



Vale makes payment to holders of mandatorily convertible notes

Rio de Janeiro, January 14, 2011 – Vale S.A. (Vale) will pay additional interest to the holders of the mandatorily convertible notes due June 15, 2012 (the series VALE-2012 and VALE.P- 2012) issued by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Vale Capital II.

The additional interest paid per series VALE-2012 notes and per series VALE.P-2012 notes will be equal to an amount in U.S. dollars equivalent to R\$ 0.7776700 and R\$ 0.8994610, respectively, converted at the Brazilian real/US dollar exchange rate prevailing on January 31, 2011.

The notes will begin trading “ex-dividend” on the New York Stock Exchange on January 14, 2011. Investors holding notes through an account with The Depository Trust Company (DTC) will be paid in accordance with the procedures of DTC and the investor’s custodian.

Under the indentures governing the notes, additional interest due to each noteholder is an amount in U.S. dollars equal to any cash distribution net of any applicable withholding tax and fees paid by the Depository of our ADSs - each representing one common/preferred Vale share, VALE/VALE.P – to the holder of one ADS, multiplied by the number of ADSs that would be received by the noteholder upon conversion of the notes at the conversion rate specified in the applicable indenture. Therefore, the approval by our Board of Directors of a dividend distribution to shareholders, as announced today, triggered the payment of additional interest to noteholders.

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