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Production highlights

Rio de Janeiro, October 19, 2015 – Vale S.A. (Vale) reached 88.2 Mt of iron ore production(1) in the third quarter of 2015 (3Q15), representing the highest quarterly production in Vale’s history.

As part of our previously announced strategy, less efficient operations, including beneficiation plants in the Feijão, Jangada, Pico, Fabrica and Brucutu operations, totaling annual capacity of 13 Mt, were shut down in 3Q15. Nonetheless productivity gains in other operations partially offset the production stoppage at the above mentioned beneficiation plants. The iron ore volume acquired from third parties was also reduced in 3Q15.

Production in 9M15 – excluding iron ore acquired from third parties and Samarco’s attributable production – reached the new record of 248.0 Mt, 11.8 Mt higher than in 9M14.

Vale’s pellet production in 9M15, excluding Samarco’s attributable production of 10.7 Mt, was 35.8 Mt – a historical record, driven by the start-up of the Tubarão 8 pellet plant and the good performance of the Oman, Fabrica and Vargem Grande pellet plants.

Nickel production reached 71,600 t in 3Q15, 6.7% higher than in 2Q15 as a result of the better performance of the operations in Indonesia and New Caledonia after the maintenance shutdowns in 2Q15.

Copper production reached 99,300 t in 3Q15, 5.3% lower than in 2Q15 as a result of the planned maintenance shutdowns in Sudbury.

Gold production reached 100,000 oz in 3Q15, the best performance ever for a third quarter, as a result of Salobo’s record production.

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Coal production reached 2.1 Mt in 3Q15, 2.0% higher than in 2Q15, as a result of the good performance of Moatize, which produced 1.322 Mt driven by improvements in the performance of the coal processing plant.

(1) Excluding Samarco's attributable production and iron ore acquired from third parties

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000 metric tons	3Q15	2Q15	3Q14	9M15	9M14	3Q15/2Q15	% change 3Q15/3Q14	9M15/9M14
Iron ore(1)								
Own production	88,225	85,290	85,731	248,038	236,242	3.4%	2.9%	5.0%
TPP(2)	2,514	4,021	2,696	9,430	9,088	-37.5%	-6.8%	3.8%
Total	90,739	89,311	88,427	257,468	245,330	1.6%	2.6%	4.9%
Pellets(1)	12,196	12,237	11,444	35,821	31,323	-0.3%	6.6%	14.4%
Manganese	644	554	654	1,790	1,629	16.4%	-1.4%	9.9%
Coal	2,052	2,012	2,340	5,759	6,335	2.0%	-12.3%	-9.1%
Nickel	71.6	67.1	72.1	208	201	6.7%	-0.7%	3.1%
Copper(3)	99.3	104.9	104.8	311	274	-5.3%	-5.3%	13.5%
Potash	125	111	140	344	345	11.7%	-10.9%	-0.4%
Phosphate rock	1,935	2,114	2,158	6,041	6,212	-8.5%	-10.4%	-2.8%

(1) Excluding Samarco's attributable production.

(2) TPP = Third party purchases

(3) Including Lubambe's attributable production.

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000 metric tons	3Q15	2Q15	3Q14	9M15	9M14	3Q15/2Q15	% change 3Q15/3Q14	9M15/9M14
Northern System	33,889	31,609	32,153	93,019	84,799	7.2%	5.4%	9.7%
Carajás	33,889	31,609	32,153	93,019	84,799	7.2%	5.4%	9.7%
Southeastern System	31,246	29,054	28,714	86,168	81,010	7.5%	8.8%	6.4%
Itabira	9,787	9,419	9,579	26,511	25,861	3.9%	2.2%	2.5%
Minas Centrais	11,187	9,974	8,975	30,060	25,824	12.2%	24.6%	16.4%
Mariana	10,272	9,661	10,159	29,597	29,325	6.3%	1.1%	0.9%
Southern System	22,049	23,346	23,236	65,193	66,139	-5.6%	-5.1%	-1.4%
Paraopeba	6,648	7,567	7,454	19,874	22,056	-12.1%	-10.8%	-9.9%
Vargem Grande	7,554	7,330	6,755	20,772	18,873	3.1%	11.8%	10.1%
Minas Itabirito	7,847	8,449						