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Santiago, September 27, 2012.

Mr.

Fernando Coloma Correa

Superintendent of Securities and Insurance

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Santiago

Re.: ESSENTIAL FACT

Colbún S.A.

Securities Register N°295

Dear Sir,

In accordance with what is established in articles 9 and 10 of Law 18,045 on the Stock Market, and in the Norm of General Character N° 30 of such Superintendence, being duly empowered for this, I hereby inform you the following, as an essential fact:

On December 31, 2007, Colbún S.A. ("Colbún") informed, as an essential fact, that the Nehuenco I Power Plant had been affected by a fire. On January 30, 2008, Colbún complemented the mentioned essential fact.

In September 2009, the companies Chilena Consolidada Seguros Generales S.A., Penta Security S.A. and Mapfre Compañía de Seguros Generales de Chile S.A. ("the Insurance Companies") paid Colbún US\$ 33.7 million corresponding to the undisputed amount of the insurance liquidation. However, given that the parties differed mainly regarding the indemnification limit applicable to the losses due to the halt, the arbitration mechanism considered in the policy was implemented.

On September 26, 2012, Colbún was notified of the arbitral ruling issued by the arbitrator Mr. Raúl Varela Morgan, which mostly accepts the demands of Colbún, sentencing the Insurance Companies to pay as pending balance of the incident value the amount of US\$ 61 million, approximately, including current interests accrued to such date.

The ruling can be appealed before a second instance Arbitral Court formed by Messrs. Alberto Pulido Cruz, Claudio Illanes Ríos and Samuel Lira Ovalle, who must issue their ruling within a period of six months.

If this arbitral ruling is confirmed, the indicated amount shall have to be acknowledged as a result in the corresponding term.

I remain sincerely yours,

COLBÚN S.A.

Rodrigo Perez Stiepovic
Legal Manager

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