



CSAV reduces losses by 31.3% in the first quarter of 2014

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- *These results were obtained in the context of a 10.6% reduction in freight rates compared to the first quarter of 2013.*

Santiago, May 28, 2014.-Compañía Sudamericana de Vapores (CSAV) has reduced its loss in the first quarter of 2014. As reported to the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance (SVS), the net loss in the first three months of this year was US\$ 65.9 million, 31.3% less than in the same period of 2013 when the loss was US\$ 96 million, including a provision of US\$40 million for anti-trust investigations in the car carrier business.

This result is explained by the complex scenario which the shipping industry still faces, continuing with considerable overcapacity and very volatile freight rates. In fact, in the first quarter of 2014, freight rates fell by 10.6% compared to the same period of the year before, according to the container business rate index published by the company.

On the other hand, the volume carried by the company rose by 1.8% compared to the first quarter of 2013.

The chief executive of CSAV, Oscar Hasbún, said that the results are in line with the company's projections. "In the context of a very complex freight rate scenario for the industry, our company continues to show a significant improvement in its cost structure, which allows us to absorb part of the freight reduction".

CSAV in recent years has continuously improved its results despite the adverse pricing scenario that the shipping market has faced. Last year, it managed to reduce its losses by 46%, from US\$ 314 million in 2012 to US\$ 169 million in 2013.