



SQM LAUNCHES THE SECOND STORIES OF LA PAMPA CONTEST

Due to the success of the first contest in 2006, SQM launched their second running of the Stories of La Pampa Contest, an event that forms part of the company's actions to recover and disseminate its nitrate mining heritage.

350 works by authors from all over the country were submitted for the first Stories of La Pampa Contest, and also included some from other countries like Venezuela and Sweden, to name a few.

The contest jury is comprised of Hernán Rivera Letelier, the famous writer from Antofagasta, Floreal Recabarren, historian, Mauro Robles, Director of the El Mercurio de Antofagasta newspaper, and Daniel Jiménez, SQM's Vice President of HR and Corporate Affairs.

The rules are the following:

- 1 Chileans and foreigners residing in Chile may participate.
- 2 Each participant may submit only one story, which must be written in Spanish, on no more than 40 letter sized pages, by typewriter or computer, 12-point font and double spaced.
- 3 The original of the story must be sent to the office of SQM, Aníbal Pinto 3228, Antofagasta, addressed to the contest. There must be 5 copies, signed with a pseudonym. Also include in the same package, in a separate and sealed envelop, the pseudonym, complete name, RUT, address and telephone.
- 4 Entries will be accepted from August 4 to October 17, 2008.
- 5 The stories of the 3 winners and the 3 honorable mentions will be published in a book, which will also include a story by Hernán Rivera Letelier, the Jury President. Copies of this work may be donated or sold for cultural purposes without any rights for their authors.
- 6 The verdict will be published in the newspapers La Estrella de Arica, La Estrella de Iquique, El Mercurio de Antofagasta, El Mercurio de Calama, La Prensa de Tocopilla and El Diario de Atacama during the second half of November.
- 7 The non-winning selections will neither be returned nor published.
- 8 It is understood that all contest participants guarantee the authorship, originality and ownership of their work and are obligated to respond before the corresponding legal authorities, freeing the organizer and the publisher from any responsibility that emanates from the work, as well as whatever third party claim.





- 9 The first place price will be \$3.000.000 (Chilean pesos), second place \$1.000.000 (Chilean pesos) and third place \$500.000 (Chilean pesos). Three honorable mentions will also be recognized.

The presentation of the stories implies the acceptance of these rules.

