



Vale settles tax issues with Swiss authorities

Rio de Janeiro, December 19, 2012 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that its wholly-owned subsidiary Vale International (ValeI), based in St. Prex, Canton of Vaud, Switzerland, has resolved its tax dispute with the Swiss federal authorities.

The tax dispute was related to the federal tax holiday granted to ValeI in 2006 and the differences in its interpretation.

Vale decided to clear the dispute and will pay the additional taxes claimed by the Swiss federal authorities for a total of CHF 212 million. Vale has made a provision of US\$ 37 million and the difference will impact our income statement in the fourth quarter of 2012. Payment will be made in installments, starting in January 2013, with the last one taking place in 2015.

At the same time, the federal and cantonal tax exemptions to ValeI were renewed until 2015 as we will continue to meet the conditions determined for employment, investment in real estate and cooperation with Swiss universities.

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