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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

February 2016

Vale S.A.

**Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil**

(Address of principal executive office)

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Press Release

Vale informs about public civil action

Rio de Janeiro, February 23, 2016 Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it was summoned in the public civil action in course before the 3rd Vara Cível da Comarca de Colatina, of the Tribunal de Justiça do Estado do Espírito Santo filed by the Public Ministry of Espírito Santo against Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) and its shareholders, BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda. and Vale, claiming, among others, the injunction for the attachment of assets of the respondents and, in the end, the payment of indemnification for collective moral damages, due to alleged losses arising from the Fundão dam break, owned by Samarco. It was attributed to the cause a value of R\$ 2 billion.

Vale will adopt all the necessary measures to defend its rights.

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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/ Rogerio Nogueira
Director of Investor Relations

Date: February 23, 2016