

Vale informa sobre decisão de paralisação temporária das operações do Complexo de Vargem Grande

A Vale S.A. (Vale), em complemento ao Fato Relevante datado de 29 de janeiro de 2019 (“FR”) sobre a aceleração do plano já existente desde 2016 de descomissionamento de barragens com método construtivo a montante, informa sobre sua decisão de antecipar a suspensão temporária da produção das plantas de concentração do Complexo de Vargem Grande.

É importante reforçar que a Vale já havia decidido em 2016, logo após o rompimento da barragem da Samarco, descomissionar todas as suas 19 barragens a montante existentes à época, para o minério de ferro no Brasil. Ao longo dos últimos anos, todas elas se tornaram inativas e mantiveram seus laudos de estabilidade emitidos por empresas especializadas e independentes. Desde esta decisão em 2016, após as devidas autorizações junto aos órgãos competentes, 9 destas barragens a montante haviam sido totalmente descomissionadas, faltando ainda 10, das quais a barragem de Vargem Grande é uma delas.

A presente suspensão temporária do Complexo Vargem Grande visa acelerar ainda mais o processo de descomissionamento citado no FR, pois permitirá o início imediato da coleta de dados para elaboração de projeto detalhado.

A suspensão do Complexo Vargem Grande representa em torno de 13 milhões de toneladas de minério de ferro por ano processados a úmido da estimativa total de 40 milhões por ano anunciados no FR, impacto este que será parcialmente compensado através do aumento de produção em outros sistemas da companhia.

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Vale announces decision to temporarily halt operations of the Vargem Grande Complex

Rio de Janeiro, February 4th, 2019 – Vale S.A. (“Vale”) announces, in addition to the Press Release dated January 29, 2019 (“PR”) on the acceleration of the already existing plan to decommission its dams built by the upstream method since 2016, its decision to anticipate the temporary suspension of the production of concentration plants of the Vargem Grande Complex.

It is important to reinforce that in 2016, after the disruption from Samarco’s tailing dam, Vale decided to decommission all of its 19 existing upstream dams for iron ore in Brazil. Over the last few years, all of them have become inactive and have kept their reports of stability issued by specialized and independent companies. Since this decision in 2016, 9 of these upstream dams had been completely decommissioned, after the authorizations of the competent authorities, pending the other 10, out of which the Vargem Grande dam is one of them.

The current temporary suspension of the Vargem Grande Complex aims to further accelerate the process of decommissioning mentioned in the PR, as it will allow the immediate start of data collection to develop a detailed project plan.

The suspension of the Vargem Grande Complex accounts for approximately 13 million tons of wet-processed iron ore per year out of the total estimate of 40 million per year announced in the PR, an impact that will be partially offset by the increase in production of other systems of the company.

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