

underground noise," Riveros said.

She said the hotel was not damaged.

"I was very frightened. It was very strong," added Paola Barrie, administrator at the Agua del Desierto Hotel, three miles from Calama.

"I've never felt one that strong."

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She said the hotel felt "like a floating island" during the quake, which downed power lines and cracked windows on nearby houses.

A reporter for Radio Cooperativa who had just landed in Antofagasta, about 105 miles south of the epicenter, told the station she saw cracks in the airport tarmac. E-mail to a friend E-mail to a friend

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