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Vale repudiates charges filed by Federal Prosecutors Office

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Vale initially reaffirms its deep respect and total solidarity with all those affected by the tragic accident occurred with Fundão tailings dam, especially the families of the victims. But it vehemently repudiates the complaint lodged today (10/20/2016) by the Federal Prosecutors Office, which, by choosing to disregard the overwhelming evidence presented, the reasonableness, the statements made in nearly a year of investigation that revealed that Vale, its executives and employees had no prior knowledge of the real risks of Fundão tailings dam, and try, unfairly and at all costs, to give them some form of unacceptable responsibility.

Vale, as already known and proven, has never committed any acts of operational management in Samarco, neither in Fundão tailings dam. It is important to clarify that all executives and employees of Vale confirmed that, as members of the Board of Directors of Samarco's Advisory Committees, have never been informed by the technical and governing body of Samarco on any irregularities that represent real and/or untreated risks to the tailings dam, or by any of the consultants responsible for the technical monitoring of that structure. On the contrary, it is highlight that they have always been assured them that the Fundão tailings dam was regularly assessed not only by the legally competent Authorities, but also by a renowned group of independent international consultants called ITRB (International Tailings Review Board), and that any action they proposed to the management structure followed the best engineering and safety practices, always being properly implemented, also with the renowned consultancy VOGBR certifying the stability of Fundão tailings dam.

It is also noted that general safety, especially the tailings dams, was always a premise to be faithfully observed, one of the institutional guidelines of the Board of Directors, having never been any mere recommendation by its members to reduce the investment in this area. There are also minutes of the Board itself where it is found that safety was a top priority within the general matrixes of management and governance. Vale will firmly take appropriate legal measures to prove its innocence and of its executives and employees, and believes serenely that truth and good sense will prevail, making the proper Justice.

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