

CSAV reduces losses by 24.2% in the third quarter of 2014

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- These results were obtained in the context of a 6.9% reduction in freight rates compared to the third quarter of 2013.

Santiago, November 12, 2014. Compañía Sudamericana de Vapores (CSAV) has reduced its loss in the third quarter of 2014. As reported to the Superintendency of Securities and Insurance (SVS), the company reported a net loss of U\$ 35.4 million, 24.2% less than in the same period of 2013 when the loss was US\$ 46.7 million.

The result of the third quarter is explained mainly by the complex scenario which the shipping industry still faces, which shows low freight rates compared to the second quarter of this year and particularly compared to the same quarter of 2013. In fact, in the third quarter of 2014, freight rates fell by 6.9% compared to the same period of the previous year, according to the container business rate index published by the company.

However, as it has occurred during the last quarters, CSAV obtained further improvement in its unit operating costs. Thus, despite the increase in transported volume –which rose by 0.6% compared to the second quarter of this year and 2.8% compared to the same quarter of 2013- the company reduced its operating costs during both comparative periods.

The CEO of CSAV, Oscar Hasbún, said that "in the context of a 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".