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Securities and Exchange Commission

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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of

December 2013

Vale S.A.

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(Address of principal executive office)

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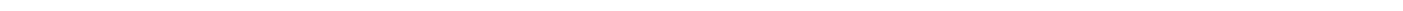


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Press Release

Vale declares force majeure on iron ore shipments

Rio de Janeiro, December 27, 2013 Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it is declaring force majeure (FM) on a number of its iron ore sales contracts as a result of the weather conditions in the Southeast of Brazil.

Heavy rainfalls since December in the Southeast of Brazil, especially in the state of Espírito Santo where floods and landslides occurred, affected the iron ore transportation capacity through the EFVM railway and the operations at the Tubarão port. As a result, some parts the Southeastern System were partially or completely shut down, and the current estimated impact on iron ore shipments is in the range of 3 to 4 million tons in 2013, of which up to 2 million tons can be potentially recovered in the first quarter of 2014.

Vale is working to safely resume its operations in the following days and to minimize the impacts of the rains. Further information will be disclosed related to the FM until the situation has been normalized.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Vale S.A.
(Registrant)

Date: December 27, 2013

By:

/s/ Roberto Castello Branco
Roberto Castello Branco
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