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Vale declares force majeure at VNC

Vale informs that Vale New Caledonia (VNC), our nickel operation in New Caledonia, has declared force majeure, effective today, on nickel sales to one customer and with a select group of suppliers. We have communicated to the customer and related suppliers as required under our agreements with them.

This was declared due to an incident in the acid plant. There were no employees affected and no environmental damage caused. We are still assessing the extent of the damage to the acid plant and we will disclose further information related to this event when it has been fully technically assessed.

More information



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