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**REPORT ON THE STATE OF CONSERVATION  
of the  
Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works  
(Chile) (1178)**

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## 1. Executive Summary of the report

In response to what was indicated in 41 COM.7A.24 and the implementation of the corrective measures established in the Desired State of Conservation approved in the 37 COM.7A.37, the following is reported:

- The State Party consistent and decisively is promoting the implementation of corrective measures to achieve the Desired State of Conservation for the Site, it is estimated that during 2018 100% of the commitments will be fulfilled.
- During 2017, proposed Buffer Zone boundaries were established and work was carried out for its legal protection as a Typical Zone, being approved by National Monuments Council in its Session of January 24, 2018. It remains only the issuance of the respective decree and the submission to the World Heritage Center of the proposal for minor boundaries modification of the property. During 2018, works will be made to establish rules that will regulate interventions in that territory.
- Progress has been made in order to an effective Management Plan application, its seven work programs evince concrete advances that are detailed in this report. During 2018, works will be carried out on updating this instrument.
- The Conservation Plan design is soon to be completed and its commissioning is planned for second semester of 2018. Conservation Policy and three of its main chapters are already drafted.
- The execution works of the last 15 emergency projects started in order to conclude the Priority Intervention Program 2005 – 2008. Financing required is already available and technical teams are now executing works. The entire program will be effectively completed by the end of the first semester of 2018.
- Five of the six emergency works recommended in the "Earthquake 2014 Emergency Assistance for Humberstone and Santa Laura Saltpeter Works" project (financed by UNESCO) were executed in the year 2017.
- The Site effectively is being preserved and protected, the Site Manager achieved a budget just over US \$ 1,000,000 for the management of the Site during 2017, disposing about 30 people for different labors and completed two important conservation works in Humberstone: the Saltpeter Interpretation Center and the Documentation Center, both habilitation projects.
- Chilean State, under DIBAM administration, has created a social program called "World Heritage Sites". It is an investment line that will allocate permanent funding for the World Heritage Sites through subsidies and technical assistance directed to Site Managers. For 2018 it count a fund of US \$ 500,000.

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- Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage was officially created, and the World Heritage Sites National Center remains within its structure.

