



## Summary of State of Conservation Report

### Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpetre Works (C 1178) Chile

Chile reports on the implementation of corrective measures –to be finished in five years– adopted in Decision 37 COM, in order to guarantee the property’s integrity and authenticity and reach the Desired State of Conservation for the removal of the property from the World Heritage in Danger List. More specifically:

- Implementation of the Priority Interventions Programme has continued. In 2013, consolidation work was finished for the primary mills building at Santa Laura, and for the Coordination Heads House at Humberstone. Also carried out were the research and design for the restoration and opening of the General Store (*pulpería*) at Humberstone as a “Saltpetre Era Interpretation Centre”. The restoration and opening will be implemented in 2014.
- The updated Management Plan is under final review, and this revision is expected to be completed by the end of the first half of 2014. The site’s Comprehensive Conservation Plan will be developed in 2014–2015. Once it is finished, it will be incorporated into the current Management Plan, which will be updated accordingly.
- During 2014, work will be done towards achieving the protection of the Buffer Zone under the category of Typical Zone, establishing its limits in a territory that corresponds to “Cantón Nebraska”, an administrative division of the saltpetre era that encompasses several saltpetre works located in that sector.
- In 2013, implementation was completed for the “Heritage Interpretation Plan of the Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpetre Works.” Different visitation circuits were determined inside the site. They all have audio tours and interpretation signs in operation.
- According to the Institution’s Risk Prevention Plan, the surveillance and security system has been enhanced, both for the site and for visitors.
- The human resources team in charge of management will continue working, as was informed in 2012. We count with the human and material resources diagnosis for implementing the site’s Management Plan, and in 2014, a study will be carried out on finding the mechanisms to provide those resources in an on–going manner.
- During 2013, there was day and night time security at the site, with a total of eight security agents. This will continue in 2014.