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LOGINSA VENDE EL 100% DE SUS ACCIONES A GRUPO RANSA

Ransa acquires Chile's Loginsa in cross-border logistics deal

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Several firms have helped Peruvian logistics company Grupo Ransa acquire Chilean counterpart Loginsa and obtain acquisition financing to fund the purchase – marking its entry into Chile's logistics market.

Rebaza, Alcázar & De Las Casas in Lima and Barros & Errázuriz Abogados in Santiago advised Ransa in the acquisition of Loginsa, while the seller relied on Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados in Lima and Carey in Santiago.

Ransa instructed Cuatrecasas in Lima, Bogotá and Mexico City for the financing portion of the transaction. The lender, Banco Santander, turned to Miranda & Amado in Lima, Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uría (Colombia) in Bogotá and Arias in San José, San Salvador, Panama City, Guatemala City, Tegucigalpa and Managua.

Latin Lawyer understands that Paul Hastings LLP and Ritch Mueller y Nicolau, SC in Mexico City advised Banco Santander too, but could not confirm this before publication.

The acquisition closed on 29 February, one day after the financing. The value of both transactions remain confidential.

Ransa acquired 100% of Loginsa's share capital through the transaction. As a result, it incorporates the target's cold and dry storage assets, as well as its distribution and delivery operations. Loginsa's portfolio spans over 230,000 square metres across Chile.

The acquisition also marks Ransa's first foray into Chile's logistics market. In doing so, it expands its portfolio to cover around 4.3 square kilometres across 11 countries and 95 sites in Latin America.

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In other Latin American logistics deals, Brazilian company Allog acquired two Ceará-based counterparts, Ftrade and Fortallog, in October, just days after Germany's Rhenus incorporated Colombian company BLU Logistics into its portfolio – establishing a footprint in Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Mexico and Uruguay. Brazil's IC Transportes also divested its business operations to counterpart JSL for US$117 million in April last year.

Established in 1939, Miraflores-based Grupo Ransa is one of the largest providers of third-party logistics solutions in Latin America – serving the consumer, food and beverage, retail and agribusiness sectors, amongst others. Back in June, the company consolidated its presence in Costa Rica by merging with local counterpart, Transportes Centroamericanos del Futuro (TCF).

Founded in 1994, Chile's Loginsa provides cold and dry storage, distribution and last-mile delivery solutions to clients in a range of industries, such as retail and pharmaceuticals.

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