
BENTOS ACQUIRES AN OCEAN-GOING TUGBOAT IN CHILE

BENTOS performs an important investment by incorporating a major vessel for the firm's oceanic exploration work.

BENTOS, the leading Chilean company in the marine exploration business, oceanography, hydrography, marine geophysics, marine environment and submarine cables, recently acquired the ocean-going tugboat *MATAQUITO*, of approximately 30 m in length, with an onboard capacity for 12 persons and a range of 2,000 MN. This major vessel is to be assigned to exploration support operations in oceanic areas and the Juan Fernández, San Félix and San Ambrosio Islands and the Chilean Austral Archipelago.

The tug *MATAQUITO* was acquired from the shipping company SAAM, and is the first major vessel among others that BENTOS plans to acquire.

The vessel is temporarily at Puerto Montt, awaiting adaptation and outfitting with the equipment required to carry out its new functions.

BENTOS, soon to celebrate its 20th anniversary in the market, performs specialized work in Chile and also over approximately the last 12 years in Peru, Uruguay, Brazil, Panama and the Dominican Republic. For more information on the company BENTOS, visit the BENTOS web page: www.bentos.cl .

