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Vale informs acquisition of relevant shareholding ownership

Rio de Janeiro, May 22, 2009 – Vale S.A. (Vale), in compliance with § 6th, Article 12 of the Brazilian Securities Commission (CVM) Instruction number 358/02, as amended by Instruction number 449/07, informs that Barclays Plc. (Barclays) has communicated that its subsidiaries, as a whole, have reached a participation of approximately 5.02% of the preferred class A shares issued by Vale, being holder of 105,896,553 preferred class A shares issued by Vale, which were acquired through transactions made in stock exchanges.

The ownership of Vale's preferred class A shares by Barclays's subsidiaries are:

- (a) Barclays Global Investors Ltd, registered office located at 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, UK, owns approximately 0.3% of the Vale's preferred class A shares;
- (b) Barclays Bank Plc, registered office located at 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, UK, owns approximately 0.01% of the Vale's preferred class A shares;
- (c) Barclays Global Investors NA, registered office located at 400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-2618, USA, owns approximately 0.35% of the Vale's preferred class A shares;
- (d) Barclays Global Fund Advisors, registered office located at 400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-2618, USA, owns approximately 4.19% of the Vale's preferred class A shares;
- (e) Barclays Capital Inc, registered office located at CT Corporation System, 1 Commercial Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, USA, owns approximately 0.15% of the Vale's preferred class A shares;
- (f) Barclays Capital Securities Ltd, registered office located at 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, UK, owns approximately 0.02% of the Vale's preferred class A shares; e
- (g) Barclays Bank SA, registered office located at Plaza De Colon 1, 28046, Madrid, Spain, owns approximately 0.0003% of the Vale's preferred class A shares.

As informed by Barclays, the purpose of the acquisition of Vale's shares is only investment, not aiming to changing either the controlling shareholder structure or the Vale's administrative structure. Barclays also communicated that no debentures convertible into shares issued by Vale are held by its subsidiaries, as well as no agreement regulating the exercise of the voting rights or the purchase and sale of securities issued by Vale were executed by such subsidiaries.

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to be correct. These risks and uncertainties include factors related to the following: (a) the countries where Vale operates, mainly Brazil and Canada; (b) the global economy; (c) capital markets; (d) the mining and metals businesses and their dependence upon global industrial production, which is cyclical by nature; and (e) the high degree of global competition in the markets in which Vale operates. To obtain further information on factors that may give rise to results different from those forecast by Vale, please consult the reports filed with the Brazilian Comissão de Valores Mobiliários (CVM), the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), and with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including Vale's most recent Annual Report on Form 20F and its reports on Form 6K.