

Vale announces new Executive Director of Fertilizers and Coal

Rio de Janeiro, May 2, 2012 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that Roger Downey, whose appointment was approved by the Board of Directors, will take over the position of Executive Director of Fertilizer and Coal starting today. Eduardo de Salles Bartolomeo, who previously held the position, has left the company to take on new challenges in his successful career.

Roger Downey has an extensive professional experience, including: Chief Executive and Investor Relations Officer of MMX Mineração e Metálicos S.A. from 2009 to 2011, Director of Equity Research of Credit Suisse from 2005 to 2009 and Manager for Strategic Marketing of Iron Ore of Vale in 2005. Additionally, his professional experience includes positions at Rio Tinto, CAEMI and Arthur Andersen. Roger Downey holds a MBA from the University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia, and graduated in Business Administration from the Australia National Business School, Australia.

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