

educate and train members of relevant communities who wish to learn to use the internet and other computer based tools.

By participating in the digital literacy campaign initiated by the government, the company has developed an innovative computer skills programme to help to bridge the digital divide for its workers and their families through theoretical

and practical training in the use of information and communication technologies, so that they are prepared to live competently in a globalised world. The project covers work with networks and the use of software that may be obtained free from the internet.

e-Seal accreditation

FCAB received its e-Seal accreditation in 2005 as

the first company in the Antofagasta Region to eliminate the digital divide by achieving digital literacy for all of its workers, a task achieved thanks to the decisive contributions of senior management, supervisors and workers in the various divisions of the company.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The company is aware of the potential impact of rail and highway transport activities on the communities and population centres near the transport network. Each time a new project is submitted to the Environmental Impact Assessment System (SEIA), corresponding assessments are carried out for the area affected by the project. The most recent Environmental Impact Assessment

associated with the project on "Transport of containers with mineral concentrates from Minera San Cristobal" was in 2005 and covered an assessment of the regional demographic and community aspects of the respective economic activities, an evaluation of indigenous communities and of the organisational structure of the communities.

Throughout its hundred year history, FCAB has always sought to maintain good relations with stakeholders affected by its operations, and has been concerned to contribute more than economic value to surrounding communities. In 2007, there were no cases of significant incidents with an adverse impact on local communities.

FCAB carries out various activities in which the communities have the opportunity to participate for both educational and recreational purposes.

Notable activities

Train journeys

During 2007, 12 train journeys were provided for around 3,000 community members and for company employees. The most memorable were:

- Journey to the Tropic of Capricorn: summer and winter solstice.
- Mother's Day trip.
- Trip for senior citizens to Mejillones.
- Viaje desde Calama a Embalse de Conchi.
- Cinema Festival trip.
- Restoration of the steam locomotive: Over time, steam locomotives have become historical assets, mainly for their particular means of operation and because they symbolise an important stage in the global history of railways. Many form part of the heritage of cities and countries that grew up during the industrial revolution of the 19th





century. Taking all this into account, FCAB took on the challenge of rehabilitating and placing in operation a steam locomotive that was manufactured in 1927 by the North British Locomotive Co. in Scotland. Thanks to the efforts of FCAB and its staff, locomotive enthusiasts and the general public are able to view the restored locomotive, and at the same time experience a part of the history of Antofagasta.