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## Vale updates on potential resumption of Samarco's operation

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Vale informs that on, this date, it was communicated by Samarco Mineração that recent developments and analysis regarding the process of obtaining the necessary licenses for resuming its operations have led Samarco to reassess the previously informed date and reevaluate that it is no longer possible to resume operations by the end of 2017.

According to Samarco, the failure to obtain the consent from the Municipality of Santa Bárbara, in Minas Gerais, for the immediate water utilization affected the preparation and protocol of the environmental impact studies necessary for the restoration of the Corrective Operation License (LOC) of the Mining Complex within the originally planned period. In addition, Samarco must obtain Previous and Installation Licenses (LP / LI) authorizing the construction of the necessary structures for the use of the Alegria Sul pit as the tailings deposit, and this process requires the still pending approval of the proper bodies.

Samarco informed that it continues to make all efforts to accomplish the steps in order to guarantee a safe restart in the shortest time possible, but as the restart depends on, among other factors, the issuance of licenses subject to exogenous variables and highly complex processes, Samarco cannot estimate, at this time, a date for the return of its operations.

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