



Vale plans to offer notes due 2042

Rio de Janeiro, September 4, 2012 – Vale S.A. (Vale) hereby announces that it plans to offer notes due 2042. Vale plans to use the net proceeds from the offering for general corporate purposes.

BB Securities Ltd., Banco Bradesco BBI S.A., Citigroup Global Markets Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Santander Investment Securities Inc. are acting as joint lead managers and joint bookrunners.

The offering is being made pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement. A preliminary prospectus supplement with further information about the proposed offering will be filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Before you invest, you should read the preliminary prospectus supplement and other documents Vale has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the company and the offering. When available, you may access these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC web site at www.sec.gov. Alternatively, the underwriters will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling Citigroup Global Markets Inc. at 1-800-831-9146, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC at 1-866-846-2874 (each toll-free in the United States) or Santander Investment Securities Inc. at 1-212-407-0995 or, if calling from outside the U.S., by calling collect BB Securities Ltd. at +44 (20) 7367-5800 Att. Operations Department or Banco Bradesco BBI S.A. at 1-212-888-9145.

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