

### **Chilean Tobacco Industry Shaken but still Operational**

Over the years DC White and Partners have carried out numerous seismic substantiations but the quality of our work has stood up to the ultimate test. On 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, a tobacco drier we had substantiated was involved in an 8.8 magnitude earthquake in Chile, just two months after it had been constructed.

For about three minutes the drier (about the size of a house) was subjected to the strongest earthquake Chile has experienced since 1960. The tobacco drier survived the initial earthquake and all aftershocks un-damaged, even though significant damage occurred across the rest of the plant and surrounding country.

Through our knowledge gained from over 25 years of substantiating equipment and structures we are proud to be able to ensure the seismic integrity of client's designs and help the reputation of exporters remain unshaken during times of tragedy.