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## **Chile: Mansa Copper Mine To Begin Operations Within Three Years**

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On Aug. 12, spokespersons for the state-run Copper Corporation (CODELCO) said the Mansa Mina copper mine will begin operations within the next three years. Discovered two years ago, the Mansa deposit consists of 800 million metric tons of the mineral. At a 1.3% average yield rate, the mine is expected to produce about 227 MT of refined copper per year. Mansa Mina is located near Chuquicamata, the world's largest open pit mine. Last year, the Chuquicamata mine, located 1,700 km. north of Santiago, produced 680,000 MT of refined copper. After 75 years of operations, the mine has entered into decline. CODELCO exports about 1.2 million MT of refined copper per year, from its Chuquicamata, El Teniente, El Salvador and Andina mines. (Basic data from AFP, 08/12/91)

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