

BANK OF CHILE  
Form 6-K  
March 18, 2005

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER**  
**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the**  
**Securities Act of 1934**

For the month of March, 2005

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**of Chile, Bank**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

**Chile**

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**Ahumada 251**

**Santiago, Chile**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

(If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g-3-2(b): 82-\_\_\_\_.)

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BANCO DE CHILE  
REPORT ON FORM 6-K

Attached are English translations of press releases published by Banco de Chile in local newspapers on March 18, 2005, informing of the resolutions adopted at the Ordinary Shareholders meeting and at the subsequent Board of Directors meeting, both held on March 17, 2005, with regard to the renewal of the Board of Directors and the payment of dividends.

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**BANCO DE CHILE**  
**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION**

Banco de Chile informs to its clients and general public, the following essential information regarding this institution:

- 1.- It was agreed at the Ordinary Shareholders Meeting of the Bank, held on March 17, 2005, to completely renew the Board of Directors, due to the end of the legal and statutory three year term established for the Board of Directors. It was also agreed to designate Alternate Directors.

After the corresponding voting at the aforesaid meeting, the following persons were appointed as Directors for a three year term:

Directors:

Jorge Awad Mehech Serrano  
Fernando Cañas Berkowitz  
Jacob Ergas Ergas  
Thomas Fürst Freiwirth  
Andrónico Luksic Craig  
Guillermo Luksic Craig  
Rodrigo Manubens Moltedo  
Gonzalo Menéndez Duque  
Máximo Pacheco Matte  
Francisco Pérez Mackenna  
Segismundo Schulín-Zeuthen Serrano

Alternate Directors:

Edmundo Eluchans Urenda  
Jorge Ergas Heymann

- 2.- At the extraordinary Board of Directors meeting held on March 17, 2005, after the aforesaid Ordinary Shareholders meeting, it was agreed to make the following appointments:

Board of Directors President: Fernando Cañas Berkowitz  
Board of Directors Vice-President: Andrónico Luksic Craig

Advisers to the Board

Jorge Díaz Vial  
Francisco Garcés Garrido  
Máximo Silva Bafalluy

This publication is made pursuant to Article 44 of the General Banking Law and because this information is considered essential information regarding Banco de Chile, pursuant to Articles 9 and 10 of the Securities Market Law No. 18,045, its regulations and the rules of the Superintendence of Banks and Financial Institutions

GENERAL MANAGER

Santiago, March 2005.

**BANCO DE CHILE**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF DIVIDENDS**

At the Ordinary Shareholders Meeting of the Bank, held on March 17, 2005, it was agreed the distribution and payment of dividend N°193, in the amount of CLP 2.2993 per Banco de Chile common share, with charge to the 2004 income of Banco de Chile. The respective shareholders of the Bank may dispose of the aforesaid dividends at the Principal Offices of Banco de Chile, Ahumada 251, Santiago.

The payment of dividends for those shareholders residing in regions will be delivered at the corresponding branch of Banco de Chile. Dividends will be deposited in current or saving account if it was so instructed by the shareholders.

Shareholders registered at the Shareholders Register of the Bank on or before March 11, 2005 shall have the right to receive dividends.

GENERAL MANAGER

Santiago, March 2005.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 18, 2005

Banco de Chile

By:                     /s/ Pablo Granifo                    

**By: Pablo Granifo**  
**General Manager**

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