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**MADECO S.A. OBTAINS APPROVAL FOR ITS
NEW CAPITAL INCREASE**

(Santiago, Chile, November 15, 2002) Madeco S.A. (“Madeco”) (NYSE ticker: MAD) announced that at its Extraordinary Shareholders’ meeting held on Thursday, November 14th, approved a capital increase totaling Ch\$101,379,996,000 (the equivalent of approximately US\$143 million), divided into 5,632,222,000 shares with no par value. Pursuant to Chilean law, the capital increase will include a pre-emptive rights offering to the Company’s existing shareholders. The capital increase approval includes the alternatives to subscribe shares either through payment in cash and/or the capitalization of existing debt. The Company's Board of Directors was granted the authority to make certain decisions regarding the capital increase, including the issuing share price, the total number of shares to be offered, timing and allocation. In accordance with Chilean regulation, the Company can place the total number of approved shares (5,632,222,000) related to the capital increase over a period of three years.

In addition, at the Shareholders' Meeting was approved the cancellation of the unsubscribed portion of the capital increase approved through agreements reached at the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on July 10, 2002.

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The Company has decided not to make the Rights Offering available to holders of American Depositary Shares, or “ADSs”, based on a New York Stock Exchange exemption which allows an issuer to exclude ADS holders in such an offering where it is impracticable or unduly expensive for that Company to offer those rights to U.S. holders of ADSs.

Neither the Rights Offering transaction nor the shares to be offered and sold in that offering are registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933 nor under any U.S. state securities laws. The shares will be offered and sold in a transaction outside the United States and will be offered and sold only to Non-U.S. Persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act.

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Madeco, formerly Manufacturas de Cobre MADECO S.A., was incorporated in 1944 as an open stock corporation under the laws of the Republic of Chile and currently has operations in Chile, Brazil, Peru and



Argentina. Madeco is a leading Latin American manufacturer of finished and semi-finished non-ferrous products based on copper, copper alloys and aluminum. The Company is also a leading manufacturer of flexible packaging products for use in the packaging of mass consumer products such as food, snacks and cosmetics.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements included in the above text, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to release publicly the result of any revisions to these forward-looking statements which may be made to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, including, without limitation, changes in the Company's business strategy or planned capital expenditures, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.