

BANK OF CHILE
Form 6-K
June 23, 2008

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 June, 2008

Commission File Number 001-15266

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

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

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BANCO DE CHILE
REPORT ON FORM 6-K

Attached is an English translation of a letter filed by Banco de Chile with the Chilean Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions, Chilean Superintendency of Securities and Insurance and local stock exchanges, in connection with **the merger of Banedwards Administradora General de Fondos S.A., formerly Legg Mason (Chile) Administradora General de Fondos S.A., with and into Banchile Administradora General de Fondos S.A.** As a consequence of the merger, Banchile Administradora General de Fondos S.A.'s articles of incorporation have been amended and Banedwards Administradora General de Fondos S.A. has been dissolved.

Santiago, June 19, 2008

Mr. Gustavo Arriagada Morales
Superintendent of Banks and
Financial Institutions

RE: ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Mr. Superintendent:

In accordance with Articles 9 and 10 of the Securities Law N° 18,045, and Chapter 18-10 of the Compilation of Regulations of the Superintendency of Banks and Financial Institutions, I do hereby inform you, as essential information regarding this Banking Institution, that the extraordinary shareholders meetings of the affiliates Banchile Administradora General de Fondos S.A. and Banedwards Administradora General de Fondos S.A., formerly Legg Mason (Chile) Administradora General de fondos S.A., held on May 8, 2008, agreed the merger by absorption of Banedwards Administradora General de Fondos S.A. with and into Banchile Administradora General de Fondos S.A., and the amendment of the corresponding articles of incorporation of the latter. The minute of the shareholders meeting was recorded in a public deed dated June 12, 2008, granted before the Notary Public of Santiago, René Benavente Cash. The said merger and amendment was approved by Resolution Number 371 issued by the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance on June 12, of this year, which was registered with the Santiago Official Registrant, pages 26,455, number 18,139, on June 13, 2008, and published in the Official Gazette on June 14, of this year.

As a consequence of the above mentioned merger, the affiliate Banedwards Administradora General de Fondos S.A., formerly Legg Mason (Chile) Administradora General de Fondos S.A. has been dissolved.

Sincerely,

Fernando Cañas Berkowitz
President and CEO

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: June 23, 2008

Banco de Chile

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