

Vale informs about short-term facilities to Samarco

Rio de Janeiro, December 21st, 2017 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it intends to make available short-term facilities of up to US\$ 48 million to Samarco to support its operations (US\$ 42 million) in the first half of 2018 (1H18) and the expenses related to the experts named pursuant to the Preliminary Agreement with the Public Prosecutors (about US\$ 6 million), signed in January, 2017, without undertaking an obligation from Vale to Samarco. Funds will be released on an as-needed basis. Likewise, BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda. intends to make available to Samarco short-term facilities with similar terms and conditions as mentioned above.

In addition, given Samarco's current cash flow projections, it is likely that shareholders will be called upon to fulfill its obligations, according to their stake in Samarco (50% each), under the Agreement signed on the March 2nd, 2016 for the restoration of the environment and communities affected by the Samarco dam failure. Therefore, Vale expects to contribute about R\$ 432 million in 1H18, with this amount offsetting the R\$ 3.7 billion provision recorded in the second quarter of 2016 (2Q16).