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Vale and JOGMEC sign MOU to enhance mutual cooperation in Africa

Vale announces that it has signed a MOU with Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Cooperation (JOGMEC) to confirm the intention to enhance mutual cooperation as strategic partners, focusing on the technology development for exploration of natural resources in Africa.

Under the agreement, Vale and JOGMEC have agreed to discuss matters for sharing information gained at the Remote Sensing Center to be established by JOGMEC, the Republic of Botswana and the Southern African Development Community (SADC), in Gaborone, Botswana.

The purpose of the Center is to improve basic geological information of the SADC region by using Japan's techniques of remote sensing analysis, to upgrade skills of technical experts in Africa and to establish a new center for conducting remote sensing analysis and transferring applied techniques.

The Remote Sensing Center will be established in Gaborone, in Botswana, and the project is agreed to last five years. The center is expected to provide technical training using data provided by Japanese satellites such as ASTER and PALSAR and supplying the necessary equipment; implement case studies in several mining and exploration areas; provide technical guidance to short-term experts on each core technique; provide training courses for participant from SADC and promote seminars to disseminate remote sensing techniques.

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) was originally established in 1980 and includes 14 countries: Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa, Madagascar, Swaziland and Mauritius. Secretariat is located in Gaborone, at Botswana.

Vale already has mineral exploration for minerals such as iron ore, manganese, nickel, copper, coal and diamond in five of the listed countries: Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Zambia and Mozambique.

About JOGMEC

Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC) was established on February 29, 2004. JOGMEC integrates the functions of the former Japan National Oil Corporation, which was in charge of securing a stable supply of oil and natural gas, and the former Metal Mining Agency of Japan, which was in charge of ensuring a stable supply of nonferrous metal and mineral resources and implementing mine pollution control measures.

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