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Vale will participate in income tax settlement

Vale announced that its Board of Directors has approved its participation in the federal tax settlement (REFIS) for payment of amounts relating to Brazilian corporate income tax and social contribution on the net income of its non-Brazilian subsidiaries and affiliates from 2003 to 2012, as established by Brazilian Law No. 12,865/2013 of October 9, 2013 and Provisional Measure 627 (MP 627) of November 11, 2013.

Participating in the REFIS will result in income tax payments of R\$ 5.965 billion at the end of this month and R\$16.360 billion in 179 monthly installments, adjusted by the Central Bank of Brazil policy interest rate (SELIC). Vale estimates that the net present value of the tax payments is R\$ 14.425 billion.

“The proposed terms have allowed for a considerable reduction in the amounts in dispute, and the decision to participate in the REFIS is consistent with our goal of eliminating uncertainties and directing managerial focus on Vale’s businesses,” CEO Murilo Ferreira commented. “The tax payment will be funded by our operating cash flow, not requiring additional indebtedness, and not causing significant changes in our financial planning, which will continue to support our growth and value creation initiatives, the distribution of dividends to shareholders and the maintenance of a solid balance sheet,” Ferreira said.

The total amount of tax contingency for the period from 2003 to 2012, including some years for which assessments were not issued to Vale or its subsidiaries, was estimated at R\$ 45.0 billion – including R\$ 17.084 billion of principal, R\$ 9.831 billion of penalties, R\$ 11.991 billion of interest and interest on penalties, and R\$ 6.094 billion of statutory fees. Among the options offered by the REFIS legislation, we elected the upfront payment of taxes for 2003, 2004 and 2006, and payment in installments of principal, penalties and interest for the remainder years 2005 and 2007 to 2012*.

Vale’s decision result in a face value of payments estimated at R\$ 22.235 billion, including R\$ 16.286 billion of principal, R\$ 1.565 billion of penalties, and R\$ 4.474 billion of interest and interest on penalties. Those amounts are net of R\$ 798 million as a consequence of Vale’s accumulated losses in Brazil. The net present value of this option, after tax benefits, is R\$ 14.425 billion, which, when compared to the full upfront payment option, reduces pressure on Vale’s liquidity and minimizes the present value of the payments.

Participating in the REFIS will have an estimated impact of R\$ 20.725 billion on net income in 2013 due to the recognition of the full amount payable net of tax benefits attributable to accrued interest included in the monthly installments and deductible for corporate income tax purposes. In future years, financial expenses will include the interest charges of the REFIS payments. The impact on future cash flows will stem from the monthly installments.

*According to the REFIS legislation, only the principal amount of taxes is due for upfront payments, while payment in installments results in a reduction of 80% of penalties, 50% of interest and 100% of statutory fees.

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