

IBM and Chile's Santiago Stock Exchange to Deliver World's First Securities Lending Blockchain Solution

Partnership will transform and digitize securities processing in a secure way across country's financial services industry

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 17, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- IBM (NYSE:[IBM](#)) and Chile's Santiago Stock Exchange, the largest in the country, today announced a partnership to introduce blockchain technology across the country's financial sector. The agreement makes the Santiago Stock Exchange the first stock market in Latin America to apply IBM Blockchain technology within its short selling system for securities lending.

Blockchain works as an immutable ledger that records transactions, allowing secure information exchange. Built by IBM and Chile's Santiago Stock Exchange, the solution is designed to help reduce errors, possible fraud, and processing time for each transaction, while also improving transaction management and lowering costs. In the case of the Santiago Stock Exchange, the solution will result in significant time savings for the back-office processes.

"The Stock Exchange is a technologically advanced company, which provides the infrastructure and systems for all types of securities transactions and their clearing and settlement. The Stock Exchange also provides information services and management systems for intermediaries. Incorporating blockchain into our business processes is in line with that purpose and positions us as a forerunner in the financial market," said the Santiago Stock Exchange CIO, Andrés Araya.

IBM Chile General Manager, Francisco Thiermann, highlighted the fact that the Santiago Stock Exchange is the first stock exchange in Latin America to implement a securities lending blockchain solution. "Our agreement with Santiago Stock Exchange marks another new era of innovation in the stock market. Santiago Stock Exchange is a pioneer in its industry, and the blockchain adoption establishes a transformational precedent in the financial market, not just in Chile but in this region and the world," he said.

The solution developed by IBM is based on the open source Linux Foundation's Hyperledger Fabric. The solution is expected to be widely available to support multiple parties across the financial industry ecosystem this year.

About Santiago Stock Exchange

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About IBM

IBM is the leader in open-source blockchain solutions built for the enterprise. As an early member of the Linux Foundation's Hyperledger Project, IBM is dedicated to supporting the development of openly-governed blockchains. IBM has worked with more than 400 clients across financial services, supply chains, IoT, risk management, digital rights management and healthcare to implement blockchain applications. For more information about IBM Blockchain, visit www.ibm.com/blockchain.

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