SQM and CARE CHILE UC Sign Strategic Alliance to Carry Out Bio-medical Research

The Centro de Envejecimiento y Regeneración (Aging and Regeneration Center) (CARE) of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and SQM signed an agreement to support projects through the financing of research on potassium positive effects.

CARE Chile UC, as Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile excellence scientific and technology center, focuses its research in bio-medical aspects of chronic diseases of great incidence in the world, such as high blood pressure, neurodegenerative diseases, and Alzheimer, among others.

SQM, involved in the production and marketing of salts among which there is potassium, decided to support research on the said chemical element for the benefit of individuals and through this agreement, whose first stage includes a US$1.5 million contribution for the development of this initiative in a 4-year period.

The main purpose of research carried out by CARE is to provide the bio-medical foundations for the beneficial use of potassium to prevent and treat high blood pressure, cerebrovascular complications, and cognitive deterioration.

The signing of this agreement was headed by the chancellor of Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Ignacio Sánchez, SQM General Manager, Patricio Contesse, and CARE Chile UC Director, Nibaldo Inestrosa.

“As a national company, we are very proud of collaborating with this initiative and supporting, from our experience, CARE Chile of Pontificia Universidad Católica with regard to such a significant matter. As a leader company in the non-metal mining industry, we have emphasized the research lines that allow us to develop our knowledge in the production processes we use, as well as in the design of new products. This type of alliances reinforces our commitment, responsibility and innovation policies with regards to our concern for environmental care and good relations with the community, fundamental basis that we see further than a production network”, affirmed SQM General Manager, Patricio Contesse.