Press Release



Vale to change NYSE ticker symbols to VALE and VALE.P

Rio de Janeiro, April 30, 2009 – Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale) announces that it is changing the ticker symbols of its ADRs traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) to VALE and VALE.P from, respectively, RIO and RIO.PR. The new ticker symbols VALE and VALE.P will be effective at the start of trading on Monday, May 4, 2009.

The move is consistent with the implementation of our new brand name, Vale, which had begun in November 29, 2007.

The ticker symbols of Vale shares traded on the Euronext Paris (VALE3, VALE5), BM&F BOVESPA (VALE3, VALE5) and Madrid's LATIBEX (XVALO, XVALP) will not suffer any change.

Vale's ADRs started to be traded on the NYSE in June 2000 (preferred shares) and March 2002 (common shares) and have been one of the mostly traded ADRs on the NYSE. Vale will be the first non-US NYSE-listed company to use a four-letter symbol on the NYSE.

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