



## Vale: sale of stake in Usiminas

Rio de Janeiro, January 30, 2009 – Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale) informs that there was no decision of its Board of Directors about the sale of its 14,869,368 common shares issued by Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S/A - Usiminas (Usiminas).

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