



Vale to sell manganese ferroalloy operations in Europe

Rio de Janeiro, July 10, 2012 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it has signed a share purchase agreement to sell its manganese ferroalloys operations in Europe to subsidiaries of Glencore International Plc., a company listed on the London and Hong Kong Stock Exchanges, for US\$ 160 million in cash, subject to the fulfillment of certain precedent conditions.

The manganese ferroalloys operations in Europe consist of: (a) 100% of Vale Manganèse France SAS, located in Dunkerque, France; and (b) 100% of Vale Manganese Norway AS, located in Mo I Rana, Norway.

The sale of the manganese ferroalloys operations in Europe is part of our continuous efforts to optimize the asset portfolio. Vale's growth and sustainable value creation strategy encompasses a multilane road, in which active portfolio asset management is a very important tool to optimize capital allocation and focus management attention.

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