

Vale S.A.
Form 6-K
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**United States
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 6-K
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the month of
April 2011
Vale S.A.**

Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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Vale on first installment of minimum dividend payment

Rio de Janeiro, April 4, 2011 Vale S.A. (Vale) ratifies the announcement made on January 31, 2011 that its Executive Board has approved and will submit to the Board of Directors the proposal for payment of the first installment of the minimum dividend of US\$ 2 billion.

The proposal will be submitted for approval to the Board of Directors in the meeting scheduled for April 13, 2011 and, if approved, the payment will be made on April 29, 2011. The holders of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and Hong Kong Depositary Receipts (HDRs) will receive the payment through JP Morgan, as the depositary agent, on May 6, 2011 and May 9, 2011, respectively.

The proposed gross amount of US\$ 2 billion is equal to US\$ 0.383268113 per common or preferred share outstanding. The amount in Brazilian reais will be calculated using the Brazilian real/US dollar exchange rate (Ptax-Option 5) published by the Central Bank of Brazil on April 12, 2011. The amount will be subject to appropriate adjustments for withholding tax if the distribution is classified for tax purposes as interest on shareholders' equity. Other fees and/or charges may also be applicable.

If the proposal is approved by the Board, all investors who hold Vale shares at the record dates will have the right to the dividend payment. The record date for the owners of shares traded on the BM&FBovespa is April 13, 2011. The record date for the holders of ADRs traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and Euronext Paris is April 18, 2011 Eastern Standard Time and for the holders of HDRs traded on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEx) is at the close of business in Hong Kong on April 20, 2011.

Vale shares will be traded ex-dividend on BM&FBovespa, NYSE and Euronext Paris as of April 14, 2011 and on HKEx as of April 19, 2011.

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This press release may include statements that present Vale's expectations about future events or results. All statements, when based upon expectations about the future and not on historical facts, involve various risks and uncertainties. Vale cannot guarantee that such statements will prove correct. These risks and uncertainties include factors related to the following: (a) the countries where we operate, especially Brazil and Canada; (b) the global economy; (c) the capital markets; (d) the mining and metals prices and their dependence on global industrial production, which is cyclical by nature; and (e) global competition in the markets in which Vale operates. To obtain further information on factors that may lead to results different from those forecast by Vale, please consult the reports Vale files with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Brazilian Comissão de Valores Mobiliários (CVM), the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, and in particular the factors discussed under "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" in Vale's annual report on Form 20-F.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Vale S.A.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco
Roberto Castello Branco
Director of Investor Relations

Date: April 04 2011