

II.2 Irrigation infrastructure

11. The country has 1,200,000 hectares of irrigated land out of a total of 8,746,230 hectares³. It is expected to put another 600,000 hectares of dry land under irrigation, involving an additional investment of US\$ 400 million.

12. The works and projects are shown in Table II:

TABLE II

Programmes under construction:	
Large Irrigation Schemes:	
Santa Juana Reservoir (IIIrd Region)	9.855 ha
Canal Penciahue (VIIth Region)	11.157 ha
Canal Laja-Diguillin (VIIIth Region)	63.300 ha
Intermediate Irrigation Schemes	216.456 ha
Future Projects:	
Puclaro Reservoir (IVth Region)	27.700 ha
Canal Linares (VIIth Region)	143.400 ha
Canal Victoria Traiguen (IXth Region)	36.000 ha

13. Also there is a Law to foment minor irrigation, on-site civil works. Private companies can develop projects in areas where the rate of return can be fairly attractive (Copiapó Valley and Central Valley).

II.3 Transport infrastructure

II.3.1 Railroads

14. The railroad network is only being used at 15% of its capacity, with a low density and with high fixed costs. The railroad infrastructure badly needs repair, maintenance and modernization.

³ It must be pointed out that 4,508,430 hectares are grazing lands.