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SEMBCORP SELLS ITS SANITARY BUSINESS IN CHILE TO SACYR

Sacyr gets loan to snap up water assets in Chile

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Sacyr gets loan to snap up water assets in Chile Credit: shutterstock.com/hxdyl

Larrain y Asociados has helped the Chilean water utilities subsidiary of Spanish construction group Sacyr buy Singaporean counterpart Sembcorp's Chilean assets for US$40 million, and obtain a credit line to fund the acquisition.

Carey advised the seller, while lender Scotiabank enlisted Garrigues (Chile) for the financing. Both transactions closed on 29 July.

The Chilean offices of KPMG and Deloitte are thought to have advised on tax matters, but Latin Lawyer could not confirm this prior to publishing.

Sacyr Agua Chile Servicios Sanitarios secured a US$40 million loan to fund the acquisition of five of Sembcorp Chile's water facilities in northern and central Chile, including in the capital Santiago.

The sale involved an agreement allowing Sacyr to manage and sell water services in the northern Antofagasta region, where it will distribute drinking water and head wastewater management operations for around 150,000 residents in the area.

Headquartered in Madrid, Sacyr operates in over 20 countries and its Latin American operations can be found in Brazil, Chile and Mexico among others. It is also present in Uruguay, where a concessionaire led by the group obtained a US$75 million mezzanine financing in July to fund a public-private partnership railway project. That same project received one of Uruguay's largest-ever project financings last year.

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