

Press Release



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SVS INFORMS SITUATION OF RAIMUNDO SERRANO MC AULIFFE CORREDORES DE BOLSA

The Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros (SVS) was informed on the night of Friday May 15th, by the Public Prosecutor's Office, of a lawsuit presented against RAIMUNDO SERRANO MC AULIFFE CORREDORES DE BOLSA S.A. by one of the stockbroker's clients, for not having responded to a request to withdraw securities in custody in the amount of approximately \$1.6 billion.

With respect to Raimundo Serrano Mc Auliffe Corredores de Bolsa S.A., the SVS informs that:

1. The stockbroker's obligations to the market are fundamentally related to intermediary, simultaneous and securities custody operations.
2. The intermediary operations (buying and selling) that are pending liquidation add up to \$327 million in the Santiago Stock Exchange and \$229 million in the Valparaiso Stock Exchange, which should be liquidated during the next few days in accordance with current regulations.
3. On May 14, 2009, the stockbroker had current simultaneous operations in the amount of \$636 million in the Santiago Stock Exchange and of \$82 million in the Valparaiso Stock Exchange.

According to information from both stock exchanges sent on Friday May 15th to the SVS, these operations have the required guarantees to allow for them to be liquidated appropriately.

4. According to information provided by the stockbroker to the SVS on May 17, 2009, it holds obligations for securities custody in the amount of \$5.312 billion, belonging to 350 clients.
5. In a letter issued on May 17, 2009, the president of the stockbroking firm requested, in consideration of the respective lawsuit, voluntary suspension of

operations as of Monday, May 18, 2009, in order to review the lawsuit and implement the appropriate actions to clarify the situation.

Based on this information, the SVS took the following actions:

1. The SVS, in order to ensure strict compliance with the current legal framework, has begun investigations to determine whether or not there is fault. If fault is detected, the SVS will take actions as established by the Law.
2. Over the weekend, the SVS contacted the president of the stockbroking firm, and spoke with the Santiago Stock Exchange and the Valparaiso Stock Exchange, both of which are stock exchanges in which the intermediary operates. Considering the information at hand, the SVS gave instructions to suspend the operations of Raimundo Serrano Mc Auliffe Corredores de Bolsa S.A., from May 18, 2009 to May 31, 2009.
3. On the other hand, this morning the SVS has called an onsite hearing at the offices of the stockbroking firm. This hearing will go on as long as necessary.
4. In line with the approaches taken by the SVS to modernize the stock exchange sector, it was resolved to move forward with the modification of a series of rules that were being analyzed in connection with the private sector.

During the first phase, a rule proposal to modify equity requirements related to simultaneous operations and custody services will be published for comment next Monday, May 25th, and will be available for 10 business days.

This regulatory change, which the SVS has been developing over the last few months, is part of a broader modification package to improve security in securities intermediation operations.

During the second phase, which will take place during the first half of June 2009, a rule to optimize the operations of customer custodies and securities loans will be published for comment.

Finally, during the third phase in August 2009, the SVS will publicize a regulatory proposal regarding the other equity requirements associated with other lines of brokerage operations.

Santiago, Monday, May 18, 2009.