



## Vale informs about iron ore shipments

Rio de Janeiro, February 26, 2009 – Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale) informs that its shipments of iron ore to China in the first quarter of 2009, according to its best estimates, are expected to reach 30 million metrics tons, which, if confirmed, could represent approximately 60% of all iron ore expected to be shipped in the period. This information was firstly released by Vale's management during last week's conference call and webcast realized on February 20, 2009, held to discuss its 4Q08 earnings performance.

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