

BANCO SANTANDER CHILE
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FORM 6-K

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

Report of Foreign Issuer

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

For the month of January, 2003

Commission File Number: 001-14554

Banco Santander Chile

Santander Chile Bank

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

Bandera 140

Santiago, Chile

(Address of principal executive offices)

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This report on Form 6-K is incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form F-4 of Banco Santander Chile, Registration No. 333-100975.

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1. Press release dated January 16, 2003 regarding the announcement of the results of Banco Santander Chile’s exchange offer.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF EXCHANGE OFFER

Santiago, January 16, 2003 – Banco Santander-Chile (the “Bank”) today announced that its offer to exchange its new subordinated notes due 2012 (the “New Notes”) for any and all of its outstanding 7% subordinated notes due 2007 (the “Old Notes”) had expired at noon, New York City time.

A total of US\$221,961,000 principal amount of Old Notes was tendered and has been accepted by the Bank. Upon consummation of the exchange offer, the tendering holders will receive, in exchange for each US\$1,000 principal amount of such tendered Old Notes:

- US\$1,000 principal amount of New Notes with an annual interest rate of 7.375%, and
- A cash payment of US\$45.13.

The Bank expects that the aggregate of such cash payments will be approximately US\$10,017,100.

Settlement of the exchange offer is expected to occur on January 22, 2003. US\$624,000 principal amount of the Old Notes tendered and accepted have not yet been delivered to the Bank. Any Old Notes not delivered prior to settlement will not be exchanged for New Notes.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. is acting as the lead dealer-manager for the exchange offer and Santander Central Hispano Investment Securities Inc. is the co-dealer manager for the exchange offer.

A copy of the Prospectus for the exchange offer dated December 13, 2002 (the "Prospectus") may be obtained by contacting the information agent, D.F. King & Co., Inc., 77 Water Street, New York, NY 10005, bankers and brokers call collect: (212) 269-5550, all others call toll free: (800) 949-2583.

INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ, BEFORE MAKING ANY DECISION, THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC BY BANCO SANTANDER-CHILE IN RESPECT OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors can obtain these documents free of charge at the SEC's website (<http://www.sec.gov>) or by directing a request to D.F. King & Co., Inc. at the address and phone numbers provided above.

This press release is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell securities. The exchange offer is made solely by the Prospectus and the related letter of transmittal and is not being made to, nor will tenders be accepted from or on behalf of, holders of notes in any jurisdiction in which the making of the exchange offer or acceptance thereof would not be in compliance with the laws of such jurisdiction. In those jurisdictions where the applicable laws require that the exchange offer be made by a licensed broker or dealer, the exchange offer shall be deemed to be made on behalf of the dealer manager or one or more registered brokers or dealers licensed under laws of such jurisdiction.

According to the latest figures published by the Superintendencia de Bancos e Instituciones Financieras, as of November 30, 2002, Banco Santander-Chile was the largest bank in Chile in terms of loans and possessed the largest distribution network with 349 branches and 1,104 ATMs. The Bank's long term bank deposits are rated Baa1 Moody's, the Bank's long term foreign issuer credit rating is A- by Standard and Poor's and its foreign currency long term debt rating is A- by Fitch. These are the same ratings assigned to the Republic of Chile. The stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: SAN) and the Santiago Stock Exchange (SSE: Bsantander). The Bank's main shareholder is Santander Central Hispano, which directly and indirectly owns 84.14% of Banco Santander-Chile.

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.

Banco Santander Chile

Dated: January 16, 2003

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