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Vale announces furnace stoppage in nickel operations

Vale informs that, due to a problem, furnace #2 of its Copper Cliff smelter in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, will remain shutdown for a minimum of 16 weeks. The furnace stoppage is estimated to imply an output loss of 15,000 metric tons of finished nickel, representing 5% of our total nickel production planned for 2011.

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