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Vale resumes regular cargo transportation in Barão de Cocais

Vale reports that on Thursday, June 6, it is resuming regular freight train operations on the Belo Horizonte branch line of the Vitória-Minas Railroad (EFVM). The decision was made after an independent international consultancy firm testified that an eventual wave generated by the northern slope slipping into the pit of the Gongo Soco mine, would not affect the railroad.

Freight transport was interrupted on the EFVM between Sabará and Barão de Cocais (MG) on May 19 as the train operates in the vicinity of the Gongo Soco mine pit, where movements of the northern slope of the structure were recently identified.

It should be noted that the passenger train remains in operation but under special conditions. There is a rail replacement bus service, provided by Vale, between Belo Horizonte and the Dois Irmãos Station in Barão de Cocais, where the train departs and arrives. The change began on May 16, on a preventive basis.

Based on the consultancy firm's report, Vale will make a request to the National Mining Agency (ANM) for the passenger train to return to regular operations.

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