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**Quiñenco Raises Stake in Banco de A. Edwards S.A. to 51%**

October 27, 1999 – Santiago, Chile - Quiñenco S.A. (NYSE: LQ) announced that it has acquired an additional 405,330,126 shares, or 7%, of Banco Edwards. The shares were purchased for US\$39.3 million, or US\$0.09697 per local share, from Mr. Jacob Ergas in a privately negotiated transaction yesterday evening. Quiñenco now owns 51% of Banco Edwards.

As part of the transaction, Quiñenco and Mr. Ergas agreed that Quiñenco would subscribe to at least 77% of Banco Edwards's upcoming capital increase and that Quiñenco would sell at least 26% of the offering to Mr. Ergas in exchange for deferred payment. Following the capital increase and sale to Mr. Ergas, Quiñenco's stake in Banco Edwards will be at least 51%.

Quiñenco S.A. is the controlling entity of a portfolio of companies involved in financial services, copper and aluminum products, beverages, telecommunications, foods, hotels and residential real estate development. Quiñenco is based in Santiago, Chile, and its businesses operate throughout the countries of the Southern Cone.

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