

## Vale informs on the Global Settlement for Brumadinho

Rio de Janeiro, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Vale S.A. (“Vale” or “Company”) informs that, today, it entered into a Judicial Settlement for Integral Reparation (“Global Settlement”) with the State of Minas Gerais, the Public Defender of the State of Minas Gerais and the Federal and the State of Minas Gerais Public Prosecutors Offices, to repair the environmental and social damage resulting from the B-1 dam rupture, which occurred on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Brumadinho, Minas Gerais. The mediation process was conducted by the Court of Justice of Minas Gerais (“TJMG”), through the Judicial Center for Resolution of Conflicts and Citizenship (“CEJUSC”).

### Scope of the Global Settlement

The Global Settlement has an economic value of R\$ 37,689,767,329.00 (thirty-seven billion, six hundred and eighty-nine million, seven hundred and sixty-seven thousand, three hundred and twenty-nine reais), contemplating **socio-economic and socio-environmental reparation** projects. In the **socioeconomic part**, the Settlement encompasses (i) projects demanded by the affected communities, (ii) a program of income transfer to the affected population, replacing the current payment of emergency aid, (iii) projects for Brumadinho and for the other municipalities of the Paraopeba Basin, in addition to (iv) resources for the Government of the State of Minas Gerais to carry out the Urban Mobility Program and the Public Service Strengthening Program.

Regarding the **socio-environmental reparation**, the Global Settlement establishes the guidelines and the governance for the execution, by Vale, of the Reparation Plan, as well as projects to be implemented as compensation for the environmental damage already known and projects aimed at water security in the impacted region.

The Global Settlement results from a high-level mediation process, conducted by the CEJUSC, part of the TJMG, over the past few months, and aims at a quick solution to mitigate the impacts of the dam rupture on the State of Minas Gerais and the affected regions.

*“Vale is committed to fully repair and compensate damage caused by the tragedy in Brumadinho and to increasingly contribute to the improvement and development of the communities in which we operate. We trust that this Global Settlement is an important step in that direction. We know that we have work to do and we remain firm in that purpose, in line with our New Pact with Society”,* says Vale’s CEO, Eduardo Bartolomeo.

### Conditions for fulfilling obligations and ending legal disputes

According to the governance established by the Global Agreement, the fulfillment of the agreed obligations will occur as follows:

- (i) obligations to pay - upon payment of commitments, with defined values and schedule. The corresponding projects will be managed by the State of Minas Gerais and Institutions of Justice, and include most compensation projects, both socio-economic and socio-environmental;
- (ii) obligations to do - upon the conclusion, by Vale, of the projects predefined in the settlement. They mainly include socio-environmental reparation projects, whose estimated values are part of the economic value of the Global Settlement but are not subject to the global cap of the settlement.



However, such obligations were already provisioned in the financial statements of September 30, 2020.

*“The mediation process conducted by the Court of Justice of Minas Gerais allowed the construction of a Settlement that definitively ends the disputes with the State of Minas Gerais, the Federal and State Public Prosecutors, and the Public Defender of Minas Gerais. The institutions engaged in the construction of the Global Settlement ensured swift, fair and effective solutions in a process conducted with transparency, legitimacy and legal certainty”,* said Vale’s General Counsel, Alexandre D’Ambrosio.

The demands set forth in public civil actions and resolved with the Global Settlement refer to the socio-environmental damage caused by the dam rupture, as well as the socio-economic reparation, referring to *lato sensu* collective damage and homogeneous, non-divisible individual damage.

Indemnifications for divisible individual damages are excluded from the Global Settlement. Regarding these, Vale reinforces its commitment to fair, swift and equitable reparation through the signing of individual settlements based on the Term of Commitment entered into with the Public Defender of the State of Minas Gerais on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

In this sense, the reparation of Brumadinho remains a priority for Vale, and advances with individual indemnifications and reparation works. Over 8,900 people are already parties of civil or labor indemnification agreements, entered into with Vale, which sum up over R\$ 2.4 billion. Over a hundred thousand people have also received, since 2019, emergency aid payments, which total R\$ 1.8 billion.

### Impact on financial statements

Considering the amount of the Global Settlement, and based on preliminary cash outflow expectations, Vale estimates, that an additional expense of approximately R\$ 19.8 billion will be recognized in the result for the 2020 fiscal year, of which R\$ 5.4 billion will be settled upon the release of judicial deposits and R\$ 14.4 billion will be added to liabilities associated with Brumadinho’s socio-economic and socio-environmental reparation.

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