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Rio de Janeiro, July 1st, 2016 – In addition to the press release issued today prior to market opening, Vale clarifies that the Superior Court of Justice in Brazil did not revoke the decision of May 5th 2016, issued by the Federal Regional Court (1st Region) that ratified the Agreement between Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) and its two shareholders, Vale S.A. (Vale) and BHP Billiton Brasil LTDA (BHPB Brasil) with the Union, the states of Espírito Santo and Minas Gerais and other public authorities (Brazilian Authorities).

Only the judicial decision that ratified the Agreement was suspended and, therefore, the Agreement between the parties remains valid, and the parties will continue fulfilling their obligations, while clarifying in court the reasons why the Agreement is the best way for a prompt and fair compensation for the damage caused to the communities and to the environment by the breakage of the Samarco's Fundão dam. We are confident that the approval will be maintained.

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