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Vale S.A.

(incorporated in Brazil as a Sociedade por Ações)

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Vale informs about public civil action

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Rio de Janeiro, January 29, 2016 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it was summoned in the public civil action filed at 12^a Vara Federal of Belo Horizonte by the Federal Union, by the States of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo, and by other entities, against Samarco S.A. (“Samarco”) and its shareholders, BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda. (“BHP”) and Vale. It asks, among other claims, the lien over ore mining licenses of the three respondents, without, however, limiting its production and commercial activities, and claims their responsibility by the losses resulting from the accident of the Samarco Fundão dam. It was assigned to the cause a value of R\$20.2 billion. This action was already announced by the media.

Vale will adopt all measures to guarantee its right of defense and will keep the market informed in case of any new information related to the action that materially affects its performance.

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