

BANK OF CHILE
Form 6-K
March 05, 2009

FORM 6-K
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March, 2009

Commission File Number 001-15266

BANK OF CHILE
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Ahumada 251
Santiago, Chile
(Address of principal executive offices)

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

Form 20-F ☐ X ☐ Form 40-F

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BANCO DE CHILE
REPORT ON FORM 6-K

Attached is an English translation of the letters distributed by the Bank to its shareholders informing them the date and matters to be addressed by the next Ordinary and Extraordinary General Shareholders Meetings, to be held on March 26, 2009. These letters shall also be published in the form of a press release in the Chilean newspaper *El Mercurio*, on March 9, 16 and 23, 2009. The same information was sent to the Chilean Superintendency of Banks, Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance and local Stock Exchanges.

BANCO DE CHILE

GENERAL ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The Board of Directors of Banco de Chile agreed to summon to a General Ordinary Shareholders Meeting to be held on March 26, 2009, at 10:00 A.M., at the Auditorium of Banco de Chile located at 930 Huérfanos Street, Santiago, Chile, in order to address the following matters:

1. Approval of Banco de Chile's Annual Report, Financial Statements and Report of the External Auditors for the year ended December 31, 2008;
2. Approval of the distribution of dividend N° 197 in the amount of Ch\$2.357790 per share, which represents 70% of the Bank's net income for year 2008. Said dividend, if approved by the Shareholders Meeting, shall be paid at the Bank's principal offices immediately after the Meeting;
3. Directors' remuneration;
4. Directors and Audit Committee's remuneration and approval of its budget;
5. Nomination of external auditors;
6. Directors and Audit Committee report;
7. Information required on article 44 of the Chilean Corporations;
8. Other matter pertinent to General Ordinary Shareholders Meetings according to the law and to the Bank's by-laws.

It is stated that the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 were published in newspaper *Estrategia* in its edition of February 5, 2009 and in more detail, including their Notes and the Report of the External Auditors, at the Internet site www.bancochile.cl

PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETINGS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Holders of shares registered on March 20, 2009 at the Shareholders Register of Banco de Chile and of Sociedad Matriz del Banco de Chile S.A., as mandated by Law N° 19,396, shall have the right to participate.

The qualification of powers of attorney, if requested, will be held on March 25, 2009 at 16:00 hours, at the Shares Section of the Bank, located at 5th floor, 925 Agustinas Street, Santiago.

PABLO GRANIFO LAVIN
Chairman

Santiago, March of 2009

BANCO DE CHILE

GENERAL EXTRAORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Likewise, the Board of Directors agreed to summon to a General Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting to be held on March 26, 2009, immediately after the General Ordinary Shareholders Meeting scheduled on the same date, at the Auditorium of Banco de Chile located at 930 Huérfanos Street, Santiago, Chile, in order to address the following matters:

1. Increase the Banks capital through the capitalization of 30% of the Bank's net income for the fiscal year 2008, by means of the issuance of shares without nominal value, set at the value of \$31.26 per share and distributed among shareholders, without charge, at the rate of 0.032325 new shares per each paid for and subscribed share and to adopt all necessary resolutions subject to the options contemplated in Article 31 of Law N° 19,396;
2. Amend the Fifth Article of the Bylaws, related to the capital and shares of the Bank;
3. Modify, replace and /or supplement the Transitory Articles of the Bank's Bylaws as a consequence of the capital increase, according to what is agreed upon the shareholders Meeting;
4. Adopt the agreements necessary to legalize and execute the agreed upon amendments;

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Chairman

Santiago, March 2009

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 05, 2009

Banco de Chile

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