

**REPUBLIC OF CHILE
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
NATIONAL MONUMENTS COUNCIL**

STATE OF CONSERVATION REPORT

**Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works
(Chile) (1178)**

2016

1. Executive Summary of the report

The State Party reports in regard to the 39 COM Decision and on the implementation of corrective measures established in the Desired State of Conservation adopted at the 37 COM:

During 2015, the restoration of the General Store (*Pulpería*) was completed, which was considered part of the Priority Intervention Program. This is a large scale project and constitutes a historical accomplishment in the history of the conservation of the property.

Thanks to the International Assistance given for the "*Post Earthquake 2014 Emergency Assistance for Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works, Chile*" project, new priority interventions were designed and adapted, emerging following the 2014 earthquake. The project considered the transfer of knowledge between professionals and the architecture students in the region. Within this framework, two of the designed interventions will be carried out.

Research projects are still being carried out on the site materials, through the University of Valparaiso, using state resources. During 2016 the project will be developed in order to draw up the Site's Integral Conservation Plan.

To date, the updated Site Management Plan and the Heritage Interpretation Plan are in operation. Informative signage has been included, there are safety regulations, and the personnel have been trained in risk prevention. There are security personnel at the site permanently, and during 2015 there were no thefts reported.

Furthermore, the designs of the restoration of the old *Policlínico* and the Santa Laura Administration House, expected to be the future Iodine Museum-, are in process. The funds to set up the Site Documentation Center and to build the Humberstone sewage system have been obtained, both of which will be carried out in 2016.