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MADECO S.A. ANNOUNCES CAPITAL INCREASE ADVANCEMENT

(Santiago, Chile, 25 September, 2002) Madeco S.A. ("Madeco") (NYSE ticker: MAD) notified the *Superintendencia de Valores y Seguros* (Superintendency of Securities and Insurance, or "SVS") today regarding the progress of its capital increase process. Through two Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting, held in July and August 2002, a capital increase was approved for a total of 1,800,000,000 shares at a fixed price of Ch\$35 per share (total capital increase amount of Ch\$63,000 million). Within the pre-emptive rights period, which ends on 8 October, 2002, a first phase which ended on 23 September 2002 was included, wherein shareholders were able to subscribe to the capital increase through the issuance of mandates to the subscription agent, subject to certain conditions and instructions established for that effect.

Within the aforementioned first phase, shareholders issued mandates through the subscription agent for a total of Ch\$37,008 million (58.7% of the total), of which, the Company's controlling shareholder, Quiñenco S.A. and its subsidiaries, subscribed a total of Ch\$35,350 million.

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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.

