



Press Release

Vale informs on railway bridge accident

Rio de Janeiro, March 19, 2012 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that the train operations at the Estrada de Ferro Carajás (EF Carajás) stopped due to a collapse, last Friday, March 16, of a metal structure under construction in the bridge over the Mearim river in the state of Maranhão, Brazil.

Vale has taken all the necessary measures to restore the railway traffic and estimates that the situation will be normalized from tomorrow, Tuesday, March 20.

The expected loss of iron ore shipment volumes in the maritime terminal of Ponta da Madeira is relatively small, of 300,000 metric tons. This reduction may be offset by the better shipping performance in Tubarão, Ilha de Guaíba and Itaguaí terminals.

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