



regarding the interpretation of the Shareholders Agreement and its relationship with the merger agreed between BCH and Banco Santander, discussions were initiated with the objective of adequately protecting the Company's interests.

- C. Considering that the time period the Board of Directors deemed reasonable to reach a solution has elapsed, and that no solutions have been reached during the meetings to date, the Board of Directors during its Ordinary Meeting held on March 3, 1999 has agreed to lift the confidentiality governing the information reported to the Superintendency, and has decided to report this information publicly as an Essential Fact.
- D. Consequently, the Board of Directors shall continue to study the legal recourses and actions to be followed, as well as the financial alternatives implied by this matter in order to obtain the best outcome possible for the Company, which shall be publicly reported to the Superintendency in due course.

Sincerely,

Guillermo Luksic C.  
Chairman

(End Translation)

In response to inquiries, The Company, through its director of Investor Relations, Mr. David Perez, offered the following observations related to the above Notice:

- The paragraph in section "A" above relates to provisions in the OHCH Shareholders' Agreement, which BCH deems it can exercise, containing reciprocal rights for the purchase or sale of the partners' interests in OHCH.
- OHCH is the joint venture company through which Quiñenco and BCH hold interests in Banco Santiago and other banks in the Southern Cone.

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