



Press Release



Vale lifts force majeure on iron ore shipments

Rio de Janeiro, January 23, 2012 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it is lifting force majeure (FM) effective January 23, 2012, on a number of its iron ore sales contracts. FM was declared on January 11, 2012 following heavy rainfall since mid-December 2011 and continuing over the beginning of January in the Brazilian states of Minas Gerais, Rio de Janeiro and Espírito Santo, that affected the Southern and Southeastern systems.

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