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**HUMBERSTONE AND SANTA  
LAURA SALTPETER WORKS**

CHILE

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## **REPORT ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION**

**of the**

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

**2017**



## 1. Executive Summary of the report

In response to what was indicated in 39 COM and the implementation of the corrective measures established in the Desired State of Conservation approved in the 37 COM, the following is reported:

1. The Management Plan of the site is being applied in full.
2. Financing was obtained for executing 11 out of the 15 Interventions that have still to be completed in the Priority Intervention Program.
3. The International Assistance has come to an end that was financed by the UNESCO for the project called "Post Earthquake 2014 Emergency Assistance for Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works, Chile", executed by the Administrator of the Site with the cooperation of the Arturo Prat University and the supervision of the National Monuments Council. A survey was conducted of the damages to 39 properties; intervention proposals were prepared and two of them carried out.
4. Progress was made with the Conservation Plan, developing the diagnoses required relating to studies into the materials and the climate.
5. An agreement was signed between the DIBAM and the Federico Santa María University in Valparaíso for the preparation of a Risk Management Plan for the site.
6. Safety measures and surveillance over the site were maintained.
7. The site is now completely fenced off, joined together, and with only entrance to both saltpeter works.
8. The task still continues of seeking an advisor - an expert in administration - who would follow up the Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works under the guidance of the CMN and the DIBAM; in addition to whom there would be a second expert so as to continue progressing with compliance with the state of conservation desired.
9. The works have begun of readying the site's documentation center.
10. The drainage works in Humberstone have been built and they are now ready.
11. A Dissemination Campaign of the site is now being executed: a seminar, two workshops with Pampa organizations, a forum with Public Authorities, a traveling exhibition, two special editions in newspapers in the Region of Tarapacá concerning the progress made and what challenges lie ahead.
12. The DIBAM has created a new National Center for World Heritage Sites whose aim is to follow up and coordinate all action taken by the services related to World Heritage Sites in Chile.