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**QUIÑENCO S.A. ANNOUNCES 2004 CONSOLIDATED  
FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR END RESULTS**

(Santiago, Chile, March 16, 2005) Quiñenco S.A. (NYSE:LO), a leading Chilean business conglomerate, announced today its consolidated financial results in Chilean GAAP, for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2004.

Consolidated financial results are presented in accordance with Chilean GAAP. All figures are presented in constant Chilean pesos and have been adjusted to reflect the effects of inflation (2.5% year-over-year). Figures in US\$ have been converted from Chilean pesos (Ch\$) at the observed exchange rate on December 31, 2004 (Ch\$557.40 = US\$1.00) and are only provided for the reader's convenience.

**2004 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Consolidated sales rose by 4.4% in 2004 to Ch\$382,511 million (US\$686.2 million), mainly attributable to Madeco's revenues, which experienced growth of 33.0%, the effect of which was partially offset by the divesture of Lucchetti Chile in March 2004.
- Operating income benefited from the improvement in Madeco's performance, increasing by 108.2% to Ch\$27,197 million (US\$48.8 million) in 2004.
- The contribution from operating companies to Quiñenco's net income in 2004 reached Ch\$63,470 million (US\$113.9 million), up 35.4% from 2003.
- Net income amounted to Ch\$23,353 million (US\$41.9 million) in 2004. Net income reflects the strong operating gains achieved by group companies as well as a reduction in non-operating results due to the absence of non-recurring income of Ch\$36,936 million (US\$66.3 million) reported by Quiñenco in 2003 in connection with an arbitration settlement from its ex-partners in CCU.
- Earnings per ordinary share amounted to Ch\$21.63 (US\$0.04) and Ch\$216.28 (US\$0.39) per ADR in 2004.



## **GROUP HIGHLIGHTS – FOURTH QUARTER 2004 AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

### **Almacenes Paris**

On March 7, 2005, Quiñenco, through its subsidiary, Inversiones Río Azul S.A., Consorcio Financiero S.A. and Parque Arauco S.A, launched a tender offer for 27.3% of the outstanding shares of Almacenes Paris, one of Chile's largest retail department store chains. The tender offer, which will conclude on April 6, 2005, consists of the offer to purchase 164,000,000 shares of Almacenes Paris at Ch\$900 per share. At the conclusion of the tender offer and assuming it is successful, Río Azul, Consorcio Financiero and Parque Arauco would have an interest in Paris of 20.1%, 20.1% and 10%, respectively, for a total of 50.2% of the outstanding shares. The total acquisition price of the tender offer is Ch\$147,600,000,000 (equivalent to US\$251.1 million on March 7, 2005). The tender offer would be financed with internal resources of the three parties and if necessary, by funds obtained from the offerer's shareholders.

Quiñenco, through Río Azul, currently holds an 11.41% interest in Paris. This interest was acquired in October 2004 through the purchase of 68,489,407 shares at Ch\$514 pesos per share for a total of Ch\$35,398 million.

### **CCU**

On February 21, 2005, CCU announced that it was negotiating a strategic alliance with Control, one of the leading pisco producers in Chile. This association was approved by Control's assembly on March 12, 2005. As a result, CCU's subsidiary, Piconor and a subsidiary of Control will form a new company with an estimated 50% share of the Chilean pisco market.

### **Indalsa- Lucchetti Peru**

On February 7, 2005, the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes in Washington DC (ICSID) ruled that it had no jurisdiction over arbitration proceedings between Lucchetti Peru and the Peruvian government. Lucchetti Peru is at present analyzing its legal options in this case.

### **Banco de Chile**

On January 21, 2005, Banco de Chile announced that the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) was conducting a targeted examination of its New York branch to determine its compliance with the US Bank Secrecy Act and anti-money laundering requirements. Simultaneously, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta is conducting a similar review of the Miami branch. The bank has reported that these investigations are likely to result in supervisory actions, although the nature and extent of such actions cannot be determined at this time.

### **Madeco**

During the last quarter of 2004, Madeco's main executives were granted shares of Madeco in accordance with the company's stock incentive program. Madeco's total outstanding subscribed and paid shares increased from 4,259,045,163 to 4,441,192,887. As a result, Quiñenco participation in Madeco decreased from 53.4% to 51.2%.

### **Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting Held on November 5, 2004**

On November 5, 2004, Quiñenco held an extraordinary shareholders' meeting to approve a reduction in the number of members of the board from nine to seven. The composition of Quiñenco's Board is now as follows: Guillermo Luksic, Andrónico Luksic, Jean-Paul Luksic, Gonzalo Menéndez, Hernán Buchi, Juan Andrés Fontaine and Matko Koljatic. All of these board members had served on the Board prior to the extraordinary shareholders' meeting.

### **Quiñenco's Financial Sector Subsidiary Places Bonds in the Local Market, Raising UF7,000,000**

On October 28, 2004, LQ Inversiones Financieras (LQIF), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Quiñenco and the holding company which owns a controlling interest in Banco de Chile, issued bonds for UF7,000,000 (equivalent to approximately US\$196



million on the placement date) in the Chilean market. The proceeds from the bond issue were used to refinance existing debt.

### Net Income Contribution

Sector/Company	Quiñenco's ownership % 12/31/2004	4Q 2003 MCh\$	3Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	Full Year 2003 MCh\$	Full Year 2004 MCh\$	Full Year 2004 MUS\$
<b>Financial Services:</b>								
Banco de Chile (1)(3)	53.5%	8,320	11,549	<b>9,018</b>	16.2	38,998	<b>45,612</b>	<b>81.8</b>
<b>Food &amp; Beverage:</b>								
CCU (4)	30.8%	5,720	1,616	<b>7,217</b>	12.9	17,073	<b>13,985</b>	<b>25.1</b>
Indalsa (Ex-Lucchetti) (1)	97.0%	(1,342)	(805)	<b>(2,402)</b>	(4.3)	(2,082)	<b>(3,962)</b>	<b>(7.1)</b>
<b>Telecommunications:</b>								
Telsur (1)	73.7%	1,656	1,206	<b>1,362</b>	2.4	5,604	<b>5,053</b>	<b>9.1</b>
Entel (2)	5.7%	916	21	<b>1,123</b>	2.0	3,499	<b>2,695</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>Manufacturing:</b>								
Madeco (1)	51.2%	(6,351)	1,563	<b>397</b>	0.7	(10,984)	<b>4,615</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>Other operating companies</b>		(1,210)	(83)	<b>(3,537)</b>	(6.3)	(5,246)	<b>(4,528)</b>	<b>(8.1)</b>
<b>Total operating companies</b>		7,709	15,067	<b>13,178</b>	23.6	46,862	<b>63,470</b>	<b>113.9</b>
<b>Quiñenco &amp; holding companies</b>		(10,447)	(9,093)	<b>(11,090)</b>	(19.9)	(8,225)	<b>(40,117)</b>	<b>(72.0)</b>
<b>Total</b>		2,738	5,974	<b>2,088</b>	3.7	38,637	<b>23,353</b>	<b>41.9</b>

The figures provided in the above table correspond to Quiñenco's proportionate share of each company's net income (loss).

- (1) Operating company in which Quiñenco has direct or indirect control.
- (2) Operating company in which Quiñenco holds a minority interest.
- (3) As a consequence of the share repurchase that Banco de Chile carried out in early 2004, Quiñenco's dividend rights in the bank increased from 29.2% to 29.9% and voting rights increased from 52.2% to 53.5%. Ownership % in the above table corresponds to voting rights in Banco de Chile.
- (4) Operating company which is controlled jointly between Quiñenco and Heineken Int'l (through a shareholders' agreement).

#### Net Income – Full Year 2004

Quiñenco reported net income of Ch\$23,353 million (US\$41.9 million) in 2004, compared to 2003's net income of Ch\$38,637 million (US\$69.3 million). 2003 net profit included non-recurring income (included with Quiñenco & holding companies) of Ch\$36,936 million (US\$66.3 million) related to a settlement payment from its ex-partners in CCU, which largely explains the variation between the two years. The reduction in net income was partially offset by a 35.4% increase in the contribution from operating companies, most notably Banco de Chile and Madeco.

Earnings per ordinary share amounted to Ch\$21.63 (US\$0.04) and Ch\$216.28 (US\$0.39) per ADR in 2004.

#### Net Income – 4Q 2004

Quiñenco reported net income in the fourth quarter of 2004 which amounted to Ch\$2,088 million (US\$3.7 million), compared to a net loss of Ch\$2,738 million (US\$4.9 million) in the fourth quarter of 2003. Quarterly results benefited from a 70.9% increase in the net income contribution from Quiñenco's operating companies, the effect of which was partially offset by lower results at the Quiñenco corporate level.

The net income contribution from operating companies reached Ch\$13,178 million (US\$23.6 million), up by Ch\$5,469 million (US\$9.8 million) from the fourth quarter of 2003. The increase in the quarterly contribution from



operating companies was driven by Madeco, whose 4Q 2003 loss was totally reverted and to a lesser extent, Banco de Chile and CCU.

Earnings per ordinary share amounted to Ch\$1.93 and earnings per ADR, Ch\$19.34 (US\$0.03).

**Consolidated Income Statement Breakdown**

	4Q 2003 MCh\$	3Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	YTD 2003 MCh\$	YTD 2004 MCh\$
<b>Revenues</b>						
Madeco	55,024	85,816	74,512	133.7	243,608	342,035
Telsur	13,435	13,361	13,597	24.4	52,755	52,940
Indalsa (ex Lucchetti)	13,932	(11)	(6)	-	60,593	1,090
Quiñenco & holding	2,975	914	819	1.4	9,358	4,446
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,366</b>	<b>100,080</b>	<b>88,922</b>	<b>159.5</b>	<b>366,314</b>	<b>382,511</b>
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>						
Madeco	179	6,162	4,692	8.4	7,643	25,176
Telsur	3,267	3,273	3,293	5.9	12,625	12,561
Indalsa (ex Lucchetti)	826	(200)	(229)	(0.4)	2,967	(329)
Quiñenco & holding	(2,580)	(2,578)	(2,829)	(5.1)	(10,169)	(10,211)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>4,927</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>13,066</b>	<b>27,197</b>
<b>Non-operating income (loss)</b>						
Interest income	617	547	290	0.5	3,002	1,962
Share of net income/loss from related co:						
Banco de Chile	8,319	11,549	9,018	16.2	38,998	45,612
CCU	5,720	1,616	7,217	12.9	17,073	13,985
Entel	916	21	1,123	2.0	3,499	2,695
Other equity investments	(179)	157	(3,673)	(6.6)	(739)	(3,823)
Other non-op income	483	248	1,424	2.6	38,959	6,942
Amortization of GW expense	(4,879)	(5,171)	(4,997)	(9.0)	(20,597)	(20,572)
Interest expense	(6,261)	(5,858)	(7,462)	(13.4)	(36,072)	(28,723)
Other non-op expenses	(13,834)	(4,000)	(5,294)	(9.5)	(46,889)	(16,006)
Price-level restatement	1,041	(83)	(894)	(1.6)	1,939	(357)
Foreign exchange gains & losses	(820)	1,359	642	1.2	1,009	299
<b>Total</b>	<b>(8,877)</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>(2,606)</b>	<b>(4.7)</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>2,014</b>
Income tax	(3)	731	(686)	(1.2)	(2,633)	(1,955)
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minority interest	3,884	(2,085)	(1,083)	(1.9)	3,911	(6,725)
Amortization of negative GW	566	286	1,536	2.7	24,111	2,822
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>(2,738)</b>	<b>5,974</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>38,637</b>	<b>23,353</b>

**Revenues – Full Year 2004**

Consolidated revenues in 2004 totaled Ch\$382,511 million (US\$686.2 million), an increase of 4.4% from the Ch\$366,314 million (US\$657.2 million) reported in 2003. The increase in sales in 2004 was primarily attributable to Madeco's operations, the effect of which was partially offset by Indalsa (ex-Lucchetti) due to the divestment of



its Chilean operations in early 2004. Madeco's sales, which rose by 33.0% to Ch\$324,035 million (US\$581.3 million), were boosted by strong demand for wire and cable and brass mill products.

Consolidated sales in 2004 can be broken down as follows: Madeco (84.7%), Telefónica del Sur (13.8%), Indalsa (ex Lucchetti) (0.3%) and others (1.2%).

#### **Revenues – 4Q 2004**

Consolidated revenues for the fourth quarter of 2004 were Ch\$88,922 million (US\$159.5 million), up by 4.2% from the Ch\$85,366 million (US\$153.2 million) reported in the fourth quarter of 2003. The increase in consolidated sales was attributable to a 35.4% increase in sales at Madeco, partially offset by the Ch\$13,938 million (US\$25.0 million) reduction in Indalsa's (ex Lucchetti) sales following the disposal of its Chilean-based operations in March 2004. The increase in Madeco's fourth quarter 2004 sales was primarily attributable to higher sales of its wire and cable and brass mill business units. 4Q 2004 consolidated sales can be broken down as follows: Madeco (83.8%), Telefónica del Sur (15.3%), Indalsa (ex Lucchetti) (0.0%) and others (0.9%).

#### **Operating Income - Full Year 2004**

Consolidated operating income was Ch\$27,197 million (US\$48.8 million) in 2004, up by 108.2% from the Ch\$13,066 million (US\$23.4 million) reported in 2003. The sharp increase in operating profit for the year was entirely attributable to Madeco's operations, which benefited from strong sales, efficiency gains in production and stable SG&A expenses. The rise in operating income was partially offset by the divestment of Lucchetti's Chilean operations in early 2004 (-Ch\$3,296 million, -US\$5.9 million).

#### **Operating Income - 4Q 2004**

Operating income for the fourth quarter of 2004 was Ch\$4,927 million (US\$8.8 million), up by Ch\$3,235 million (US\$5.8 million) from the Ch\$1,692 million (US\$3.0 million) reported in the fourth quarter of 2003. The sharp increase in consolidated operating income was primarily attributable to Madeco's operations, which benefited from the strong hike in sales as well as improvements in operating profitability and a decline in SG&A expenses.

#### **EBITDA – Full Year 2004**

EBITDA amounted to Ch\$52,779 million (US\$94.7 million) in 2004, compared to Ch\$42,558 million (US\$76.4 million) in 2003, an increase of 24.0%.

#### **EBITDA – 4Q 2004**

EBITDA reached Ch\$10,978 million (US\$19.7 million) in 4Q 2004, compared to Ch\$8,304 million (US\$14.9 million) in 4Q 2003, an increase of 32.2% compared to the same period in 2003.

#### **Non-Operating Results – Full Year 2004**

Non-operating income amounted to Ch\$2,014 million (US\$3.6 million) in 2004, compared to non-operating income of Ch\$182 million (US\$0.3 million) in 2003. The main items included in non-operating results are discussed below:

#### **Proportionate share of net income of equity method investments (net)**

Quiñenco's proportionate share of net income from equity method investments reached Ch\$58,469 million (US\$104.9 million), almost unchanged from the Ch\$58,831 million (US\$105.5 million) reported in 2003.

Included with results from equity method investments (net) is Quiñenco's proportionate share of Banco de Chile's net income which amounted to Ch\$45,612 million (US\$81.8 million), an increase of 17.0% over 2003



and the highest in the bank's history. The other main equity investment, CCU, reported a decline in its net profits due to the absence of a non-recurring gain on sale of the disposal of the Croatian brewery, which served to push down profits by 18.1% in 2004, thereby reducing Quiñenco's proportionate share to Ch\$13,985 million (US\$25.1 million). Equity income from Entel amounted to Ch\$2,695 million (US\$4.8 million), down by 23.0% from 2003 mainly as a consequence of asset and receivable write-offs and inter-connection rate reductions associated with mobile telephone services.

Quiñenco reported a loss (net) of Ch\$3,823 million (US\$6.9 million) on other equity investments, which were mostly composed of a loss of Ch\$4,305 million (US\$7.7 million) made in connection with its 50% interest in Habitaria. Habitaria's net loss in 2004 (Ch\$8,609 million, US\$15.4 million) was mainly due to adjustments of property site book values to reflect current market value, based on reappraisals.

#### **Other non-operating income**

Other non-operating income amounted to Ch\$6,942 million (US\$12.5 million), a marked decline from the Ch\$38,959 million (US\$69.9 million) reported in 2003. The variation is primarily explained by the settlement payment of Ch\$36,936 million (US\$66.3 million) received by Quiñenco from its ex-partner in IRSA, the holding company which controls 61.6% of CCU. Other non-operating income in 2004 was mainly composed of a gross gain on the sale of Lucchetti Chile of Ch\$4,070 million (US\$7.3 million) (note that the net gain on sale of Lucchetti Chile was Ch\$2,946 million, US\$5.3 million).

#### **Amortization of goodwill expense**

Amortization of goodwill expense amounted to Ch\$20,572 million (US\$36.9 million) in 2004, varying slightly from the Ch\$20,597 million (US\$37.0 million) reported in 2003. Goodwill expense is mostly related to the Banco de Chile acquisition in March 2001. Goodwill (net) corresponding to Banco de Chile amounted to Ch\$286,109 million (US\$513.3 million) as of December 31, 2004 (this includes goodwill of Ch\$65,657 million (US\$117.8 million) associated with the ex-Banco Edwards acquisition in 1999). Goodwill is amortized over a twenty-year period, using the straight-line method.

#### **Interest Expense**

Interest expense in 2004 amounted to Ch\$28,723 million (US\$51.5 million), a 20.4% decrease compared to the Ch\$36,072 million (US\$64.7 million) reported in 2003. The decrease is mainly explained by a reduction in the debt level of Indalsa following the sale of its principal business. Likewise, Madeco, Telsur and the holding level all reported lower interest expense during the year due to reduced debt levels and lower prevailing interest rates.

#### **Other non-operating expenses**

Other non-operating expenses amounted to Ch\$16,006 million (US\$28.7 million), compared to Ch\$46,889 million (US\$84.1 million) in 2003. In 2003, other non-operating expenses included a loss of Ch\$21,658 million (US\$38.9 million) related to Madeco's capital increase to which Quiñenco did not subscribe additional shares. Worth mentioning is that the effect of the non-subscription in 2003 was totally offset by a credit to income for the same amount for additional amortization of negative goodwill associated with Quiñenco's interest in Madeco's capital increase. See explanation below - Amortization of Negative Goodwill.



#### **Price-level restatement and foreign currency translation losses**

In 2004, the gains specific to foreign currency translation amounted to Ch\$299 million (US\$0.5 million), compared to gains of Ch\$1,009 million (US\$1.8 million) in 2003. In 2004, the gains on foreign currency translation mainly relate to the revaluation of the Chilean peso vis-a-vis the US dollar.

The price-level restatement loss amounted to Ch\$357 million (US\$0.6 million) in 2004, compared to a gain of Ch\$1,939 million (US\$3.5 million) reported in 2003 owing to the increase in the inflation rate used for adjustment purposes from 1% in 2003 to 2.5% in 2004.

#### **Non-Operating Results – 4Q 2004**

Quiñenco reported non-operating losses of Ch\$2,606 million (US\$4.7 million) in the fourth quarter of 2004, compared to non-operating losses of Ch\$8,877 million (US\$15.9 million) in the same quarter of 2003. The main items included in non-operating results are discussed below:

#### **Proportionate share of net income of equity method investments (net)**

Quiñenco's proportionate share of net income from equity method investments (net), which includes the results from Banco de Chile and CCU, two of Quiñenco's most significant investments, reached Ch\$13,685 million (US\$24.6 million), compared to Ch\$14,776 million (US\$26.5 million) in 2003, a decrease of 7.4%.

While Quiñenco's proportionate share of net income in Banco de Chile, CCU and Entel increased by 8.4%, 26.2% and 22.6%, respectively, its proportionate share of the net loss from other equity investments increased to Ch\$3,673 million (US\$6.6 million), mainly due to its 50% share of Habitaria's net loss for the fourth quarter of the year as a consequence of the write-down of property values.

#### **Other non-operating income**

Other non-operating income was Ch\$1,424 million (US\$2.6 million), compared to Ch\$483 million (US\$0.9 million) in the fourth quarter of 2003.

#### **Amortization of goodwill expense**

Amortization of goodwill expense amounted to Ch\$4,997 million (US\$9.0 million) in the fourth quarter of 2004, almost unchanged from the Ch\$4,879 million (US\$8.8 million) reported in the same period of 2003. Goodwill expense is almost entirely related to the Banco de Chile acquisition in 2001, and to a lesser extent, the Banco Edwards acquisition in 1999 (now kept on the books as Bank of Chile).

#### **Interest Expense**

Interest expense for the fourth quarter of 2004 amounted to Ch\$7,462 million (US\$13.4 million), an increase of 19.2% compared to the same period in 2003. The increase is primarily associated with Madeco's operations as the result of an extraordinary charge of Ch\$1,260 million (US\$2.3 million) to results for the amortization of goodwill associated with Madeco's Series A bonds, which were prepaid in the last quarter of the year. The increase in interest expense was partially offset by the reduction in Indalsa's (ex-Lucchetti) interest expense which went from Ch\$515 million (US\$0.9 million) to Ch\$4 million (US\$7 thousand).

#### **Other non-operating expenses**

Other non-operating expenses amounted to Ch\$5,294 million (US\$9.5 million) compared to Ch\$13,834 million (US\$24.8 million) in the fourth quarter of 2003, mainly in relation to Madeco's operations. Other non-operating



expenses are mainly composed of a write-off of Ch\$2,381 million (US\$4.3 million) of receivables from Lucchetti Peru and depreciation on assets not in use.

#### **Price-level restatement and foreign currency translation losses**

Price-level restatement losses amounted to Ch\$894 million (US\$1.6 million) in the fourth quarter of 2004, compared to gains of Ch\$1,041 million (US\$1.9 million) in the same period in 2003. In 4Q 2004, price-level restatement losses are mainly due to the increase in the inflation rate used for adjustment purposes of 0.6%.

Gains specific to foreign currency differences amounted to Ch\$642 million (US\$1.2 million), compared to losses on foreign currency translation of Ch\$820 million (US\$1.5 million) reported in the fourth quarter of 2003. Foreign currency differences are primarily attributable to Madeco's foreign operations as a result of the revaluation of the Chilean peso vis-à-vis the US dollar in the fourth quarter.

#### **Income Taxes – Full Year 2004**

Quiñenco reported income taxes in 2004 amounting to Ch\$1,955 million (US\$3.5 million), compared to income taxes of Ch\$2,633 million (US\$4.7 million) in 2003.

#### **Income Taxes – 4Q 2004**

Quiñenco reported income taxes of Ch\$686 million (US\$1.2 million), compared to income tax expense of Ch\$3 million (US\$5 thousand) in the same period of 2003. The variation in income taxes mainly corresponded to tax taxes corresponding to Telsur's operations.

#### **Minority Interest – Full Year 2004**

In 2004, Quiñenco reported a deduction from income of Ch\$6,725 million (US\$12.1 million), compared to an add-back to income of Ch\$3,911 million (US\$7.0 million) in 2003. The variation between the two years is mainly explained by the turnaround in Madeco's net results in 2004. In 2004, minority interest is mainly related to minority shareholders' proportionate share of Madeco's and Telsur's net income reported in 2004.

#### **Minority Interest – 4Q 2004**

In the fourth quarter of 2004, Quiñenco reported a deduction from income of Ch\$1,083 million (US\$1.9 million), compared to a credit to income of Ch\$3,884 million (US\$7.0 million) in 4Q 2003. The amount is mainly related to minority shareholders' proportionate share of Madeco's and Telefónica del Sur's fourth quarter 2004 income.

#### **Amortization of Negative Goodwill – Full Year 2004**

Amortization of negative goodwill amounted to Ch\$2,822 million (US\$5.1 million) in 2004, compared to Ch\$24,111 million (US\$43.3 million) in 2003. In 2004, negative goodwill amortization mainly corresponded to Quiñenco's investment in Madeco and VTR (related to the investment in Entel). In 2003, the amount amortized mostly corresponded to a one-time credit of Ch\$21,658 million (US\$38.9 million) related to Madeco's capital increases in June and August 2003 to which Quiñenco did not subscribe additional shares. Worth mentioning is that this credit offset the loss item included in other non-operating expenses for the same amount, and the net effect on income for the year 2003 was zero.



**Amortization of Negative Goodwill – 4Q 2004**

Amortization of negative goodwill amounted to Ch\$1,536 million (US\$2.8 million), compared to Ch\$566 million (US\$1.0 million) in the fourth quarter of 2003. In 2004, negative goodwill amortization mainly corresponded to Quiñenco's investment in Madeco.

**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS (vis-à-vis the 3rd quarter of 2004)**

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet**

	As of 12/31/03 MCh\$	As of 9/30/04 MCh\$	As of 12/31/04 MCh\$	As of 12/31/04 MUS\$
Current assets	255,283	242,771	<b>211,568</b>	379.6
Fixed assets	333,922	285,773	<b>274,345</b>	492.2
Other assets	836,939	798,296	<b>849,785</b>	1,524.5
Total assets	1,426,144	1,326,840	<b>1,335,698</b>	2,396.3
Current liabilities	165,959	207,494	<b>143,903</b>	258.2
Long-term liabilities	511,544	368,435	<b>448,416</b>	804.5
Minority interest	98,768	109,015	<b>108,334</b>	194.4
Shareholders' equity	649,873	641,896	<b>635,045</b>	1,139.2
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	1,426,144	1,326,840	<b>1,335,698</b>	2,396.3

**Current Assets**

Current assets decreased 12.9% compared to the third quarter of 2004, mainly as a result of the purchase of Almacenes Paris shares for Ch\$35,398 million (US\$63.5 million) in October.

**Fixed Assets and Other Assets**

Fixed assets decreased by 4.0% compared to the third quarter of 2004, mainly due to the effect on Madeco of the revaluation of the Chilean peso vis-à-vis the US dollar on its US dollar held assets and depreciation for the period.

Other assets did not vary significantly from the third quarter of 2004.

**Current Liabilities**

Current liabilities decreased by 30.6% mainly as a consequence of the debt restructuring carried out by LQIF in the fourth quarter, which replaced short-term with long-term debt.

**Long-term Liabilities**

Long-term liabilities increased by 21.7% mainly as a consequence of the debt restructuring carried out by LQIF in the fourth quarter, which replaced short-term with long-term debt.

**Minority Interest**

Minority interest did not vary significantly from the third quarter of 2004.

**Equity**

Shareholders' equity did not vary significantly from the third quarter of 2004.

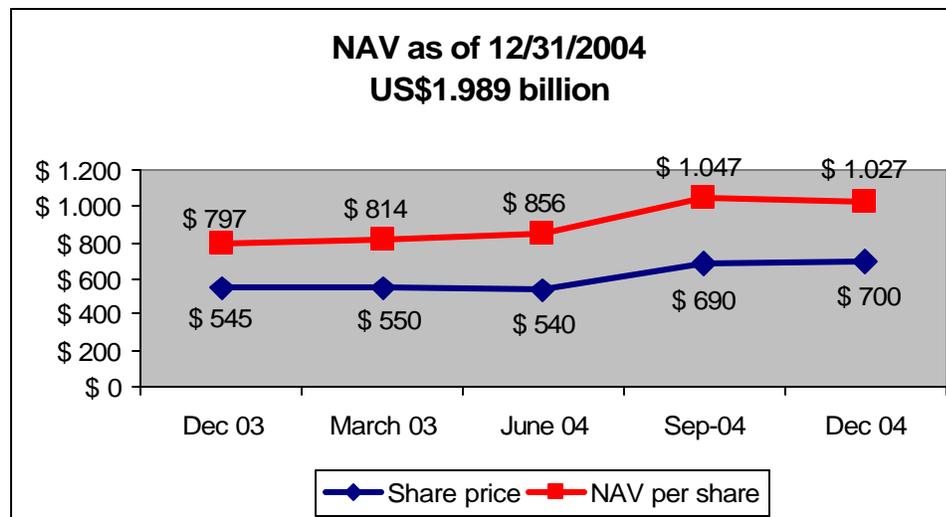
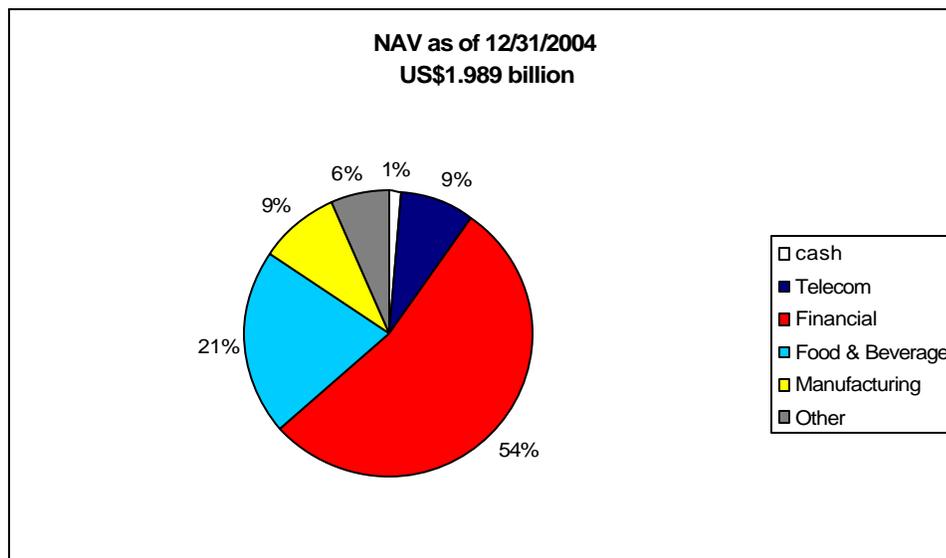


**Quiñenco Corporate Level Debt and Cash**

As of December 31, 2004, financial debt with third parties at the corporate level was Ch\$347,211 million (US\$622.9 million). As of the same date, cash and cash equivalents amounted to Ch\$18,600 million (US\$33.4 million). The debt to total capitalization ratio at the corporate level was 35.3%.

**NAV**

As of December 31, 2004, the estimated net asset value (NAV) of Quiñenco was US\$1.989 billion (Ch\$1,027 per share) and market capitalization was US\$1.356 billion (Ch\$700 per share). The discount to NAV is estimated at 32% as of the same date.





**SECTOR /OPERATING COMPANY ANALYSIS**

**FINANCIAL SERVICES SECTOR**

The following table details Quiñenco's proportionate share of income from investments in the Financial Services sector during 2003 and 2004:

FINANCIAL SERVICES								
	Ownership %	4Q 2003 MCh\$	Full Year 2003 MCh\$	3Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	Full Year 2004 MCh\$	Full Year 2004 MUS\$
Banco de Chile (1)	53.5%	8,320	38,998	11,549	9,018	16.2	45,612	81.8

1) As a consequence of the share repurchase that Banco de Chile carried out in 2004, Quiñenco's dividend rights in the bank increased from 29.2% to 29.9% and voting rights increased from 52.2% to 53.5%. Ownership % in the above table corresponds to voting rights in Banco de Chile.

**BANCO DE CHILE**

	Quarter			Full Year		
	4Q 2003 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	2003 MCh\$	2004 MCh\$	2004 MUS\$
Operating revenues	104,067	121,358	217.7	427,134	469,823	842.9
Provision for loan losses	(17,233)	(20,915)	(37.5)	(61,612)	(73,512)	(131.9)
Operating expenses	(60,427)	(69,847)	(125.3)	(227,557)	(240,302)	(431.1)
Net income (loss)	28,231	30,970	55.6	133,817	152,628	273.8
Loan portfolio, net				6,411,793	6,888,9119	12,359.0
Total assets				9,481,150	6,49,20367	17,311.1
Shareholders' equity				713,068	4,533	1,210.1
Net interest margin	1.0%	3.2%				
Net financial Margin	3.9%	4.3%				
Efficiency ratio	58.1%	57.6%				
ROAE	16.0%	18.7%				
ROAA	1.2%	1.3%				

**Full Year 2004 Results**

Banco de Chile reported net income of Ch\$152,628 million (US\$273.8 million), for the year ended December 31, 2004, surpassing its previous record net income of Ch\$133,817 million (US\$240.1 million) in 2003. This increase, which represented an increase of 14.1%, was mainly attributable to strong growth in fee income and net financial income.

Operating revenues amounted to Ch\$469,823 million (US\$842.9 million), up 10.0% from the Ch\$427,134 million (US\$766.3 million) reported in 2003. Fee income, which accounted for 27.0% of operating revenues in 2004, was the main driver as both the banking and subsidiary businesses experienced important fee income growth. As a result, fee income jumped by 29.1% to Ch\$126,842 million (US\$227.6 million) in 2004. Likewise, net financial income also contributed to the growth in operating revenues, increasing by 7% or Ch\$22,712 million (US\$40.7 million) to Ch\$346,132 million (US\$621.0 million). Net financial income, which is the sum of net interest income and net FX



transactions, grew as a result of a 2.2% increase in average interest earning assets, higher loan spreads, an increase in the inflation rate (2.5% in 2004 vs. 1.0% in 2003), a better funding mix and recovery of previously charged-off loans. The increase in operating revenues was partially offset by a net loss on sales of financial instruments of Ch\$3,151 million (US\$5.7 million).

Provisions for loan losses increased by 19.3% to Ch\$73,512 million (US\$131.9 million), mainly attributable to a 7.4% growth in the loan portfolio and to the downgrading of a number of corporate clients in the construction sector.

Operating expenses increased by 5.6% to Ch\$240,302 million (US\$431.1 million) compared to 2003, primarily due to higher personnel and administrative expenses associated with a higher headcount and variable compensation packages. Despite the increase in operating expenses in 2004, Banco de Chile's efficiency ratio (measured as operating expenses to operating revenues) improved to 51.2% for the twelve month period ended December 31, 2004, compared to 53.3% in 2003.

Price-level restatement losses totaled Ch\$7,466 million (US\$13.4 million) compared to price-level restatement losses of Ch\$4,137 million (US\$7.4 million) reported in 2003. The losses in 2004 reflect the higher inflation experienced during the period (2.5% adjustment).

Income taxes increased from Ch\$14,250 million (US\$25.6 million) to Ch\$18,349 million (US\$32.9 million) due to a higher income tax base in 2004 and the rate hike of 0.5% which was implemented in 2004.

As of December 2004, the Bank's loan portfolio had grown by to Ch\$6,888,911 million (US\$12,359 million). Loan portfolio growth was driven by increases in other outstanding loans, commercial loans and contingent loans, all of which were stimulated by the favorable economic conditions which prevailed in 2004.

Banco de Chile was the second ranked bank in the country (in terms of loans) with a market share of 17.6% according to information published by the Chilean Superintendency of Banks for the period ended December 31, 2004. Its return on capital and reserves for the twelve-month period was 29.2%, the highest in the Chilean financial system. The local financial system as a whole reported a return on capital and reserves of 16.7% in 2004, according to the same source.

#### **4Q 2004 Results**

Operating revenues increased by 16.6% to Ch\$121,358 million (US\$217.7 million) in the fourth quarter of 2004. The increase in operating revenues was mainly due to a 29.3% jump in fee income earned during the fourth quarter of the year and a 15.8% increase in net financial income, the effects of which were partially offset by a loss on the sales of financial instruments.

Fee income, which reached Ch\$35,132 million (US\$63.0 million), equivalent to 28.9% of total operating revenues, increased as a result of higher fee income associated with banking services (an increase of 33.7%) as well as subsidiary non-banking services, particularly fund management (an increase of 38.3%) and stock brokerage services (+35.2%). Operating income was also boosted by higher net financial income which rose from Ch\$80,835 million (US\$145.0 million) in 4Q 2003 to Ch\$93,589 million (US\$167.9 million) in 4Q 2004. Net financial income, which is calculated as the sum of net interest revenue and foreign exchange transactions (net), comprised 77.1% of operating revenues in 4Q 2004. The increase in net financial income was primarily due to a 4.2% growth in average interest



earning assets and higher inflation experienced during the period. The increase in operating revenues experienced during the quarter was partially offset by losses on the sale of financial instruments (net) which increased by Ch\$3,431 million (US\$6.2 million) to Ch\$7,363 million (US\$13.2 million). The variation between the two periods is explained by marked to market losses related to a cross currency swap transaction in the fourth quarter of the year.

Provisions, which amounted to Ch\$20,915 million (US\$37.5 million), showed an increase of 21.4% from the Ch\$17,233 million (US\$30.9 million) reported in the fourth quarter of 2003.

Operating expenses increased by 15.6% to Ch\$69,847 million (US\$125.3 million) compared to the fourth quarter of 2003, primarily due to higher personnel and administrative expenses associated with a higher headcount and variable compensation packages.

Price-level restatement losses totaled Ch\$1,894 million (US\$3.4 million) compared to price-level restatement gains of Ch\$626 million (US\$1.1 million) reported in 4Q 2003. The losses in 4Q 2004 reflect the higher inflation experienced during the period.

Net income increased by 9.7% to Ch\$30,970 million (US\$55.6 million) in 4Q 2004, boosted by the strong growth in fee income and financial income, which more than offset the increase in provisions for loan losses and operating expenses during the period.

### **FOOD & BEVERAGE SECTOR**

The following table details Quiñenco's proportionate share of income (loss) from investments in the Food & Beverage sector during 2003 and 2004:

<b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE</b>								
	Ownership %	4Q 2003 MCh\$	Full Year 2003 MCh\$	3Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	Full Year 2004 MCh\$	Full Year 2004 MUS\$
CCU	30.8%	5,720	17,073	1,616	<b>7,217</b>	12.9	<b>13,985</b>	<b>25.1</b>
Indalsa (1)	97.0%	(1,342)	(2,082)	(805)	<b>(2,402)</b>	(4.3)	<b>(3,962)</b>	<b>(7.1)</b>

### **CCU**

	Quarter			Full Year		
	4Q 2003 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	2003 MCh\$	2004 MCh\$	2004 MUS\$
Sales	120,956	<b>126,499</b>	226.9	393,666	<b>420,638</b>	754.6
Operating income (loss)	22,494	<b>22,722</b>	40.8	47,009	<b>58,707</b>	105.3
Net income (loss)	18,570	<b>23,424</b>	42.0	55,440	<b>45,394</b>	81.4
Total assets				591,664	<b>592,241</b>	1,062.5
Shareholders' equity				285,741	<b>302,104</b>	542.0

### **Full Year 2004 Results**

CCU's consolidated sales revenues rose by 6.9% to Ch\$420,638 million (US\$754.6 million), attributable to a 4.2% increase in volume sold and higher average prices. With the exception of wines, all of CCU's beverage segments experienced volume increases in 2004, most notably beer in Chile and Argentina. In general terms, volumes were



influenced by the economic reactivation underway in Chile and to a certain extent, in Argentina, as well as the addition of new products to CCU's portfolio, particularly Heineken. In addition, Finca La Celia began consolidating its export wine operation with VSP in January of 2004 and CCU entered the pisco segment in 2004, both of which also served to increase sales volumes for the year. Revenues by core businesses can be broken down as follows: beer Chile (38.8%), beer Argentina (9.6%), soft drinks/mineral water (28.6%), wine (19.5%) and others (3.5%) (worth noting is that pisco revenues are included with others).

Operating income jumped by 24.9% to Ch\$58,707 million (US\$105.3 million) in 2004, due to improvements in the operating performance across all of CCU's business segments. The increase in operating results associated with the beer segments in Chile and Argentina accounted for 73.9% of the total Ch\$11,698 million (US\$21.0 million) increase. Both of these segments benefited from volume and price increases as well as lower cost of goods sold related to the drop in the value of the US dollar. In addition, a 19.3% and a 34.6% rise in operating income from the soft drinks and wine segments (respectively) also contributed to the higher profit level and was mainly the result of a reduction in COGS in US dollars and SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales. EBITDA reached Ch\$98,556 million (US\$176.8 million) showing an increase of 11.3% over 2003.

CCU reported non-operating losses of Ch\$6,178 million (US\$11.1 million), compared to non-operating income of Ch\$13,941 million (US\$25.0 million) in 2003. The variation in non-operating results is mostly explained by an extraordinary gain in 2003 of Ch\$20,617 million (US\$37.0 million) on the sale of CCU's investment in Karlovacka. In spite of the marked improvement in CCU's operating performance in 2004, which was reflected in a 24.9% increase in its operating profits, net profit for the year dropped by 18.1% to Ch\$45,394 million (US\$81.4 million), as a result of the aforementioned reduction in non-operating results.

#### **4Q 2004 Results**

CCU's sales in the fourth quarter of 2004 grew by 4.6% compared to the fourth quarter of 2003, due to an increase in consolidated sales volumes, the effect of which was partially offset by lower average prices. Sales growth in volumes was led by the Argentine and Chilean beer segments which rose by 5.8% and 4.2%, respectively. These increases offset the modest 1.5% drop in wine volumes. Lower average prices are mostly explained by the reduction in average prices of soft drinks and beer in Chile.

Operating income increased by 1.0% to Ch\$22,722 million (US\$40.8 million). The increase in operating income was mainly due to the higher sales level achieved during the quarter although higher COGS and SG&A expenses partially offset this effect. The consolidated operating margin reached 18.0% of sales, compared to 18.6% in the same period of 2003. EBITDA amounted to Ch\$32,081 million (US\$57.6 million), flat when compared to the same quarter in 2003.

CCU reported non-operating income of Ch\$624 million (US\$1.1 million) compared to non-operating losses of Ch\$3,288 million (US\$5.9 million) in 4Q 2003. 4Q 2004 non-operating results benefited from a non-recurring sale of a property site and lower price-level restatement losses as well as a comparatively lower debt level and lower prevailing interest rates.

Net income improved by 26.1% in relation to 4Q 2003, amounting to Ch\$23,424 million (US\$42.0 million) for the quarter. The strong improvement in bottom line results was due to the aforementioned improvement in non-operating results and to a lesser extent, tax credits associated with the Argentine operation.



### INDUSTRIA NACIONAL DE ALIMENTOS (EX-LUCCHETTI)

	Quarter			Full Year		
	4Q 2003 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	2003 MCh\$	2004 MCh\$	2004 MUS\$
Sales	13,932	(6)	-	60,593	1,090	2.0
Operating income (loss)	826	(229)	(0.4)	2,967	(329)	(0.6)
Net income (loss)	(1,400)	(2,476)	(4.4)	(2,189)	(4,107)	(7.4)
Total assets				81,443	25,043	44.9
Shareholders' equity				28,584	24,606	44.1

#### Full Year 2004 Results

Lucchetti sold its principal business, the Chilean-based pasta, edible oil and soup business (Lucchetti Chile) on March 31, 2004, recognizing a gain on sale (net of provisions) in connection with the disposal of Lucchetti Chile of Ch\$2,946 million (US\$5.3 million).

Following the divestiture of its Chilean pasta business, Empresas Lucchetti's remaining assets principally consist of its investment in Calaf, a joint venture with ECUSA, a subsidiary of CCU, acquired in January 2004 and Lucchetti Peru, which is in liquidation following the closure of its plant facilities in early 2003.

Indalsa reported a net loss of Ch\$4,107 million (US\$7.4 million) in 2004, mainly attributable to the liquidation of the Peru plant and facilities (included with other non-operating expenses), which amounted to Ch\$5,732 million (US\$10.3 million) and included a loss of the sale of machinery and equipment in Peru, write-off of intercompany receivables and legal expenses. This effect was partially offset by the aforementioned net gain on sale made in connection with the March disposal of Lucchetti Chile of Ch\$2,946 million (US\$5.3 million).

#### 4Q 2004 Results

Indalsa reported a net loss of Ch\$2,476 million (US\$4.4 million) in the fourth quarter of 2004, mainly attributable to the liquidation of the Peruvian facilities, which included a write-off of intercompany receivables of Ch\$2,381 million (US\$4.3 million).

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

The following table details Quiñenco's proportionate share of income from investments in the Telecommunications sector during 2003 and 2004:

TELECOMMUNICATIONS								
	Ownership %	4Q 2003 MCh\$	Full Year 2003 MCh\$	3Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	Full Year 2004 MCh\$	Full Year 2004 MUS\$
Telsur	73.7%	1,656	5,604	1,206	1,362	2.4	5,053	9.1
Entel (1)	5.7%	916	3,499	21	1,123	2.0	2,695	4.8

(1) Non-controlling interest



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**TELSUR**

	Quarter			Full Year		
	4Q 2003 MCh\$	<b>4Q 2004</b> <b>MCh\$</b>	4Q 2004 MUS\$	2003 MCh\$	<b>2004</b> <b>MCh\$</b>	2004 MUS\$
Sales	13,435	<b>13,597</b>	24.4	52,755	<b>52,940</b>	95.0
Operating income (loss)	3,267	<b>3,294</b>	5.9	12,625	<b>12,561</b>	22.5
Net income (loss)	2,249	<b>1,849</b>	3.3	7,616	<b>6,861</b>	12.3
Total assets				135,091	<b>137,831</b>	247.3
Shareholders' equity				62,440	<b>63,995</b>	114.8

**Full Year 2004 Results**

Telefónica del Sur's revenues reached Ch\$52,940 million (US\$95.0 million) in 2004, varying only slightly from the Ch\$52,755 million (US\$94.6 million) reported in 2003. Although the sales level was constant, the revenue mix highly favored non-regulated services, which in 2004 accounted for 39% of total revenues, up from 35% in 2003. The Ch\$2,444 million (US\$4.4 million) or 13.2% growth in non-regulated services offset the decline in revenues associated with basic telephony and access charges, which fell by Ch\$2,008 million (US\$3.6 million) and Ch\$252 million (US\$0.5 million), respectively.

Fixed telephony traffic (in minutes) was down by 20.5%, following the downward trend seen throughout the industry as users come to depend more on internet and mobile communication alternatives. The number of fixed lines in services grew however by 4.4% to a total of 185,970 lines in service, fueled by prepaid subscribers. Long distance revenues were affected by lower prices, which more than offset the 6.7% increase in long distance traffic (in minutes) in 2004.

Internet revenue jumped in 2004 by 34.9% to Ch\$6,113 million (US\$11.0 million) in 2004, accounting for 11.5% of all sales. The strong growth in this area was due to a 91.0% increase in the number of wide band clients, which as of December 31, 2004 reached 25,401. Likewise, revenue from security and data services experienced rapid growth in 2004, increasing by 34.6% and 14.9%, respectively.

Basic telephony services accounted for 51.0% of all revenues, followed by user access charges (9.5%), long distance services (8.4%), public telephones (5.6%), internet (11.5%) and other non-regulated services (14.0%), which include security services, voice data, call center, telephone guides and equipment sales, among others.

Operating profits remained steady at Ch\$12,561 million (US\$22.5 million), varying by less than 1% from 2003. Selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of sales was 26.7%, compared to 27.0% in 2003. Telsur's cash generating capacity remained strong in 2004 with EBITDA reaching Ch\$25,577 million (US\$45.9 million), almost unchanged from the Ch\$25,639 million (US\$46.0 million) reported in 2003. Free cash flow was mainly used to fund CAPEX and dividends and debt service obligations.

Non-operating losses increased from Ch\$2,867 million (US\$5.1 million) in 2003 to Ch\$3,484 million (US\$6.3 million) in 2004. Non-operating results were dragged down by costs associated with a debt restructuring carried out in the latter part of 2004 amounting to Ch\$209 million (US\$0.4 million). In addition, 2003 non-operating results included non-recurring income of Ch\$532 million (US\$1.0 million), which also explains the variation between the two periods.

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Net profit in 2004 amounted to Ch\$6,861 million (US\$12.3 million), representing a 9.9% decrease from the Ch\$7,616 million (US\$13.7 million) reported in 2003. The decline in bottom line results for the year was attributable to the aforementioned deterioration in non-operating results.

**4Q 2004 Results**

Teléfono del Sur's revenues reached Ch\$13,597 million (US\$24.4 million) up 1% from the Ch\$13,435 million (US\$24.1 million) reported in the fourth quarter of 2003. The revenue mix varied however, favoring non-regulated services, particularly Internet. A decline of 8.6% in revenue associated with fixed telephony, access charges, long distance and public telephony was entirely offset by a 35.4% increase in revenues from Internet, security services, and business services, including data transmission. While in general terms substitution of fixed telephony for mobile telephony and other alternatives has continued to capture a portion of the company's traditional sale base, Telsur continues to bolster its product base to rely on revenue generation from non-regulated services.

Basic telephony services accounted for 45.3% of all revenues, followed by user access charges (11.1%), long distance services (8.2%), public telephones (5.8%), internet (12.9%) and other non-regulated services (16.7%), which include security services and business services, among others.

Operating profits grew by 0.8% during the quarter reaching Ch\$3,294 million (US\$5.9 million), in line with the growth in sales. SG&A expenses as a percentage of sales remained constant at 26.7%.

Telsur reported non-operating losses of Ch\$870 million (US\$1.6 million), compared to non-operating losses of Ch\$348 million (US\$0.6 million) reported in 4Q 2003. 4Q 2003 non-operating results included non-recurring income related to an insurance settlement, which mostly explains the lower non-operating results this quarter. Telsur reported net income of Ch\$1,849 million (US\$3.3 million), a decrease of 17.8% compared to the fourth quarter of 2003, due to the aforementioned reduction in non-operating results.

**MANUFACTURING SECTOR**

The following table details Quiñenco's proportionate share of income (loss) from investments in the Manufacturing sector during 2003 and 2004:

MANUFACTURING								
	Ownership %	4Q 2003 MCh\$	Full Year 2003 MCh\$	3Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	Full Year 2004 MCh\$	Full Year 2004 MUS\$
Madeco	51.2%	(6,351)	(10,984)	1,563	397	0.7	4,615	8.3



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### MADECO

	Quarter			Full Year		
	4Q 2003 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MCh\$	4Q 2004 MUS\$	2003 MCh\$	2004 MCh\$	2004 MUS\$
Sales	55,024	<b>74,512</b>	133.7	243,608	<b>324,035</b>	581.3
Operating income (loss)	179	<b>4,692</b>	8.4	7,643	<b>25,176</b>	45.2
Net income (loss)	(11,492)	<b>778</b>	1.4	(17,153)	<b>8,512</b>	15.3
Total assets				362,518	<b>342,910</b>	615.2
Shareholders' equity				151,258	<b>158,513</b>	284.4

#### Full Year 2004 Results

Madeco's sales level rose by 33.0% to Ch\$324,035 million (US\$581.3 million) in 2004. The growth in sales during the year was mainly attributable to higher average prices of cables and brass mill products, mainly related to the increase in copper prices as well as higher volumes sold, which on a consolidated basis grew by 12.7%.

Sales corresponding to the cable business unit were up by Ch\$52,983 million (US\$95.1 million) or 46.8% to Ch\$166,271 million (US\$298.3 million) as a consequence of strong demand for copper wire and copper and aluminum cables in Madeco's main markets. Brass mill sales jumped during the period by 45.9% to Ch\$84,026 million (US\$150.7 million) due to large volume increases in Chile and Argentina, the effect of which was partially offset by lower coin blank sales. Sales growth experienced by the flexible packaging unit also contributed to the rise in consolidated sales, having grown by 5.5% to Ch\$45,117 million (US\$80.9 million), mainly as a result of higher exports and sales volumes in Chile. Sales of the aluminum profiles unit fell by 4.5% due to lower average prices, the effect of which was not offset by the higher volume sold during the year. Sales of the cable business unit accounted for 51.3% of total sales, followed by brass mills (25.9%), flexible packaging (13.9%) and aluminum profiles (8.9%).

The pronounced recovery in sales, gains in efficiency and a slight 0.4% decline in SG&A expenses translated directly into significantly higher operating profits for Madeco. The company's operating income increased from Ch\$7,643 million (US\$13.7 million) to Ch\$25,176 million (US\$45.2 million), attributable to the cable and brass mill business units. Operating profit by business unit can be broken down as follows: cable (41.7%), brass mills (32.4%), flexible packaging (12.7%) and aluminum profiles (13.2%).

The operating margin as a percentage of sales rose from 3.1% in 2003 to 7.8% in 2004. Likewise, the increase in EBITDA was significant, growing from Ch\$18,992 million (US\$34.1 million) in 2003 to Ch\$35,961 million (US\$64.5 million) in 2004.

Madeco reported non-operating losses of Ch\$14,301 million (US\$25.7 million), down by 36.8% from the Ch\$22,628 million (US\$40.6 million) reported in 2003, mostly explained by lower non-operating expenses, which in 2003 included asset write-offs and provisions for the liquidation of Optel in Brazil. In addition, a 13.9% reduction in interest expense and the absence of exchange rate losses due to the appreciation of the Chilean peso also served to reduce non-operating losses for the period.

Madeco's improved performance, both at the operating and non-operating level served to totally revert 2003's net loss of Ch\$17,153 million (US\$30.8 million). Madeco reported net income of Ch\$8,512 million (US\$15.3 million) in 2004. Worth highlighting is that 2004 is the first year since 1998 that Madeco has reported a positive bottom line.

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#### **4Q 2004 Results**

Madeco's sales in the fourth quarter of 2004 increased by Ch\$19,488 million (US\$35.0 million) or 35.4% from Ch\$55,024 million (US\$98.7 million) to Ch\$74,512 million (US\$133.7 million), primarily attributable to higher sales of the wire and cable and brass mill business units, which rose by 52.8% and 37.9%, respectively. Wire and cable sales, which accounted for Ch\$12,777 million (US\$22.9 million) of the total increase, benefited from strong demand and higher average prices in its four principal markets, particularly Chile and Brazil. Higher average prices and volumes boosted brass mill sales by Ch\$5,177 million (US\$9.3 million). The increase in wire and cable and brass mill sales from foreign subsidiaries was partially offset by currency translations to Chilean pesos due to the 8.5% revaluation experienced vis-à-vis the close of the fourth quarter of 2003.

In general terms, the more favorable economic climate in Madeco's main markets, which stimulated investment, particularly in the construction sector in Chile, contributed to sales growth during the fourth quarter.

Sales of the wire and cable business unit (whose principal operation is Ficap Brazil) accounted for 49.6% of total sales, followed by brass mills (25.3%), flexible packaging (14.9%) and aluminum profiles (10.2%).

Sales outpaced the increase in cost of goods sold, resulting in a 72.3% increase in Madeco's gross income. This, coupled with a 7.1% decline in SG&A expenses served to boost operating income by Ch\$4,513 million (US\$8.1 million) to Ch\$4,692 million (US\$8.4 million). The improved operating performance was attributable to strong increases in the operating income of the wire & cable and brass mills business units. The company's operating margin as a percentage of sales was 6.3% versus nil one year ago. Likewise, EBITDA experienced important growth in 4Q 2004, reaching Ch\$6,962 million (US\$12.5 million) versus Ch\$2,410 million (US\$4.3 million) in the same quarter of 2003.

Non-operating losses amounted to Ch\$3,713 million (US\$6.7 million) versus Ch\$10,354 million (US\$18.6 million) in 4Q 2003. The reduction in non-operating losses was primarily due lower other non-operating expenses, which in the fourth quarter of 2003 included asset write-offs and provisions for the liquidation of Optel in Brazil. In 4Q 2004, non-operating losses were mainly composed of interest expense of Ch\$3,306 million (US\$5.9 million) of which Ch\$1,260 million (US\$2.3 million) was related to a charge to results for the amortization of goodwill associated with Madeco's Series A bonds, which were prepaid in the last quarter of the year.

Madeco reported net profit of Ch\$778 million (US\$1.4 million) for the fourth quarter of 2004, a dramatic improvement from the net loss of Ch\$11,492 million (US\$20.6 million) in 4Q 2003, attributable to the aforementioned improvements in Madeco's operating and non-operating performance during the quarter.

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