

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May 2005

(Commission File No. 1-14728)

**Lan Airlines S.A.**

(Translation of registrant's name in English)

Avenida Amerigo Vesputio Sur 901  
Renca,  
Santiago, Chile  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes ☐ No ☒

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**MATERIAL FACT**

Santiago, May 18, 2005

Mr. Alejandro Ferreiro Y.  
**Superintendent of Securities and Insurance**  
Present

To whom it may concern:

In compliance with Article 9 and the second paragraph of Article 10 of Law 18,045, I inform you of the material fact that, as of this date, we were notified that a Director of the company, Mr. Sebastián Piñera Echenique has resigned from the Board.

Sincerely,

/s/ José Miguel Bambach S.

José Miguel Bambach S.  
General Counsel  
Lan Airlines S.A.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 19, 2005

Lan Airlines S.A.

/s/ Alejandro de la Fuente Goic

By: Alejandro de la Fuente Goic  
Chief Financial Officer