Press Release



Vale clarifies on media articles

Rio de Janeiro, June 7th, 2024 – Vale S.A. ("Vale" or "Company") informs that, on the evening of June 6th, through media article released by the news portal UOL¹, the Company became aware of its inclusion in the Registry of the Brazil's Ministry of Labor and Employment ("Ministry"), known as the "dirty list" (*"lista suja"* in Portuguese).

As indicated in Vale's Reference Form², in February 2015, the company Ouro Verde Locações e Serviços S.A., which provided transportation services for finished products for Vale in Minas Gerais, had its workplaces, both owned by Vale, inspected by the Ministry. After said inspection, the Ministry pointed out the non-compliance with various labor obligations. Upon becoming aware of the findings, Vale followed all corrective measures and subsequently terminated the contract with the transport company.

Vale clarifies that its inclusion is incorrect, considering the recent decision of the Supreme Federal Court (STF) published on May 9, 2024, which recognized the impossibility of maintaining the infraction notices issued during the Ministry of Labor's inspection in 2015. As a result of this decision, the case must return to the Regional Labor Court of Minas Gerais, which should issue a new decision on the nullity of the notices, while Vale will take the necessary measures for its immediate removal from the Registry.

Vale emphasizes that it adopts rigorous measures to ensure compliance with labor laws and respect for human rights in all its operations and supply chain. The Company reiterates its commitment to ethics, transparency, and social responsibility, and will continue to actively collaborate with the competent authorities to clarify and resolve any issues related to this topic.

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¹ Entitled 'Vale is included by the federal government on the slave labor dirty list'. ² Reference Form 2024, available <u>here</u>.

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