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Xicrin Indians leave Carajas Mine

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) clarifies:

- 1) The 200 Xicrin Indians, from the Catete and Djudjêkô tribes, left CVRD's installations in Carajás, in Pará state, late Thursday afternoon (October 19th);
- 2) The Indians have in part complied with the federal court decision authorising CVRD to immediately retake the possession of its installations as some community leaders remain at the site;
- 3) CVRD reaffirms that Carajas mine is not located in Indian land;
- 4) Operational activities should resume today;
- 5) About 500,000 tonnes of iron ore were not exported;
- 6) CVRD reaffirms that it does not accept negotiating with communities that use illegal methods to force the Company to accept their demands;
- 7) CVRD reaffirms it has been fully complying with an agreement signed with the indigenous communities in the region and will always be open to dialogue under Funai's (Indian National Foundation) guidance;
- 8) CVRD understands that Funai is responsible for any negotiation with the Indians;
- 9) CVRD thanks the support it received from the authorities for the reestablishment of the public order;
- 10) CVRD reiterates it does not accept such illegal methods and will continue not to give in to blackmail of any kind.

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