## 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 December, 2004

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 office) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F: Form 20-F X Form 40-F Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): No X Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(7): Yes No X Indicate by check mark whether by furnishing the information contained in this Form, the Registrant is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_X

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1. Translation of letter dated December 6, 2004, sent by the Bank's CEO to the Superintendent of Banks regarding a material fact that reports transactions and agreements that the Bank has entered into.

Santiago, December 6, 2004.

Mr.
Enrique Marshall Rivera
Superintendent of Banks and
Financial Institutions
Present

Re: Report of Material Fact

#### Mr. Superintendent:

As required by the Ninth Article and the second section of the Tenth Article of Law No. 18,045, Banco Santander-Chile (the "Bank") reports as a material fact that, pursuant to a strategic alliance agreement dated as of July 16, 2004 with Empresas Almacenes París S.A. and Sociedad Comercial de Tiendas Limitada, the Bank has formalized the following transactions and agreements as of December 6, 2004:

- a) the sale, assignment and transfer to Empresas Almacenes París S.A., parent company of the new Banco París, of financial and intangible assets of the Santiago-Express Division of the Bank, for a total price of Ch\$112,593,745,223, paid in cash, of which \$90,434,065,223 is the net value of the financial assets and \$22,129,680,000 of which represents premium paid for the intangible assets;
- b) the leasing to Banco París of a part of the real estate of the Bank in which its Santiago-Express Division operated;
- c) the assignment to Banco París of the leases of the Bank's branches that operated in its Santiago-Express Division;
- d) the leasing to Banco París of computer equipment and physical spaces;

 $e) \ as \ soon \ as \ technologically \ possible, \ access \ to \ the \ network \ of \ the \ Bank's \ ATMs \ for \ the \ current \ or \ future \ clients \ of \ Paris \ Card \ and \ Banco \ Paris; \ and$ 

f) the transfer to Banco París of the personnel that provided services to the Bank's Santiago-Express Division.

Sincerely,

Oscar von Chrismar Carvajal Chief Executive Officer Banco Santander-Chile

c.c. Stock Exchange

## 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**

Date: December 14, 2004 By: /s/ Gonzalo Romero

Name: Gonzalo Romero Title: General Counsel