordance with the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants under the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh, in a fair and equitable manner, the claims of Authorized Claimants against one another for the purpose of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.

The Plan of Allocation is intended to compensate Class Members who purchased SQM ADSs during the period between June 30, 2010 through March 18, 2015, inclusive (“Class Period”).

For purposes of determining the amount an Authorized Claimant may recover under the Plan, Lead Counsel conferred with its damages consultant and the Plan reflects an assessment of the daily per ADS artificial inflation amounts which allegedly were proximately caused by Defendant’s alleged false and misleading statements and material omissions. In calculating the estimated artificial inflation allegedly caused by Defendant’s alleged misrepresentations and omissions, Lead Plaintiff’s damages consultant considered price changes in SQM ADSs in reaction to certain public announcements regarding SQM in which such misrepresentations and material omissions were alleged to have been revealed to the market, adjusting for price changes that were attributable to market forces, the allegations in the Complaint, and the evidence developed in support thereof.

In order to have recoverable damages in connection with purchases of SQM ADSs during the Class Period, disclosure(s) of the allegedly misrepresented or omitted information must be the cause of the decline in the price of SQM ADSs. In this case, Lead Plaintiff alleges that Defendant made false statements and omitted material facts during the Class Period, which had the effect of artificially inflating the price of SQM ADSs. Lead Plaintiff also alleges that, as a result of the alleged corrective disclosures, artificial inflation was removed from the price of SQM ADSs between: March 11 through March 18, 2015.

In order to have a “Recognized Loss Amount” under the Plan of Allocation, SQM ADSs must have been purchased or otherwise acquired during the Class Period and held through the issuance of at least one corrective disclosure.

To the extent there are sufficient funds in the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant will receive an amount equal to the Authorized Claimant’s “Recognized Loss,” as described below. If, however, as expected, the amount in the Net Settlement Fund is not sufficient to permit payment of the total Recognized Loss of each Authorized Claimant, then each Authorized Claimant shall be paid the percentage of the Net Settlement Fund that each Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Loss bears to the total of the Recognized Loss of all Authorized Claimants—*i.e.*, the Authorized Claimant’s *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund.

For each Class Period purchase of SQM ADSs that is properly documented, a “Recognized Loss” will be calculated according to the formulas described below. If a Recognized Loss Amount calculates to a negative number or zero under the formulas below, that Recognized Loss Amount will be zero.

Estimated damages and the Plan of Allocation were developed based on an event study analysis, which determines how much artificial inflation was in the ADS price on each day during the Class Period by measuring how much the ADS price allegedly was inflated as a result of alleged misrepresentations and omissions and allegedly declined as a result of disclosures that corrected the alleged misrepresentations and omissions. Because the alleged corrective disclosures reduced the artificial inflation in stages over the course of the Class Period, the alleged damages suffered by any particular Authorized Claimant depends on when that Authorized Claimant purchased and sold ADSs, or retained ADSs beyond the end of the Class Period.

Table 1 provides the per ADS amount of alleged artificial inflation in SQM ADSs during the Class Period for specified periods. Each Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Losses, if any, will be computed as follows:

1. For each of the SQM ADSs purchased or otherwise acquired from June 30, 2010 through 11:20 a.m. eastern time on March 18, 2015,² and:
 - (a) Sold prior to the close of trading on March 10, 2015, the Recognized Loss Amount will be \$0.00;
 - (b) Sold from March 11, 2015 through 11:20 a.m. eastern time on March 18, 2015, the Recognized Loss Amount will be **the lesser of**: (i) the decline in inflation during the holding period (as presented in Table 1 below), (ii) the purchase price minus the sale price;

² “Potash Corp says quit SQM board over handling of allegations,” by Rod Nickel, *Reuters News*, 18 March 2018, 11:20 a.m.

(c) Sold after 11:20 a.m. eastern time on March 18, 2015 through the close of trading on June 15, 2015, the Recognized Loss Amount will be **the least of**: (i) the decline in inflation during the holding period (as presented in Table 1 below), (ii) the purchase price minus the sale price, and (iii) the purchase price minus the average closing price between March 18, 2015 and the date of sale as stated in Table 2 at the end of this Notice; and

(d) Held as of the close of trading on June 15, 2015, the Recognized Loss Amount will be **the lesser of**: (i) the decline in inflation during the holding period (as presented in Table 2 below), and (ii) the purchase price minus \$20.00, the average closing price for SQM ADSs between March 18, 2015 and June 15, 2015 (the last entry on Table 2).³

2. For each of the publicly traded SQM ADSs purchased or otherwise acquired after 11:20 a.m. eastern time on March 18, 2015 through the close of trading on March 18, 2015, the Recognized Loss Amount will be \$0.00.

3. If an Authorized Claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in the publicly traded SQM ADSs during the Class Period, the value of the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim will be zero. If an Authorized Claimant suffered an overall market loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in SQM ADSs during the Class Period but that market loss was less than the Authorized Claimant's total Recognized Claim calculated above, then the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim will be limited to the amount of the actual market loss. For purposes of determining whether an Authorized Claimant had a market gain with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in SQM ADSs during the Class Period or suffered a market loss, the Claims Administrator will determine the difference between (i) the Total Purchase Amount⁴ and (ii) the sum of the Total Sales Proceeds⁵ and Holding Value.⁶ This difference will be deemed an Authorized Claimant's market gain or loss with respect to his, her, or its overall transactions in SQM ADSs during the Class Period.

TABLE 1
Decline in Inflation by Date of Purchase and Date of Sale

Date of Purchase	Date of Sale						
	30 June 2010 through 10 March 2015	11 March 2015	12 March 2015	13 March 2015 through 15 March 2015	16 March 2015	17 March 2015 through 11:20 a.m. on 18 March 2015	After 11:20 a.m. on 18 March 2015 or Retained Beyond 18 March 2015
30 June 2010 through 10 March 2015	\$0.00	\$0.35	\$0.86	\$1.06	\$1.21	\$1.63	\$5.32
11 March 2015		\$0.00	\$0.51	\$0.71	\$0.86	\$1.28	\$4.97
12 March 2015			\$0.00	\$0.20	\$0.35	\$0.77	\$4.46
13 March 2015				\$0.00	\$0.15	\$0.57	\$4.26
16 March 2015					\$0.00	\$0.42	\$4.11
17 March 2015 through 11:20 a.m. on 18 March 2015						\$0.00	\$3.69
After 11:20 a.m. on 18 March 2015							\$0.00

³ Under Section 21(D)(e)(1) of the Exchange Act, "in any private action arising under this Act in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market." Consistent with the requirements of the statute, Recognized Loss Amounts are reduced to an appropriate extent by taking into account the closing prices of SQM ADSs during the 90-day look-back period. The mean (average) closing price for SQM ADSs during this 90-day look-back period was \$20.00.

⁴ The "Total Purchase Amount" is the total amount the Authorized Claimant paid (excluding commissions and other charges) for SQM ADSs purchased or acquired during the Class Period.

⁵ The Claims Administrator will match any sales of SQM ADSs during the Class Period first against the Authorized Claimant's opening position (the proceeds of those sales will not be considered for purposes of calculating market gains or losses). The total amount received (excluding commissions and other charges) for the remaining sales of SQM ADSs sold during the Class Period will be the "Total Sales Proceeds."

⁶ The Claims Administrator will ascribe a value of \$20.00 per share for SQM ADSs purchased or acquired during the Class Period and still held as of the close of trading on June 15, 2015 (the "Holding Value").

TABLE 2
SQM ADS Closing Price and Average Closing Price

Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price Between 18 March 2015 and Date Shown	Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price Between 18 March 2015 and Date Shown
3/18/2015	\$18.65	\$18.65	5/1/2015	\$22.50	\$19.77
3/19/2015	\$17.87	\$18.26	5/4/2015	\$21.71	\$19.83
3/20/2015	\$18.86	\$18.46	5/5/2015	\$21.65	\$19.88
3/23/2015	\$19.30	\$18.67	5/6/2015	\$21.60	\$19.93
3/24/2015	\$19.78	\$18.89	5/7/2015	\$21.38	\$19.97
3/25/2015	\$19.23	\$18.95	5/8/2015	\$21.45	\$20.01
3/26/2015	\$18.67	\$18.91	5/11/2015	\$21.39	\$20.05
3/27/2015	\$17.95	\$18.79	5/12/2015	\$21.27	\$20.08
3/30/2015	\$18.24	\$18.73	5/13/2015	\$21.40	\$20.11
3/31/2015	\$18.25	\$18.68	5/14/2015	\$21.34	\$20.14
4/1/2015	\$18.43	\$18.66	5/15/2015	\$21.49	\$20.17
4/2/2015	\$18.82	\$18.67	5/18/2015	\$21.18	\$20.20
4/6/2015	\$18.89	\$18.69	5/19/2015	\$21.30	\$20.22
4/7/2015	\$19.00	\$18.71	5/20/2015	\$20.47	\$20.23
4/8/2015	\$19.20	\$18.74	5/21/2015	\$20.52	\$20.23
4/9/2015	\$19.15	\$18.77	5/22/2015	\$20.51	\$20.24
4/10/2015	\$19.01	\$18.78	5/26/2015	\$20.11	\$20.24
4/13/2015	\$19.86	\$18.84	5/27/2015	\$19.95	\$20.23
4/14/2015	\$19.20	\$18.86	5/28/2015	\$19.50	\$20.22
4/15/2015	\$20.20	\$18.93	5/29/2015	\$19.53	\$20.20
4/16/2015	\$21.14	\$19.03	6/1/2015	\$18.98	\$20.18
4/17/2015	\$20.56	\$19.10	6/2/2015	\$19.07	\$20.16
4/20/2015	\$19.67	\$19.13	6/3/2015	\$19.26	\$20.14
4/21/2015	\$19.75	\$19.15	6/4/2015	\$19.02	\$20.12
4/22/2015	\$19.90	\$19.18	6/5/2015	\$19.07	\$20.10
4/23/2015	\$21.74	\$19.28	6/8/2015	\$19.00	\$20.08
4/24/2015	\$21.94	\$19.38	6/9/2015	\$18.98	\$20.06
4/27/2015	\$21.59	\$19.46	6/10/2015	\$19.15	\$20.05
4/28/2015	\$21.63	\$19.53	6/11/2015	\$19.05	\$20.03
4/29/2015	\$21.81	\$19.61	6/12/2015	\$19.01	\$20.02
4/30/2015	\$21.84	\$19.68	6/15/2015	\$18.91	\$20.00

If a Class Member held SQM ADSs at the beginning of the Class Period or made multiple purchases or sales of SQM ADSs during or after the Class Period, the starting point for calculating an Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss is to match the Authorized Claimant's holdings and purchases to their sales using the FIFO (*i.e.*, first-in-first-out) method. Under the FIFO method, SQM ADSs sold during the Class Period will be matched, in chronological order, first against the respective ADSs held at the beginning of the Class Period. The remaining sales of SQM ADSs during the Class Period will then be matched, in chronological order, against the SQM ADSs or acquired during the Class Period.⁷

A Class Member will be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund only if a Class Member had a net overall loss, after all profits from transactions in all SQM ADSs during the Class Period are subtracted from all losses. However, the proceeds from sales of ADSs that have been matched against the SQM ADSs held at the beginning of the Class Period will not be used in the calculation of such net loss.

Purchases and sales of SQM ADSs shall be deemed to have occurred on the "contract" or "trade" date as opposed to the "settlement" or "payment" date. All purchase, acquisition, and sale prices shall exclude any fees and commissions. The receipt or grant by gift, inheritance or operation of law of SQM ADSs during the Class Period shall not be deemed a purchase or sale of SQM ADSs for the calculation of Recognized Loss, unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased such SQM ADSs during the Class Period; (ii) no Proof of Claim was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to such SQM ADSs; and (iii) it is specifically so provided in the instrument of gift or assignment.

⁷ Under Section 21(D)(e)(1) of the Exchange Act, "in any private action arising under this Act in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market." Consistent with the requirements of the statute, a Recognized Loss for SQM ADSs is reduced to an appropriate extent by taking into account the closing prices of SQM ADSs during the 90-day look-back period. The mean (average) closing price for SQM ADSs during this 90-day look-back period was \$20.00 per ADS as shown in Table 1.

An Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss shall be the amount used to calculate the Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the sum total of Recognized Losses of all Authorized Claimants who are entitled to receive payment out of the Net Settlement Fund is greater than the Net Settlement Fund, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her, or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. The *pro rata* share shall be the Authorized Claimant's Recognized Loss divided by the total of the Recognized Losses of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund. Given the costs of distribution, the Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose distribution calculates to \$10.00 or greater.

Distributions will be made to Authorized Claimants after all claims have been processed, after the Court has finally approved the Settlement, and after any appeals are resolved. If there is any balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund after at least six (6) months from the initial date of distribution of the Net Settlement Fund (whether by reason of tax refunds, uncashed checks, or otherwise), the Claims Administrator shall, if feasible, reallocate such balance among Authorized Claimants in an equitable and economic fashion. These redistributions shall be repeated until the balance remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is no longer economically feasible to distribute to Class Members. Thereafter, any balance that still remains in the Net Settlement Fund shall be donated to any appropriate non-sectarian, non-profit charitable organization(s) unaffiliated with any party or their counsel serving the public interest.

Please contact the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel if you disagree with any determinations made by the Claims Administrator regarding your Proof of Claim. If you are dissatisfied with the determinations, you may ask the Court, which retains jurisdiction over all Class Members and the claims administration process, to decide the issue by submitting a written request.

The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust the claim of any Class Member on equitable grounds.

Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation set forth above shall be conclusive against all Authorized Claimants. Defendant, its respective counsel, and all other Released Persons will have no responsibility or liability whatsoever for the investment of the Settlement Fund, the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, or the payment of any claim. No Person shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or other Person designated by Lead Counsel, or any of the Released Defendant Parties based on distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation and the Settlement contained therein, the Plan of Allocation, or further orders of the Court.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SECURITIES BROKERS AND OTHER NOMINEES

If you purchased or acquired SQM ADSs during the Class Period for the beneficial interest of an individual or organization other than yourself, the Court has directed that, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, you either (a) provide to the Claims Administrator the name and last known address of each person or organization for whom or which you purchased such securities during such time period, or (b) request additional copies of this Notice and the Proof of Claim form, which will be provided to you free of charge, and within ten (10) days mail the Notice and Proof of Claim form directly to the beneficial owners of the securities referred to herein. If you choose to follow alternative procedure (b), upon such mailing, you must send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and retain the names and addresses for any future mailings to Class Members. You are entitled to reimbursement from the Settlement Fund of your reasonable expenses actually incurred in connection with the foregoing, including reimbursement of postage expense and the cost of ascertaining the names and addresses of beneficial owners. Your reasonable expenses will be paid upon request and submission of appropriate supporting documentation. All communications concerning the foregoing should be addressed to the Claims Administrator at notifications@gilardi.com or:

SQM Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 43327
Providence, RI 02940-3327

DATED: December 18, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MEGAN VILLELLA, Individually and on	:	Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-02106-ER-GWG
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,	:	(Consolidated)
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Plaintiff,	:	<u>CLASS ACTION</u>
	:	
vs.	:	
	:	
CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY	:	
OF CHILE INC., et al.,	:	
	:	
Defendants.	:	
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PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. To recover as a Member of the Class based on your claims in the action entitled *Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc.*, No. 1:15-cv-02106-ER-GWG (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Litigation"), you must complete and, on page 6 hereof, sign this Proof of Claim and Release form ("Proof of Claim"). If you fail to submit a timely and properly addressed (as set forth in paragraph 3 below) Proof of Claim, your claim may be rejected and you may not receive any recovery from the Net Settlement Fund created in connection with the proposed Settlement.

2. Submission of this Proof of Claim, however, does not assure that you will share in the proceeds of the Settlement of the Litigation.

3. YOU MUST MAIL OR SUBMIT ONLINE YOUR COMPLETED AND SIGNED PROOF OF CLAIM, ACCOMPANIED BY COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUESTED HEREIN, NO LATER THAN APRIL 8, 2021, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

SQM Securities Settlement
Claims Administrator
c/o Gilardi & Co. LLC
P.O. Box 43327
Providence, RI 02940-3327

Online Submissions: www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com

4. If you are NOT a Member of the Class, as defined in the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action ("Notice"), or if you requested exclusion from the Class, DO NOT submit a Proof of Claim or direct a third party to file one on your behalf.

5. If you did not timely request exclusion and are a Class Member, you will be bound by the terms of any judgment entered in the Litigation, including the releases provided therein, WHETHER OR NOT YOU SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM.

II. CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

If you purchased Chemical and Mining Company Inc., a/k/a Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. ("SQM") American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") and held the certificate(s) in your name, you are the beneficial purchaser as well as the record purchaser. If, however, you purchased SQM ADSs and the certificate(s) were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you are the beneficial purchaser and the third party is the record purchaser.

Use Part I of this form entitled "Claimant Identification" to identify each purchaser of record ("nominee"), if different from the beneficial purchaser of the SQM ADSs, that forms the basis of this claim. THIS CLAIM MUST BE FILED BY THE ACTUAL BENEFICIAL PURCHASER(S) OR THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SUCH PURCHASER(S) OF THE SQM ADSs UPON WHICH THIS CLAIM IS BASED.

All joint purchasers must sign this claim. Executors, administrators, guardians, conservators, and trustees or others acting in a representative capacity on behalf of a Class Member must complete and sign this claim on behalf of persons represented by them, and submit evidence of their current authority to act on behalf of that Class Member, including that your titles or capacities must be stated. The Social Security (or taxpayer identification) number and telephone number of the beneficial owner may be used in verifying the claim. Failure to provide the foregoing information could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of the claim.

III. CLAIM FORM

Use Part II of this form entitled "Schedule of Transactions in SQM American Depositary Shares" to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in SQM ADSs. If you need more space or additional schedules, attach separate sheets giving all of the required information in substantially the same form. Sign and print or type your name on each additional sheet.

On the schedules, provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of your purchases and **all** of your sales of SQM ADSs which took place during the period between June 30, 2010 through and including June 15, 2015, whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. You must also provide all of the requested information with respect to **all** of the SQM ADSs you held at the close of trading on June 29, 2010, March 18, 2015, and June 15, 2015. Failure to report all such transactions may result in the rejection of your claim.

List each transaction separately and in chronological order, by trade date, beginning with the earliest. You must accurately provide the month, day, and year of each transaction you list.

The date of covering a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of purchase of SQM ADSs. The date of a "short sale" is deemed to be the date of sale of SQM ADSs.

For each transaction, copies of broker confirmations or other documentation of your transactions in SQM ADSs should be attached to your claim. Failure to provide this documentation could delay verification of your claim or result in rejection of your claim.

NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES: Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. This is different from the online submission process that is available at www.SQMSecuritiesSettlement.com. All claimants **must** submit a manually signed paper Proof of Claim form whether or not they also submit electronic copies. If you have a large number of transactions and wish to file your claim electronically, you must contact the Claims Administrator at edata@gilardi.com to obtain the required file layout.

Must Be Postmarked (if Mailed)
or Received (if Submitted Online)
No Later Than April 8, 2021

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

Villella v. Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc.

No. 1:15-cv-02106-ER-GWG

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE

Please Type or Print in the Boxes Below
Do NOT use Red Ink, Pencil, or Staples

PART I: CLAIMANT IDENTIFICATION

Last Name	M.I.	First Name

Last Name (Co-Beneficial Owner)	M.I.	First Name (Co-Beneficial Owner)

IRA
 Joint Tenancy
 Employee
 Individual
 Other

Company Name (Beneficial Owner - If Claimant is not an Individual) or Custodian Name if an IRA (specify)

Trustee/Asset Manager/Nominee/Record Owner's Name (If Different from Beneficial Owner Listed Above)

Account#/Fund# (Not Necessary for Individual Filers)

Last Four Digits of Social Security Number	or	Taxpayer Identification Number

Telephone Number (Primary Daytime)	Telephone Number (Alternate)

Email Address

MAILING INFORMATION

Address

Address

City	State	ZIP Code

Foreign Province	Foreign Postal Code	Foreign Country Name/Abbreviation

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IV. SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION OF COURT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

On behalf of myself (ourselves) and each of my (our) heirs, agents, executors, trustees, administrators, predecessors, successors and assigns, I (we) submit this Proof of Claim under the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement described in the Notice. I (We) also submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York with respect to my (our) claim as a Class Member and for purposes of enforcing the release set forth herein. I (We) further acknowledge that I am (we are) bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment that may be entered in the Litigation. I (We) agree to furnish additional information to the Claims Administrator to support this claim (including transactions in other SQM securities) if requested to do so. I (We) have not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases or sales of SQM ADSs during the Class Period and know of no other person having done so on my (our) behalf.

V. RELEASE

1. Upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, I (we) acknowledge full and complete satisfaction of, and fully, finally, and forever settle, release, and discharge from the Released Claims each and all of the "Released Defendant Parties," defined as each and all of the Defendant, Defendant's counsel, and any of their Related Parties. "Related Parties" means Defendant's former, present or future parents, subsidiaries, divisions, controlling persons, associates, related entities and affiliates and each and all of their respective present and former employees, members, partners, principals, officers, directors, controlling shareholders, agents, attorneys, advisors (including financial or investment advisors), accountants, auditors, consultants, underwriters, investment bankers, commercial bankers, entities providing fairness opinions, general or limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, members, joint ventures and insurers and reinsurers of each of them; as well as the predecessors, successors, estates, immediate family members, spouses, heirs, executors, trusts, trustees, administrators, agents, legal or personal representatives, assigns, and assignees of each of them, in their capacity as such.

2. "Released Claims" means any and all rights, liabilities, suits, debts, obligations, demands, damages, losses, judgment matters, issues, claims (including "Unknown Claims," as defined in ¶V.3. below) and causes of action of every nature and description whatsoever, in law, equity, or otherwise, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, accrued or unaccrued, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, whether arising under federal, state, local, statutory, common or foreign law, or any other law, rule, or regulation, whether class and/or individual in nature, based on, arising out of, or in connection with both: (i) the purchase of SQMs ADSs during the Class Period; and (ii) the allegations, transactions, acts, facts, matters, occurrences, disclosures, filings, representations, statements, omissions, or events that were or could have been alleged or asserted in the Litigation. "Released Claims" does not include claims to enforce the Settlement, or the claims of any person or entity that submits a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

3. "Unknown Claims" means (a) any and all Released Claims which any of the Releasing Plaintiff Parties do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of the Released Defendant Parties, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement with and release of the Released Defendant Parties, or might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to the Settlement, including, but not limited to, whether or not to object to this Settlement or seek exclusion from the Class; and (b) any and all Released Defendant's Claims that any of the Released Defendant Parties do not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of Lead Plaintiff, the Class and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its settlement and release of Lead Plaintiff, the Class and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel. With respect to (a) any and all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, and (b) any and all Released Defendant's Claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, the Settling Parties stipulate and agree that, upon the Effective Date, the Settling Parties shall expressly waive, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party and Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly waived, the provisions, rights, and benefits of California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

The Settling Parties shall expressly waive, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party and Released Defendant Party shall be deemed to have, and by operation of the Judgment shall have, expressly waived any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542. The Releasing Plaintiff Parties and Released Defendant Parties acknowledge that they may hereafter discover facts, legal theories or authorities in addition to or different from those which he, she, it or their counsel now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Claims or Released Defendant's Claims, but (a) the Releasing Plaintiff Parties shall expressly fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish and release, and each Releasing Plaintiff Party shall be deemed to have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, and upon the Effective Date, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Claims against the Released Defendant Parties, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, accrued or unaccrued, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now



exist, or heretofore have existed, or may hereafter exist, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities, and (b) the Released Defendant Parties shall expressly fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish and release, and upon the Effective Date, and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Defendant's Claims against Lead Plaintiff, the Class and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or non-contingent, whether or not concealed or hidden, which now exist, or heretofore have existed, upon any theory of law or equity now existing or coming into existence in the future, including, but not limited to, conduct which is negligent, intentional, with or without malice, or a breach of any duty, law or rule, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. The Settling Parties acknowledge, and the Releasing Plaintiff Parties and Released Defendant Parties shall be deemed by operation of the Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and is an essential element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

4. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have not assigned or transferred or purported to assign or transfer, voluntarily or involuntarily, any matter released pursuant to this release or any other part or portion thereof.

5. I (We) hereby warrant and represent that I (we) have included the information requested about all of my (our) transactions in SQM ADSs which are the subject of this claim, which occurred during the Class Period, as well as the opening and closing positions in such ADSs held by me (us) on the dates requested in this claim form.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that all of the foregoing information supplied on this Proof of Claim by the undersigned is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of _____ in _____
 (Month/Year) (City/State/Country)

 (Sign your name here)

 (Sign your name here)

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 Beneficial Purchaser or Acquirer, Executor or Administrator)

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**ACCURATE CLAIMS PROCESSING TAKES A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME.
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.**

Reminder Checklist:

1. Please sign the above release and acknowledgment.
2. If this claim is being made on behalf of Joint Claimants, then both must sign.
3. Remember to attach copies of supporting documentation, if available.
4. **Do not send** originals of certificates.
5. Keep a copy of your claim form and all supporting documentation for your records.
6. If you desire an acknowledgment of receipt of your claim form, please send it Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.
7. If you move, please send your new address to the address below.
8. **Do not use highlighter** on the Proof of Claim or supporting documentation.

**THIS PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE OR MAILED NO LATER THAN APRIL 8, 2021,
 ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

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 Claims Administrator
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 P.O. Box 43327
 Providence, RI 02940-3327
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EXHIBIT B



1 McInnis Parkway
Suite 250
San Rafael, CA 94903
P: (415) 458-3015

January 8, 2021

«FirstName» «LastName»
«Company»
«Addr1»
«Addr2»
South Bend, IN 46601
«FCountry»

Re: **SQM Securities Settlement**

Dear «GENDER» «LastName»:

Please find enclosed the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Class Action and Proof of Claim and Release for the above referenced litigation. Please note both the Class Period and the designated eligible securities described on page one of the Notice, specifically the inclusion of all persons who purchased Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Inc., a/k/a Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile S.A. ("SQM" or the "Company") American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") during the period between June 30, 2010 through and including March 18, 2015 (the "Class Period"). In addition, **the Notice provides that the Exclusion Deadline is March 12, 2021 and the Claim Filing Deadline is April 8, 2021.**

Please pay particular attention to the "Special Notice to Securities Brokers and Other Nominees" on page twelve of the Notice which states, in part: "If you purchased or acquired SQM ADSs during the Class Period for the beneficial interest of an individual or organization other than yourself, the Court has directed that, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, you either (a) provide to the Claims Administrator the name and last known address of each person or organization for whom or which you purchased such securities during such time period, or (b) request additional copies of this Notice and the Proof of Claim form, which will be provided to you free of charge, and within ten (10) days mail the Notice and Proof of Claim form directly to the beneficial owners of the securities referred to herein. If you choose to follow alternative procedure (b), upon such mailing, you must send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and retain the names and addresses for any future mailings to Class Members."

Please do not make your own copies of the Proof of Claim Form, as copies may not be accepted for processing. Additional copies of the appropriate documents may be requested by contacting us at the above email address. If we conduct the necessary mailing on your behalf, please submit names and addresses either via email to Notifications@Gilardi.com, via CD Rom to the above address or contact us to obtain secure FTP transmission instructions. Mailing labels will be accepted, but you may be requested to provide an additional copy of the address information you send. Do not include any confidential information that should not appear on a mailing label.

The data provided must be in one of the following formats:

- ASCII Fixed Length file
- ASCII Tab Delimited file
- Microsoft Excel spreadsheet

Your request must also specify the case name and Control Total(s) (for example, the total number of name and address records provided) for each file submission.

If you have any questions, please email Notifications@Gilardi.com.

Sincerely,

Gilardi and Company, LLC

EXHIBIT C

Declaration of Publication

I, Carla Peak, as Vice President, Legal Notification Services at Gilardi & Co. LLC, a KCC Class Action Services Company in San Rafael, California, hereby certify that I caused the attached notice to be printed in said publication on January 15, 2021:

Name of Publication: The Wall Street Journal

Address: 1211 Avenue of the Americas

City, State, Zip: New York, NY 10036

Phone #: 1-800-568-7625

State of: New York

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 15th day of January 2021, at Sellersville, Pennsylvania.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla Peak". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Carla Peak

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BUSINESS & FINANCE



Members of Reddit's popular WallStreetBets forum have been touting GameStop. A GameStop store in Pennsylvania

GameStop Shares Double in Value, Rewarding Individual Investors

By CAITLIN McCABE

Individual investors who recently piled into **GameStop Corp.** are taking a victory lap this week after shares of the struggling company doubled in the last two days, putting the stock on pace for its best weekly performance on record. For weeks, members of Reddit's popular WallStreetBets forum have been touting GameStop, encouraging others to scoop up shares of the videogame retailer and begin making bullish wagers. Several posts on the forum had noted that short sellers' bearish GameStop bets had been at elevated levels.

Short interest, which indicates the interest of investors betting a stock will fall in value, has hovered around 138% of the stock's free float this year, FactSet data show. This makes it the second-most-shorted company by that metric across the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq, according to Dow Jones Market Data. That had some Reddit users predicting that the stock might rapidly rise if short sellers had to cover their bets by buying back shares should the stock suddenly increase in value.

This week, that forecast finally appeared to take shape after news of changes to GameStop's board sent shares climbing. On Monday, the company said it had struck a deal to add Chewy Inc. co-founder Ryan Cohen and two former executives to the GameStop board.

The announcement pushed shares up 13% on the day. On Wednesday, gains accelerated, and GameStop catapulted 57% higher, its biggest share-price jump. GameStop gained an additional 27% on Thursday.

On Reddit on Thursday, WallStreetBets users were celebrating GameStop's gains. Many posted screenshots of big wins from bullish options bets. Several talked about how they would spend their profits. One user posted that the experience demonstrates that the WallStreetBets forum "runs the market."

Once just a small presence in the financial markets ecosystem, retail traders are increasingly influential.

Retail-trading activity has exploded within the last year as individual investors, many of whom are stuck at home during the pandemic, have begun to try their hands at trading.

More than 10 million new brokerage accounts were opened in 2020, JPM Securities estimates. And on peak trading days last year, individual traders are estimated to have accounted for nearly 25% of U.S. trading activity, Citadel Securities estimates. Through social media and the ability to make free stock trades, individual investors have been able to turn companies into market sensations—GameStop being among the latest.

GameStop's rapid share-price moves, analysts said, were largely spurred by news of Mr. Cohen's addition to the board as well as the company's announcement Monday that online sales sharply increased during the holidays. Mr. Cohen's investment firm has been building up a stake in GameStop and has urged the company to improve its online business. Mr. Cohen is known for the e-commerce savvy he

displayed at Chewy, the pet-products online retailer.

That set the stage for the short squeeze as bearish investors moved to buy back stock, analysts and individual investors said.

"The shorts are freaking out," said Michael Pachter, a research analyst at Wedbush Securities. Meanwhile, "Robin-hood message boards are bragging."

One individual investor who was celebrating GameStop's

win Thursday was Jackson Call, a 24-year-old trader. He had been seeing WallStreetBets users encouraging others to buy shares of the company in recent weeks.

"I was thinking, 'GameStop? What in the world?'" said Mr. Call, a student in North Carolina. "I kept saying, 'No way am I going to buy into this thing.'"

But this week he saw CNBC's Jim Cramer mentioning GameStop on Twitter. He decided to purchase roughly

80 shares of the company for slightly more than \$20 apiece at the opening bell Wednesday, he said. That was right before the stock catapulted.

"I think it'll just keep marching higher because there's such a high short interest," Mr. Call said. He picked up more shares of GameStop on Thursday when the stock was trading slightly below \$34. Shares of GameStop closed the day at \$39.91.

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Christopher & Banks Files For Chapter 11 Protection

By AISHA AL-MUSLIM

Women's apparel retailer **Christopher & Banks Corp.** has filed for bankruptcy while taking steps to close all of the company's roughly 450 stores, the latest U.S. retailer planning to shut down for good over debt issues and pandemic disruptions.

The Plymouth, Minn., specialty retailer filed for chapter 11 protection Thursday in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Camden, N.J., intending to hold going-out-of-business sales at store locations and finding a buyer for the company's e-commerce business.

The company is the latest victim "of the retail apocalypse that was first created by a customer migration away from brick-and-mortar stores and most recently, the

Covid-19 pandemic," according to a declaration filed by President and Chief Executive Keri Jones.

The company depended on in-store traffic, which has declined in recent years due to competition from big-box retailers, rising online sales and changing consumer preferences, Ms. Jones said in court papers.

As a result, Christopher & Banks has already determined that a sale of its traditional bricks-and-mortar business isn't achievable.

The company said it reached out to about 180 potential investors and buyers but found no takers for all or some of its stores, Ms. Jones said.

However, the e-commerce business is an attractive asset for buyers, she said.

Delta Sees Air Travel Jump in '21

Continued from page B1 states as they administer doses and decide whom to inoculate first.

In the first quarter, Delta still expects revenue to be down as much as 65% from pre-pandemic levels. Delta President Glen Hauenstein said in a written statement that the airline believes 2021 will come in three phases: a first few months characterized by choppy demand recovery, followed by an inflection point. Then offices and businesses will hopefully reopen and consumers will grow more confident, Mr. Hauenstein said.

Still, most analysts expect business travel—a particular strength for Delta before the pandemic—will be slow to return. Mr. Bastian said that while most of the airline's big corporate customers have resumed a bit of travel, demand remains at 10% to 15% of normal levels and likely won't bounce back until vaccines are more widely available. Delta's hubs in Boston and New York, historically important to business travel, are still among its weakest areas because leisure accounts for the bulk of travel that has returned.

"There's still a long ways to go there," he said.

Mr. Bastian said he supports requirements announced this week that all U.S.-bound

international air passengers be tested for Covid-19 before boarding flights and said he would welcome a federal requirement that travelers wear masks—something President-elect Joe Biden has said he favors.

While the U.S. government hasn't mandated wearing masks on planes, U.S. airlines generally require it. Delta has banned hundreds of passengers who refused to comply. The Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday that it plans to crack down on unruly passengers following what it described as a "disturbing increase in incidents where airline passengers have disrupted flights with threatening or violent behavior," many stemming from passengers' refusal to wear masks.

Delta ended the year burning through \$12 million in cash a day and expects to burn \$10 million to \$15 million in cash each day during the first quarter. Mr. Bastian said he believes the airline will once again break even on a cash basis in the second quarter.

Airlines received a second round of government aid aimed at covering workers' salaries as part of the pandemic-aid package approved late last year. Delta said it expects to receive \$3 billion in additional payroll support during the first quarter, which it said will help it end the period with as much as \$19 billion in liquidity.

Adjusted for one-time charges, Delta incurred a \$1.6 billion loss in its latest quarter. The loss of \$2.53 a share compared with the loss of \$2.50 a share that analysts expected.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MEGAN VILLELLA, Individually and on
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY
OF CHILE INC., et al.,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:15-cv-02106-ER-GWG
(Consolidated)
CLASS ACTION
SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO PURCHASED CHEMICAL AND MINING COMPANY OF CHILE INC., A/K/A SOCIEDAD QUIMICA Y MINERA DE CHILE S.A. ("SQM") AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES ("ADSs") DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN JUNE 30, 2010 AND MARCH 18, 2015, INCLUSIVE ("CLASS" OR "CLASS MEMBERS")

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Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd LLP Announces Proposed Settlement in the Chemical and Mining Company of Chile Securities Settlement

January 15, 2021 08:00 AM Eastern Standard Time

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