



## Vale proposes US\$ 6 billion for 2012 minimum dividend

Rio de Janeiro, January 16, 2012 – Vale S.A. (Vale) announces that its Executive Board has approved and will submit to the Board of Directors a proposal for the distribution of a minimum dividend of US\$ 6 billion in 2012, equivalent to US\$ 1.177095354 per share for both common and preferred shares outstanding, to be distributed in two installments, on April 30 and October 31, 2012.

The Board of Directors will evaluate the proposal submitted by the senior management, regarding each installment, in the meetings scheduled for April 13 and October 16, 2012.

If the proposal is approved by our Board of Directors, the payment of each installment will be made in Brazilian reais, calculated on the basis of the Brazilian real/US dollar exchange rate (Ptax – option 5) published by the Central Bank of Brazil on the business day prior to the Board of Directors meeting that approves the dividend proposal.

The minimum dividend of US\$ 6 billion represents an increase of 50% compared to the minimum dividend announced in 2011.

The proposed minimum dividend is consistent with Vale's financial policy, which aims to provide a strong support to the exploitation of profitable growth opportunities alongside the preservation of a sound balance sheet simultaneously with the focus on discipline in capital allocation.

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