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APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

London: 7 April 2005: – Antofagasta plc, announces the appointment today of Mr Guillermo Luksic as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

Mr Luksic, who is 48 years old, has long experience of operating in different business sectors both in Chile and throughout Latin America. He is a Director of Banco de Chile and Chairman of several public companies, including Quiñenco S.A., a Chilean industrial and financial conglomerate; CCU, the country's principal brewing company and Madeco, a manufacturer of copper and aluminium products. The shares of all these companies are traded on both the Chilean and New York Stock Exchanges.

The Company said today: "We are very pleased that Guillermo Luksic has agreed to join the Board of Antofagasta, as he brings a wide knowledge of Chilean and international business as well as recognised entrepreneurial skills".

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