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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the month of
March 2009
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce
Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
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(Address of principal executive office)**

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders Companhia Vale do Rio Doce

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of income, of cash flows and of changes in stockholders' equity present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce and its subsidiaries at December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2008 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Auditores Independentes

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
February 19, 2009

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Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The management of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce - VALE is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting.

The company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, and that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Vale's management has assessed the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 based on the criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission - COSO. Based on such assessment and criteria, Vale's management has concluded that the company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2008.

The effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Auditores Independentes, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears herein.

By:

Name: Roger Agnelli

Title: Chief Executive Officer

By:

Name: Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 19, 2009

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	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	10,331	1,046
Short term investments	2,308	
Accounts receivable		
Related parties	137	281
Unrelated parties	3,067	3,671
Loans and advances to related parties	53	64
Inventories	3,896	3,859
Deferred income tax	583	603
Recoverable taxes	1,993	1,159
Other	870	697
	23,238	11,380
Property, plant and equipment, net, and intangible assets	49,329	54,625
Investments in affiliated companies, joint ventures and other investments	2,408	2,922
Other assets		
Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries	1,898	3,791
Loans and advances		
Related parties		3
Unrelated parties	77	127
Prepaid pension cost	622	1,009
Prepaid expenses	223	200
Judicial deposits	1,141	1,124
Advances to suppliers - energy	408	574
Recoverable taxes	394	199
Unrealized gains on derivative instruments	32	673
Other	161	90
	4,956	7,790
TOTAL	79,931	76,717

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Consolidated Balance Sheets
Expressed in millions of United States Dollars
(Except number of shares)

	(Continued)	
	December 31, 2008	December 31, 2007
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Suppliers	2,261	2,430
Payroll and related charges	591	734
Current portion of long-term debt	633	1,249
Short-term debt		167
Loans from related parties	77	6
Provision for income taxes	502	1,198
Taxes payable and royalties	55	322
Employees postretirement benefits	102	131
Railway sub-concession agreement payable	400	210
Unrealized losses on derivative instruments		346
Provisions for asset retirement obligations	48	64
Minimum mandatory dividends payable	2,068	2,683
Other	500	543
	7,237	10,083
Long-term liabilities		
Employees postretirement benefits	1,485	2,204
Long-term debt	17,535	17,608
Provisions for contingencies (Note 20 (b))	1,685	2,453
Unrealized losses on derivative instruments	573	5
Deferred income tax	4,005	5,725
Provisions for asset retirement obligations	839	911
Railway sub-concession agreement payable		210
Other	1,525	1,687
	27,647	30,803
Minority interests	2,491	2,555
Commitments and contingencies (Note 20)		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred class A stock 7,200,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 2,108,579,618 (2007 1,919,516,400) issued	9,727	4,953
Common stock 3,600,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 3,256,724,482 (2007 2,999,797,716) issued	15,262 (1,141)	7,742 (389)

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Treasury stock 76,854,304 (2007 30,341,144) preferred and 74,937,899 (2007 56,582,040) common shares		
Additional paid-in capital	393	498
Mandatorily convertible notes common shares	1,288	1,288
Mandatorily convertible notes preferred shares	581	581
Other cumulative comprehensive income (loss)	(11,510)	1,655
Undistributed retained earnings	18,340	15,317
Unappropriated retained earnings	9,616	1,631
	42,556	33,276
TOTAL	79,931	76,717

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Income
Expressed in millions of United States Dollars
(Except per share amounts)

	Three-month period ended (unaudited)			Year ended of December 31,		
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007	2006
Operating revenues, net of discounts, returns and allowances						
Sales of ores and metals	6,052	10,425	7,213	32,779	28,441	16,511
Aluminum products	779	889	672	3,042	2,722	2,381
Revenues from logistic services	310	473	389	1,607	1,525	1,376
Other products and services	301	335	138	1,081	427	95
	7,442	12,122	8,412	38,509	33,115	20,363
Taxes on revenues	(187)	(383)	(249)	(1,083)	(873)	(712)
Net operating revenues	7,255	11,739	8,163	37,426	32,242	19,651
Operating costs and expenses						
Cost of ores and metals sold	(2,730)	(4,051)	(3,687)	(14,055)	(13,628)	(7,946)
Cost of aluminum products	(529)	(684)	(486)	(2,267)	(1,705)	(1,355)
Cost of logistic services	(190)	(272)	(231)	(930)	(853)	(777)
Other	(71)	(109)	(100)	(389)	(277)	(69)
	(3,520)	(5,116)	(4,504)	(17,641)	(16,463)	(10,147)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(708)	(374)	(424)	(1,748)	(1,245)	(816)
Research and development expenses	(295)	(331)	(262)	(1,085)	(733)	(481)
Impairment of goodwill	(950)			(950)		
Other	(719)	(383)	(290)	(1,254)	(607)	(570)
	(6,192)	(6,204)	(5,480)	(22,678)	(19,048)	(12,014)
Operating income	1,063	5,535	2,683	14,748	13,194	7,637
Non-operating income (expenses)						
Financial income	247	277	58	602	295	327
Financial expenses	(399)	(457)	(554)	(1,765)	(2,517)	(1,222)
Gains (losses) on derivatives, net	(586)	(587)	316	(812)	931	(116)
Foreign exchange and indexation gains (losses), net	(241)	(321)	315	364	2,553	529
Gain on sale of investments				80	777	674
	(979)	(1,088)	135	(1,531)	2,039	192

Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	84	4,447	2,818	13,217	15,233	7,829
Income taxes						
Current	966	(477)	(610)	(1,338)	(3,901)	(1,134)
Deferred	219	621	394	803	700	(298)
	1,185	144	(216)	(535)	(3,201)	(1,432)
Equity in results of affiliates, joint ventures and other investments	125	290	136	794	595	710
Minority interests	(27)	(60)	(165)	(258)	(802)	(579)
Net income	1,367	4,821	2,573	13,218	11,825	6,528
Basic and diluted earnings per share						
Earnings per preferred share	0.25	0.94	0.52	2.58	2.41	1.35
Earnings per common share	0.25	0.94	0.52	2.58	2.41	1.35
Earnings per preferred share linked to (*)	0.76	1.19	0.79	4.09	3.30	
Earnings per common share linked to (*)	0.81	1.25	0.85	4.29	3.51	

(*) Basic earnings
per share only,
as dilution
assumes
conversion.

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Expressed in millions of United States Dollars

	Three-month period ended (unaudited)			Year ended of December 31,		
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net income	1,367	4,821	2,573	13,218	11,825	6,528
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash from operations:						
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	568	713	737	2,807	2,186	997
Dividends received	116	126	112	513	394	516
Equity in results of affiliates, joint ventures and other investments	(125)	(290)	(136)	(794)	(595)	(710)
Deferred income taxes	(219)	(621)	(394)	(803)	(700)	298
Impairment of goodwill	950			950		
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	10	243	104	376	168	106
Gain on sale of investments				(80)	(777)	(674)
Foreign exchange and indexation losses (gains), net	740	1,133	(266)	451	(2,827)	(917)
Unrealized derivative losses (gains), net	586	587	(326)	812	(917)	116
Minority interests	27	60	165	258	802	579
Unrealized interest (income) expense, net	(3)	83	(23)	116	102	36
Others	17	1	46	(3)	115	(93)
Decrease (increase) in assets:						
Accounts receivable	1,615	(1,481)	135	(466)	235	(438)
Inventories	(43)	(77)	(558)	(467)	(343)	859
Others	(171)	5	80	(242)	(292)	(12)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:						
Suppliers	200	237	429	703	998	(47)
Payroll and related charges	(25)	97	106	1	170	(86)
Income taxes	119	(291)	(582)	(140)	393	84
Others	564	(14)	260	(96)	75	90
Net cash provided by operating activities	6,293	5,332	2,462	17,114	11,012	7,232
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Short term investments	(1,674)	(634)		(2,308)		
Loans and advances receivable						
Related parties						
Loan proceeds	(3)		(32)	(37)	(33)	(18)

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Repayments	18	15		58	10	11
Others	24	(40)	(1)	(15)	1	(16)
Judicial deposits	(71)	(26)	(50)	(133)	(125)	(78)
Investments	(19)	(85)	(230)	(128)	(324)	(107)
Property, plant and equipment	(3,689)	(1,553)	(2,747)	(8,972)	(6,651)	(4,431)
Proceeds from disposal of investments				134	1,042	837
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment						49
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired					(2,926)	(13,201)
Net cash used in investing activities	(5,414)	(2,323)	(3,060)	(11,401)	(9,006)	(16,954)
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Short-term debt, additions	1	65	2,021	1,076	4,483	4,912
Short-term debt, repayments	(125)	(65)	(1,877)	(1,311)	(5,040)	(4,233)
Loans						
Related parties						
Loan proceeds	33		1	54	259	10
Repayments		(16)	(39)	(20)	(273)	(50)
Issuances of long-term debt						
Related parties						14
Others	253	71	646	1,890	7,212	21,993
Repayments of long-term debt						
Others	(65)	(313)	(114)	(1,130)	(11,130)	(7,635)
Treasury stock	(752)			(752)		(301)
Mandatorily convertible notes					1,869	
Capital increase		12,190		12,190		
Dividends and interest attributed to stockholders	(1,600)		(1,050)	(2,850)	(1,875)	(1,300)
Dividends to minority interest	(56)		(429)	(143)	(714)	(65)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,311)	11,932	(841)	9,004	(5,209)	13,345
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,432)	14,941	(1,439)	14,717	(3,203)	3,623
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(2,863)	(2,469)	(23)	(5,432)	(199)	(216)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	14,626	2,154	2,508	1,046	4,448	1,041
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	10,331	14,626	1,046	10,331	1,046	4,448
Cash paid during the period for:						
Interest on short-term debt		(1)	(8)	(11)	(49)	(9)
Interest on long-term debt	(314)	(305)	(361)	(1,255)	(1,289)	(565)

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Income tax	(149)	(726)	(732)	(2,867)	(3,284)	(586)
Non-cash transactions						
Interest capitalized	185	14	15	230	78	126
Issuance of preferred stock for the acquisition of Caemi, net of cash acquired						2,552

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders' Equity
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	Three-month period ended (unaudited)			Year ended of December, 31		
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007	2006
Preferred class A stock (including twelve special shares)						
Beginning of the period	9,727	4,953	4,953	4,953	4,702	2,150
Capital increase		4,774		4,774		2,552
Transfer from undistributed retained earnings					251	
End of the period	9,727	9,727	4,953	9,727	4,953	4,702
Common stock						
Beginning of the period	15,262	7,742	7,742	7,742	3,806	3,806
Capital increase		7,520		7,520		
Transfer from undistributed retained earnings					3,936	
End of the period	15,262	15,262	7,742	15,262	7,742	3,806
Treasury stock						
Beginning of the period	(389)	(389)	(389)	(389)	(389)	(301)
Acquisitions	(752)			(752)		(88)
End of the period	(1,141)	(389)	(389)	(1,141)	(389)	(389)
Additional paid-in capital						
Beginning and end of the period	393	498	498	498	498	498
Change in the period		(105)		(105)		
End of the period	393	393	498	393	498	498
Mandatorily convertible notes common shares						

Beginning and end of the period	1,288	1,288	1,288	1,288	1,288	
Mandatorily convertible notes preferred shares						
Beginning and end of the period	581	581	581	581	581	
Other cumulative comprehensive income (deficit)						
Cumulative translation adjustments						
Beginning of the period	(3,993)	2,842	1,003	1,340	(1,628)	(2,856)
Change in the period	(7,489)	(6,835)	337	(12,822)	2,968	1,228
End of the period	(11,482)	(3,993)	1,340	(11,482)	1,340	(1,628)
Unrealized gain (loss) available-for-sale securities, net of tax						
Beginning of the period	(79)	111	229	211	271	127
Change in the period	96	(190)	(18)	(194)	(60)	144
End of the period	17	(79)	211	17	211	271
Surplus (deficit) accrued pension plan						
Beginning of the period	(304)	164	540	75	353	460
Change in the period	259	(468)	(465)	(120)	(278)	(107)
End of the period	(45)	(304)	75	(45)	75	353
Cash flow hedge						
Beginning of the period	28	8	23	29		
Change in the period	(28)	20	6	(29)	29	
End of the period		28	29		29	

Total other cumulative comprehensive income (deficit)	(11,510)	(4,348)	1,655	(11,510)	1,655	(1,004)
Undistributed retained earnings Beginning of the period	14,183	17,021	6,560	15,317	9,555	4,357
Transfer from/to unappropriated retained earnings	4,157	(2,838)	8,757	3,023	9,949	5,198
Capitalized earnings					(4,187)	
End of the period	18,340	14,183	15,317	18,340	15,317	9,555
Unappropriated retained earnings Beginning of the period	14,521	6,886	10,524	1,631	2,505	3,983
Net income	1,367	4,821	2,573	13,218	11,825	6,528
Interest on mandatorily convertible debt Preferred class A stock	(15)	(8)	(8)	(46)	(22)	
Common stock	(32)	(16)	(18)	(96)	(45)	
Dividends and interest attributed to stockholders equity Preferred class A stock	(806)		(1,049)	(806)	(1,049)	(1,098)
Common stock	(1,262)		(1,634)	(1,262)	(1,634)	(1,710)
Appropriation from/to undistributed retained earnings	(4,157)	2,838	(8,757)	(3,023)	(9,949)	(5,198)
End of the period	9,616	14,521	1,631	9,616	1,631	2,505
Total stockholders equity	42,556	51,218	33,276	42,556	33,276	19,673
Number of shares:						
Preferred class A stock (including	2,108,579,618	2,108,579,618	1,919,516,400	2,108,579,618	1,919,516,400	1,919,516,400

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twelve special shares)						
Common stock	3,256,724,482	3,256,724,482	2,999,797,716	3,256,724,482	2,999,797,716	2,999,797,716
Buy-backs						
Beginning of the period	(86,922,944)	(86,923,052)	(86,923,184)	(86,923,184)	(86,927,072)	(56,627,872)
Acquisitions	(64,869,259)			(64,869,259)		(30,299,200)
Sales		108		240	3,888	
End of the period	(151,792,203)	(86,922,944)	(86,923,184)	(151,792,203)	(86,923,184)	(86,927,072)
	5,213,511,897	5,278,381,156	4,832,390,932	5,213,511,897	4,832,390,932	4,832,387,044

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale , the Company or we) is a limited liability company incorporated in Brazil. Operations are carried out through Vale and our subsidiary companies, joint ventures and affiliates, and mainly consist of mining, non-ferrous metal production, logistics and steel activities.

At December 31, 2008, our principal consolidated operating subsidiaries are the following:

Subsidiary	% ownership	% voting capital	Head office location	Principal activity
Alumina do Norte do Brasil S.A. Alunorte (Alunorte)	57.03	59.02	Brazil	Alumina
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. Albras (Albras)	51.00	51.00	Brazil	Aluminum
CADAM S.A (CADAM)	61.48	100.00	Brazil	Kaolin
CVRD Overseas Ltd.	100.00	100.00	Cayman Islands	Trading
Ferrovias Centro-Atlântica S. A.	100.00	100.00	Brazil	Logistics
Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S.A. MBR	92.99	92.99	Brazil	Iron ore
Pará Pigmentos S.A. (PPSA)	86.17	85.57	Brazil	Kaolin
PT International Nickel Indonesia Tbk (PT Inco)	61.16	61.16	Indonesia	Nickel
Vale Manganês S.A. (formerly Rio Doce Manganês S.A.)	100.00	100.00	Brazil	Manganese and Ferroalloys
Vale Manganèse France (formerly Rio Doce Manganèse Europe RDME)	100.00	100.00	France	Ferroalloys
Rio Doce Manganese Norway RDMN	100.00	100.00	Norway	Ferroalloys
Vale Australia Pty Ltd.	100.00	100.00	Australia	Coal
Vale Inco Limited	100.00	100.00	Canada	Nickel
Vale International S.A (formerly CVRD International S.A)	100.00	100.00	Swiss	Trading
Valesul Alumínio S.A.	100.00	100.00	Brazil	Aluminum

2 Basis of consolidation

All majority-owned subsidiaries in which we have both share and management control are consolidated. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated. Our variable interest entities in which we are the primary beneficiary are consolidated. Investments in unconsolidated affiliates and joint ventures are accounted for under the equity method (Note 12).

We evaluate the carrying value of our equity accounted investments in relation to publicly quoted market prices when available. If the quoted market price is below book value, and such decline is considered other than temporary, we write-down our equity investments to quoted market value.

We define joint ventures as businesses in which we and a small group of other partners each participate actively in the overall entity management, based on a shareholders agreement. We define affiliates as businesses in which we participate as a minority stockholder but with significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the investee.

Our participation in hydroelectric projects are made via consortium contracts under which we have undivided interests in the assets and are liable for our proportionate share of liabilities and expenses, which are based on our proportionate share of power output. We do not have joint liability for any obligations. No separate legal or tax status is granted to consortia under Brazilian law. Accordingly, we recognize our proportionate share of costs and our undivided interest

in assets relating to hydroelectric projects (Note 11).

Table of Contents**3 Summary of significant accounting policies**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates are used for, but not limited to, the selection of useful lives of property, plant and equipment, impairment, provisions necessary for contingent liabilities, fair values assigned to assets and liabilities acquired in business combinations, income tax valuation allowances, employee post retirement benefits and other similar evaluations. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(a) Basis of presentation

We have prepared our consolidated financial statements in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles (US GAAP), which differ in certain respects from the accounting practices adopted in Brazilian GAAP which are the basis for our statutory financial statements.

In December 2007, significant modifications were made to Brazilian GAAP as part of a convergence project with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Such changes became effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, whereas other changes will be introduced subsequently.

Our condensed consolidated interim financial information for the three-month periods ended December 31, 2008, September 30, 2008, and December 31, 2007, presented herein are unaudited. However, in our opinion, such condensed consolidated financial information include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for interim periods.

The Brazilian Real is the parent Company's functional currency. We have selected the U.S. Dollar as our reporting currency. The financial statements have been translated in accordance with the criteria set forth in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. (SFAS) 52 Foreign Currency Translation .

All assets and liabilities have been translated to U.S. Dollars at the closing rate of exchange at each balance sheet date (or, if unavailable, the first available exchange rate). All statement of income accounts have been translated to U.S. Dollars at the average exchange rates prevailing during the respective periods. Capital accounts are recorded at historical exchange rates. Translation gains and losses are recorded in the Cumulative Translation Adjustments account (CTA) in stockholders' equity. The results of operations and financial position of our entities that have a functional currency other than the U.S. Dollar, have been translated in accordance with SFAS 52.

The exchange rates used to translate the assets and liabilities of the Brazilian operations at December 31, 2008 and December 31, 2007, were R\$ 2.3370 and R\$ 1.7713, respectively.

The net transaction gain (loss) included in our statement of income (Foreign exchange and indexation gains (losses), net) was US\$ (1,011), US\$ 1,639 and US\$ 452 in the year ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

(b) Cash equivalents and short-term investment

Cash flows from overnight investments and fundings are reported net. Short-term investments that have a ready market and original maturities of 90 days or less are classified as Cash equivalents . The remaining investments, with longer maturities are stated at fair value and presented as Short-term investments .

(c) Long-term

Assets and liabilities that are realizable or due more than 12 months after the balance sheet date are classified as long-term.

(d) Inventories

Inventory is recorded at the average cost of purchase or production, reduced to market value (net realizable value less a reasonable margin) when lower.

We classify proven and probable reserve quantities attributable to stockpiled inventories as inventories and account for them as processed when they are removed from the mine. These reserve quantities are not included in the total proven and probable reserve quantities used in the units of production, depreciation, depletion and amortization calculations.

We periodically assess our inventories to identify obsolescence or slow moving and if needed, we recognize definitive allowances for slow movement or obsolete inventories.

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(e) Removal of waste materials to access mineral deposits

Stripping costs (the costs associated with the removal of overburden and other waste materials) incurred during the development of a mine, before production commences, are capitalized as part of the depreciable cost of developing the property. Such costs are subsequently amortized over the useful life of the mine based on proven and probable reserves.

Post-production stripping costs are included in the cost of the inventory produced (that is extracted), at each mine individually during the period that the stripping cost are incurred.

(f) Property, plant and equipment and Intangible Assets

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, including interest cost incurred during the construction of major new facilities. We compute depreciation on the straight-line basis at annual average rates which take into consideration the useful lives of the assets, as follows: 3.03% for railroads, 3.65% for buildings, 3.78% for installations and 7.30% for other equipment. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operating costs and expenses as incurred.

We capitalize the costs of developing major new ore bodies or expanding the capacity of operating mines and amortize these to operations on the unit-of-production method based on the total probable and proven quantity of ore to be recovered. Exploration costs are expensed. Once the economic viability of mining activities is established, subsequent development costs are capitalized.

Separately acquired intangible assets are shown at historical cost. Intangible assets acquired in a business combination are recognized at fair value at the acquisition date. All our intangible assets have definite useful lives and are carried at cost less accumulated amortization, which is calculated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

(g) Business combinations

We adopt SFAS 141 Business Combinations to record acquisitions of interests in other companies. This purchase method, requires that we reasonably determine the fair value of the identifiable tangible and intangible assets and liabilities of acquired companies and segregate goodwill as an intangible asset.

We assign goodwill to reporting units and test each reporting unit's goodwill for impairment at least annually, and whenever circumstance indicating that recognized goodwill may not be fully recovered are identified. We perform the annual goodwill impairment tests during the last quarter of the year using September 30 as our base date.

Goodwill is reviewed for impairment utilizing a two step process. In the first step, we compare a reporting unit's fair value with its carrying amount to identify any potential goodwill impairment loss. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds the unit's fair value, based on a discounted cash flow analysis, we carry out the second step of the impairment test, measuring and recording the amount, if any, of the unit's goodwill impairment loss.

(h) Impairment of long-lived assets

All long-lived assets, are tested to determine if they are recoverable from operating earnings on an undiscounted cash flow basis over their useful lives whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

When we determine that the carrying value of long-lived assets and definite-life intangible assets may not be recoverable, we measure any impairment loss based on a projected discounted cash flow method using a discount rate determined to be commensurate with the risk inherent in our current business model.

(i) Available-for-sale equity securities

Equity securities classified as available-for-sale are recorded pursuant to SFAS 115 Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities. Accordingly, we classify unrealized holding gains and losses, net of taxes, as a separate component of stockholders' equity until realized.

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(j) Compensated absences

The liability for future compensation for employee vacations is fully accrued as earned.

(k) Derivatives and hedging activities

We apply SFAS 133 Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended. This standard requires that we recognize all derivative financial instruments as either assets or liabilities on our balance sheet and measure such instruments at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recorded in each period in current earnings or in other comprehensive income, in the latter case depending on whether a transaction is designated as an effective hedge and has been effective during the period.

(l) Asset retirement obligations

Our retirement obligations consist primarily of estimated closure costs, the initial measurement of which is recognized as a liability discounted to present value and subsequently accreted through earnings. An asset retirement cost equal to the initial liability is capitalized as part of the related asset's carrying value and depreciated over the asset's useful life.

(m) Revenues and expenses

Revenues are recognized when title is transferred to the customer or services are rendered. Revenue from exported products is recognized when such products are loaded on board the ship. Revenue from products sold in the domestic market is recognized when delivery is made to the customer. Revenue from logistic services is recognized when the service order has been fulfilled. Expenses and costs are recognized on the accrual basis.

(n) Income taxes

The deferred tax effects of tax loss carryforwards and temporary differences are recognized pursuant to SFAS 109 Accounting for Income Taxes. A valuation allowance is made when we believe that it is more likely than not that tax assets will not be fully recovered in the future.

(o) Earnings per share

Earnings per share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common and preferred shares outstanding during the period.

(p) Interest attributed to stockholders' equity (dividend)

Brazilian corporations are permitted to distribute interest attributable to stockholders' equity. The calculation is based on the stockholders' equity amounts as stated in the statutory accounting records and the interest rate applied may not exceed the long-term interest rate (TJLP) determined by the Brazilian Central Bank. Also, such interest may not exceed 50% of net income for the year nor 50% of retained earnings plus revenue reserves as determined by Brazilian GAAP.

As the notional interest charge is tax deductible in Brazil, the benefit to us, as opposed to making a dividend payment, is a reduction in our income tax charge. Income tax of 15% is withheld on behalf of the stockholders relative to the interest distribution. Under Brazilian law, interest attributed to stockholders' equity is considered as part of the annual minimum mandatory dividend (Note 16). This notional interest distribution is treated for accounting purposes as a deduction from stockholders' equity in a manner similar to a dividend and the tax credit recorded in income.

(q) Comprehensive income

We present comprehensive income as part of the Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, in compliance with SFAS 130 Reporting Comprehensive Income, net of taxes.

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We sponsor private pension and other post retirement benefits for our employees which are actuarially determined and recognized as an asset or liability or both depending on the funded or unfunded status of each plan in accordance with SFAS 158 Employees Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Post retirement Plans . The cost of our defined benefit and prior service costs or credits that arise during the period and are not components of net periodic benefit costs are recorded in other cumulative comprehensive income (deficit).

4 Recently-issued accounting pronouncements

In January 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued EITF 99-20-1 Amendments to the Impairment Guidance of EITF Issue No. 99-20 , to achieve more consistent determination of whether an other-than-temporary impairment has occurred. It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently studying the effects of this pronouncement.

In December 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. FAS 132(R)-1, Employers Disclosures about Post Retirement Benefit Plan Assets . It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2009. We are currently studying the effects of this pronouncement.

In November 2008, the FASB issued EITF 08-08, Accounting for an Instrument (or an Embedded Feature) with a Settlement Amount That Is Based on the Stock of an Entity s Consolidated Subsidiary , which addresses the fair value of an outstanding instrument and its presentation. It is effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently studying the effects of this pronouncement.

In November 2008, the FASB issued EITF 08-06, Equity Method Investment Accounting Considerations , which clarifies the accounting for certain transactions and impairment considerations involving equity method investments. It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently studying the effects of this pronouncement.

In October 2008, the FASB issued Staff Position No. FAS 157-3, Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset in a Market That Is Not Active (FSP 157-3), which clarifies the application of SFAS 157 when the market for a financial asset is inactive. Specifically, FSP 157-3 clarifies how (1) management s internal assumptions should be considered in measuring fair value when observable data are not present, (2) observable market information from an inactive market should be taken into account, and (3) the use of broker quotes or pricing services should be considered in assessing the relevance of observable and unobservable data to measure fair value. The guidance in FSP 157-3 was effective immediately upon issuance and did not generate impact on our Financial Statements.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FSP EITF 03-6-1, Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions are Participating Securities . The FSP provides that instruments granted in share-based payment transactions that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities prior to vesting and, therefore, need to be included in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share (EPS) under the two-class method described in paragraphs 60 and 61 of FASB Statement No. 128, Earnings per Share. It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2008. Early application is not permitted. We are currently studying the effects of this pronouncement.

In May 2008, the FASB issued FSP APB 14-1, Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement) . According to this FSP these debt instruments are not addressed by paragraph 12 of APB Opinion No. 14, Accounting for Convertible Debt and Debt Issued with Stock Purchase Warrants. Additionally, it specifies that issuers of such instruments should separately account for the liability and equity components in a manner that will reflect the entity s nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized in subsequent periods. This FSP is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008. We are currently studying the effects of this pronouncement.

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In May 2008, the FASB issued FAS 162, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. The objective of this Statement is to identify the sources of accounting principles and the framework for selecting the principles used in the preparation of financial statements of nongovernmental entities that are presented in conformity with US GAAP (the GAAP hierarchy). This Statement shall be effective 60 days following the SEC's approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) amendments to AU Section 411, *The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity With Generally Accepted Accounting Principles*. There are no specific disclosure requirements with this statement. We are currently assessing the effects of this Statement and believe that it will not have a material impact on our Consolidation Financial Statements.

In April 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 142-3, *Determination of the Useful Life of Intangible Assets*. The objective of this FSP is to address situations of renewing or extending the useful life of a recognized intangible asset. It is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2008. Early application is not permitted. We are currently studying the effects of this pronouncement.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 160, which clarifies that a no controlling interest in a subsidiary is an ownership interest in the consolidated entity that should be reported as equity in the consolidated financial statements. SFAS 160 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning on or after December 15, 2008 (that is, in the case of Vale, January 1, 2009).

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 141(R), that applies prospectively to business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008 (that is, in the case of Vale, January 1, 2009).

5 Major acquisitions and disposals

In February 2008, we sold our interest in Jubilee Mines N.L. (held through Vale Inco), representing 4.83% of its common shares, for US\$ 134 generating a gain of US\$ 80.

In October, 2007 we were awarded, in a public auction, a 30-year sub-concession agreement to operate the Ferrovia Norte Sul S.A. FNS railway for R\$1,482 million equivalent to US\$ 837 at the exchange rate in effect on that date, payable in three installments. The first installment, equivalent to US\$ 412 and corresponding to 50% was paid in December 2007. The second and third installments, each representing 25% of the total amount, are to be paid upon the completion of the railroad. The outstanding installments are indexed to the general price index (IGP-DI) and accrue interest of 12% p.a. This sub-concession right has been accounted for as an intangible asset (Note 11).

In July 2007, we sold our interest in Lion Ore Mining International Ltd. (held through Vale Inco), representing 1.80% of its common shares for US\$ 105, generating a gain of US\$ 80.

In June 2007, we sold 25,213,664 common shares, representing 57.84% of the total capital of our subsidiary Log-In Logística Intermodal S.A. (Log-In) for US\$ 179, recording a gain of US\$ 155. In July 2007, we sold an additional 5.10% stake in Log-In for US\$ 24 recording a gain of US\$ 21. At December 31, 2008, we held 31.33% of the voting and total capital of this entity, which is accounted for under the equity method.

In May 2007, we sold part (12.43%) of our stockholding in Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. USIMINAS, an available-for-sale investee, for US\$ 728, recording a gain of US\$ 456. We have retained 5.89% of the ordinary shares the minimum number of shares required to participate in the current shareholders agreement of the investee, representing 2.93% of the total capital.

In May 2007, we acquired a further 6.25% of the total share capital of Empreendimentos Brasileiros de Mineração S.A. EBM, which main asset is its interest in MBR, for US\$ 231 and as a result, our direct and indirect stake in MBR increased to 92.99% of total and voting capital. We simultaneously entered into an usufruct agreement with minority shareholders whereby they transferred to us all rights and obligations with respect to their shares, including rights to dividends for the next 30 years, for which we will make an initial payment of US\$ 61 plus an annual fee of US\$ 48 for each of the next 29 years. The present value of the future obligation is recorded as a liability and the corresponding charge recorded to minority interests in the balance sheet.

In April 2007, we concluded the acquisition of 100% of Vale Australia (formerly AMCI Holdings Australia Pty AMCI HA), a private company based in Australia, which owns and operates coal mines in that country, for US\$ 656.

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Income taxes in Brazil comprise federal income tax and social contribution, which is an additional federal tax. The statutory composite enacted tax rate applicable in the periods presented is 34%. In other countries where we have operations, the applicable tax rates vary from 1.67% to 40%.

The amount reported as income tax expense in our consolidated financial statements is reconciled to the statutory rates as follows:

	Three-month period ended (unaudited)								
	December 31, 2008			September 30, 2008			December 31, 2007		
	Brazil	Foreign	Total	Brazil	Foreign	Total	Brazil	Foreign	Total
Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	(2,489)	2,573	84	334	4,113	4,447	1,299	1,519	2,818
Tax at Brazilian composite rate	846	(875)	(29)	(114)	(1,398)	(1,512)	(442)	(516)	(958)
Adjustments to derive effective tax rate:									
Tax benefit on interest attributed to stockholders	238		238	278		278	129		129
Difference on tax rates of foreign income		347	347		808	808		777	777
Exchange variation not taxable		667	667		633	633		(101)	(101)
Tax incentives	(48)		(48)	14		14	7		7
Other non-taxable gains (losses)	(68)	78	10	57	(134)	(77)	(12)	(58)	(70)
Income taxes per consolidated statements of income	968	217	1,185	235	(91)	144	(318)	102	(216)

	Year ended of December 31,						
	2008			2007			2006
	Brazil	Foreign	Total	Brazil	Foreign	Total	Total
Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	2,434	10,783	13,217	7,769	7,464	15,233	7,829
Tax at Brazilian composite rate	(828)	(3,667)	(4,495)	(2,641)	(2,538)	(5,179)	(2,662)
Adjustments to derive effective tax rate:							
Tax benefit on interest attributed to stockholders	692		692	474		474	343
Difference on tax rates of foreign income		1,728	1,728		1,729	1,729	1,129

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Exchange variation not taxable		982	982		(290)	(290)	(125)
Tax incentives	53		53	173		173	194
Valuation allowance reversal (provision)				16		16	(21)
Other non-taxable gains (losses)	287	218	505	64	(188)	(124)	(290)
Income taxes per consolidated statements of income	204	(739)	(535)	(1,914)	(1,287)	(3,201)	(1,432)

We have certain Brazilian income tax incentives relating to our manganese operations in Carajás, our potash operations in Rosario do Catete, our alumina and aluminum operations in Barcarena and our kaolin operations in Ipixuna and Mazagão. The incentives relating to manganese, aluminum and kaolin comprise partial exemption up to 2013. The incentive relating to alumina and potash comprise full income tax exemption on defined production levels, which expires in 2009 and 2013, respectively. An amount equal to the tax saving is appropriated from retained earnings to a reserve account within stockholders' equity and may not be distributed in the form of cash dividends. We also have income tax incentives related to our Goro Project under development in New Caledonia (The Goro Project). These incentives include an income tax holiday during the construction phase of the project and throughout a 15-year period commencing in the first year in which commercial production, as defined by the applicable legislation, is achieved followed by a five-year, 50 per cent income tax holiday. The Goro Project also qualifies for certain exemptions from indirect taxes such as import duties during the construction phase and throughout the commercial life of the project. Certain of these tax benefits, including the income tax holiday, are subject to an earlier phase out should the project achieve a specified cumulative rate of return. We are subject to a branch profit tax commencing in the first year in which commercial production is achieved, as defined by the applicable legislation. To date, we have not recorded any taxable income for New Caledonian tax purposes. The benefits of this legislation are expected to apply with respect to taxes payable once the Goro project is in operation.

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We are subject to examination by the tax authorities for up to five years regarding our operations in Brazil, ten years for Indonesia, and five and six years for Canada, except for Newfoundland which has no limit. Brazilian tax loss carryforwards have no expiration date though offset is restricted to 30% of annual taxable income. Effective January 1, 2007, the Company adopted the provisions of FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes .

The reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2008	2007
Beginning of the period	1,046	663
Increase resulting from tax positions taken	103	264
Decrease resulting from tax positions taken	(261)	(47)
Changes in tax legislation	2	29
Cumulative translation adjustments	(233)	137
End of the period	657	1,046

Recognized deferred income tax assets and liabilities are composed as follows:

	As of December 31,	
	2008	2007
Current deferred tax assets		
Accrued expenses deductible only when disbursed	583	603
Long-term deferred tax assets and liabilities		
Assets		
Employee postretirement benefits provision	171	461
Tax loss carryforwards	119	348
Other temporary differences	548	
Asset retirement obligation	207	195
	1,045	1,004
Liabilities		
Fair value of financial instruments	(326)	(173)
Unrealized tax indexation effects	(108)	(138)
Property, plant and equipment	(47)	(150)
Prepaid retirement benefit	(199)	(203)
Fair value adjustments in business combinations	(4,446)	(5,770)
Other temporary differences	198	(191)
	(4,928)	(6,625)

Valuation allowance

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Beginning balance	(104)	(113)
Translation adjustments	18	(20)
Change in allowance	(36)	29
Ending balance	(122)	(104)
Net long-term deferred tax liabilities	(4,005)	(5,725)

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	As of December 31,	
	2008	2007
Cash	767	424
Short-term investments denominated in Brazilian Reais	7,548	123
Short-term investments denominated in other currencies, mainly U.S. dollars	2,016	499
	10,331	1,046

The increase in cash and cash equivalents corresponds mainly to the proceeds received from the Global equity offering (Note 16).

8 Accounts receivable

	As of December 31,	
	2008	2007
Customers		
Denominated in Brazilian Reais	461	750
Denominated in other currencies, mainly U.S. Dollars	2,828	3,311
	3,289	4,061
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(85)	(100)
Allowance for ore weight credits		(9)
Total	3,204	3,952

Accounts receivable from customers in the steel industry represent 47% of receivables at December 31, 2008. No single customer accounted for more than 10% of total revenues.

Additional allowances for doubtful accounts charged to the statement of income as expenses in 2008 and 2007 totaled US\$ 9 and US\$ 31, respectively. We wrote-off US\$ nil in 2008 and US\$ 6 in 2007.

9 Inventories

	As of December 31,	
	2008	2007
Finished products		
Nickel (co-products and by-products)	1,514	1,812
Iron ore and pellets	728	588
Manganese and ferroalloys	199	176
Aluminum products	150	106
Kaolin	40	42
Copper concentrate	26	15
Coal	43	38
Others	80	36
Spare parts and maintenance supplies	1,116	1,046

3,896

3,859

At December 31, 2008, we recorded an adjustment of US\$ 77, to reduce nickel inventory to its market value (nil in 2007 and 2006).

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	As of December 31,	
	2008	2007
Income tax	1,646	643
Value-added tax ICMS	258	294
PIS and COFINS	380	354
Others	103	67
Total	2,387	1,358
Current	1,993	1,159
Non-current	394	199
	2,387	1,358

11 Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets**By type of assets:**

	As of December 31, 2008			As of December 31, 2007		
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net
Land	182		182	110		110
Buildings	3,742	905	2,837	4,086	842	3,244
Installations	9,990	2,748	7,242	10,974	2,889	8,085
Equipment	5,391	1,626	3,765	5,703	1,709	3,994
Railroads	5,830	1,358	4,472	5,819	1,614	4,205
Mine development costs	15,976	2,062	13,914	19,270	1,632	17,638
Others	4,974	1,639	3,335	7,146	1,813	5,333
	46,085	10,338	35,747	53,108	10,499	42,609
Construction in progress	13,582		13,582	12,016		12,016
Total	59,667	10,338	49,329	65,124	10,499	54,625

Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment totaled US\$ 376, US\$ 168 and US\$ 106 in 2008, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Mainly relate to losses on sales of ships and trucks, locomotives and other equipment, which were replaced in the normal course of business.

Assets given in guarantee of judicial processes totaled US\$ 141.

Hydroelectric assets

We participate in several jointly-owned hydroelectric plants, already in operation or under construction, in which we record our undivided interest in these assets as Property, plant and equipment.

At December 31, 2008 the cost of hydroelectric plants in service totals US\$ 1,162 (2007 US\$ 803) and the related depreciation in the year was US\$ 304 (2007 US\$ 68). The cost of hydroelectric plant under construction at December 31, 2008 totals US\$ 206 (2007 US\$ 735). Income and operating expenses for such plants are not material

Intangibles

All of the intangible assets recognized in our financial statements were acquired from third parties, either directly or through a business combination and have definite useful lives from 6 to 30 years.

At December 31, 2008 the intangibles amount to US\$ 875 (December 31, 2007 US\$ 1,113), and are comprised of rights granted by the government North-South Railroad of US\$ 671 and off take-agreements of US\$ 204.

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(1) Although Vale held a majority of the voting interest of investees accounted for under the equity method, existing veto rights held by minority shareholders under shareholder agreements preclude consolidation;

(2) Investment includes goodwill of US\$ 46 in 2008 and US\$ 61 in 2007;

(3) Consolidation discontinued from June, 2007;

- (4) Sold in
February, 2008
(Note 5);
- (5) Equity in results
of affiliates refers
to dividends
received.
- (6) Losses
considered other
than temporary.

Table of Contents**13 Impairment of goodwill**

As described on note 3 (g), we test goodwill and long-lived assets for impairment at least annually, or more frequently when events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. For impairment test purposes goodwill is allocated to reporting units.

Following the downturn in the economy, which contributed to the decline in the prices of certain commodities produced by us during the last quarter of 2008, we updated our impairment test based on forecasted discounted cash flows. As a result, we determined that the goodwill associated with the acquisition of Vale Inco, included within the reportable segment Non-ferrous nickel was partially impaired. In the case of Vale Inco, goodwill has been allocated by us to the finished products and intermediate products reporting units. The impairment charge recorded in operating results in the fourth quarter of 2008 was US\$ 950.

Management determined discounted cash flows based on approved financial budgets. Gross margin projections were based on past performance and management's expectations of market developments. Information about sales prices are consistent with the forecasts included in industry reports, considering quoted prices when available and when appropriate. The discount rates used reflect specific risks relating to the relevant assets in each reporting unit, depending on their composition and location.

Recognition of additional goodwill impairment charges in the future would depend on several estimates including market conditions, recent actual results and management's forecasts. This information shall be obtained at the time when our assessment is to be updated. It is not possible at this time to determine if any such future impairment charge would result or, if it does, whether such charge would be material.

14 Short-term debt

Short-term borrowings outstanding on December 31, 2007, mainly from commercial banks for export financing denominated in U.S. Dollars, with average annual interest rates of 5.5%.

15 Long-term debt

	Current liabilities		Long-term liabilities	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
Foreign debt				
Loans and financing denominated in the following currencies:				
U.S. Dollars	210	212	5,905	5,927
Others	23	64	167	214
Fixed Rate Notes – US Dollar denominated			6,510	6,680
Debt securities – export sales (*) – US Dollar denominated	55	53	149	205
Perpetual notes			83	87
Accrued charges	217	282		
	505	611	12,814	13,113
Brazilian debt				
Brazilian Reais indexed to Long-Term Interest Rate TJLP/CDI	33	586	1,989	1,148
Brazilian Reais indexed to General Price Index-Market (IGPM)		1	1	1
Basket of currencies	1	2	4	6
Non-convertible debentures			2,562	3,340
U.S. Dollars Denominated			165	
Accrued charges	94	49		

	128	638	4,721	4,495
Total	633	1,249	17,535	17,608

(* Secured by
receivables from
future export
sales.

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The long-term portion at December 31, 2008 falls due as follows:

2010	2,304
2011	2,618
2012	1,137
2013	2,556
2014 and thereafter	8,628
No due date (Perpetual notes and non-convertible debentures)	292
	17,535

At December 31, 2008 annual interest rates on long-term debt were as follows:

Up to 3%	690
3.1% to 5%	5,845
5.1% to 7% (*)	5,596
7.1% to 9% (*)	2,136
9.1% to 11%	87
Over 11% (*)	3,729
Variable (Perpetual notes)	85
	18,168

(*) Includes non-convertible debentures and other Brazilian Reais-denominated debt that bear interest at CDI (Brazilian interbank certificate of deposit) and TJLP (Brazilian government long-term interest) rates plus a spread. For these operations we have entered into derivative transactions to mitigate our exposure on the floating rate debt denominated in Brazilian Reais, totaling US\$ 4,169

wich US\$ 3,522 has original interest rate above 11%. The average cost after taking into account the derivative transactions is 4.9%.

The indexation indices/ rates applied to our debt were as follows (unaudited):

	Three-month period ended			Year ended of December	
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	31, 2007
TJLP Long-Term Interest Rate (effective rate)	1.5	1.5	1.5	6.3	6.4
IGP-M General Price Index Market	1.2	1.6	3.5	9.8	7.8
Appreciation (Devaluation) of Real against U.S. Dollar	(18.1)	(16.8)	3.8	(24.2)	20.7

In January 2008 we entered into a trade finance agreement with a Brazilian bank in the amount of US\$ 1,100 with final maturity in 2018.

During 2008, we entered into agreements with Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social – BNDES, (the Brazilian National Development Bank) and with long-term Japanese financing agencies, Japan Bank for International Cooperation – JBIC and Nippon Export and Investment Insurance – NEXI related to future lines of credit to finance mining, logistics and power generation projects as part of our investment program for 2008-2012.

Additionally, we have revolving credit lines available under which amounts can be drawn down and repaid at the option of the borrower. At December 31, 2008, the total amount available under revolving credit lines was of US\$1,900, of which US\$ 1,150 was granted to Vale International and the balance to Vale Inco. As of December 31, 2008, neither Vale International nor Vale Inco had drawn any amounts under these facilities.

Vale Inco had drawn down US\$ 101 by way of letters of credit.

At December 31, 2008 the US Dollar denominated Fixed Rate Notes of US\$ 6,510 (December 31, 2007 – US\$ 6,680) and other debt of US\$ 11,102 (December 31, 2007 – US\$ 11,511) are unsecured. The export securitization of US\$ 204 (December 31, 2007 – US\$ 258) represents debt securities collateralized by receivables from future export sales of CVRD Overseas Ltd.. Loans from international lenders of US\$ 57 (December 31, 2007 – US\$ 82) are guaranteed by the Brazilian Federal Government, to which we have provided like counter guarantees. The remaining long-term debt of US\$ 295 (December 31, 2007 – US\$ 326) is collateralized mainly by receivables.

Our principal covenants require us to maintain certain ratios, such as debt to EBITDA and interest coverage. We were in full compliance with our financial covenants as of December 31, 2008 and 2007.

Table of Contents**16 Stockholders equity**

Each holder of common and preferred class A stock is entitled to one vote for each share on all matters brought before stockholders meetings, except for the election of the Board of Directors, which is restricted to the holders of common stock. The Brazilian Government holds twelve preferred special shares which confer permanent veto rights over certain matters.

Both common and preferred stockholders are entitled to receive a mandatory minimum dividend of 25% of annual adjusted net income under Brazilian GAAP, once declared at the annual stockholders meeting. In the case of preferred stockholders, this dividend cannot be less than 6% of the preferred capital as stated in the statutory accounting records or, if greater, 3% of the Brazilian GAAP equity value per share. For the year ended December 31, 2008, this dividends corresponds to US\$ 2,068, provided against stockholders equity.

In July 2008, we issued 80,079,223 common ADS, 176,847,543 common shares, 63,506,751 preferred ADS and 100,896,048 preferred shares through a Global equity offering. Our capital increased by US\$ 11,666, upon subscription of preferred stock of US\$ 4,146 corresponding to 164,402,799 shares and common stock of US\$ 7,520 corresponding to 256,926,766 shares. In August, 2008, we issued an additional 24,660,419 preferred shares, representing an increase of US\$ 628. After the closing of the operation, our capital stock increased by US\$ 12,294 in 2008; the transaction costs of US\$ 105 were recorded as a reduction of the additional paid-in capital account.

In September 2007, a stock split was effected whereby each existing common and preferred share was split into two shares. After the split our capital comprises 4,919,314,116 shares, of which 1,919,516,400 are preferred class A shares and 2,999,797,716 are common shares, including twelve special class shares without par value (Golden Shares). All references to numbers of share and per share amounts included herein reflect retroactive application of the stock split.

In June 2007, we issued US\$ 1,880 Mandatorily Convertible Notes due June 15, 2010 for total proceeds of US\$ 1,869, net of commissions. The Notes bear interest at 5.50% per year payable quarterly and additional interest which will be payable based on the net amount of cash distribution paid to ADS holders. A tranche of US\$ 1,296 Notes are mandatorily convertible into an aggregate maximum of 56,582,040 common shares and a tranche of US\$ 584 Notes are mandatorily convertible into an aggregate maximum of 30,295,456 preferred class A shares. On the maturity date (whether at stated maturity or upon acceleration following an event of default), the Series RIO Notes will automatically convert into ADSs, each ADS representing one common share of Vale, and the Series RIO P Notes will automatically convert into ADSs, each ADS representing one preferred class A share of Vale. We currently hold the shares to be issued on conversion in treasury. The Notes are not repayable in cash. Holders of notes will have no voting rights. We will pay to the holders of our Series RIO Notes or RIO P Notes additional interest in the event that Vale makes cash distributions to all holders of RIO ADSs or RIO P ADSs, respectively. We determined, using a statistical model, that the potential variability in the number of shares to be converted is not a predominant feature of this hybrid financial instrument and thus classified it as an equity instrument within stockholders equity. Other than during the cash acquisition conversion period, holders of the notes have the right to convert their notes, in whole or in part, at any time prior to maturity in the case of the Series RIO Notes, into RIO ADSs at the minimum conversion rate of 0.8664 RIO ADSs per Series RIO Note, and in the case of Series RIO P Notes, into RIO P ADSs at the minimum conversion rate of 1.0283 RIO P ADSs per Series RIO P Note.

In April 2007, at an Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting, paid-up capital was increased by US\$ 4,187 through transfer of reserves, without issuance of shares, to US\$ 12,695.

Brazilian law permits the payment of cash dividends only from retained earnings as stated in the BR GAAP statutory records and such payments are made in Brazilian Reais. Pursuant to the Company s statutory books, undistributed retained earnings at December 31, 2008 total US\$ 16,854, comprising the unrealized income and expansion reserves, which could be freely transferred to retained earnings and paid as dividends, if approved by the stockholders, after deducting of the minimum annual mandatory dividend.

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No withholding tax is payable on distribution of profits earned except for distributions in the form of interest attributed to stockholders' equity (Note 3 (p)).

Brazilian laws and our By-laws require that certain appropriations be made from retained earnings to reserve accounts on an annual basis, all determined in accordance with amounts stated in the statutory accounting records, as detailed below:

	Three-month period ended (unaudited)			Year ended of December 31,		
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007	2006
Undistributed retained earnings						
Unrealized income reserve						
Beginning of the period	67	73	105	73	57	101
Transfer from (to) retained earnings	(22)	(6)	(32)	(28)	16	(44)
End of the period	45	67	73	45	73	57
Expansion reserve						
Beginning of the period	12,857	13,881	5,726	13,881	8,485	3,621
Transfer to capital stock					(3,776)	
Transfer from (to) retained earnings	3,952	(1,024)	8,155	2,928	9,172	4,864
End of the period	16,809	12,857	13,881	16,809	13,881	8,485
Legal reserve						
Beginning of the period	1,212	1,310	724	1,310	970	599
Transfer to capital stock					(370)	
Transfer from (to) retained earnings	236	(98)	586	138	710	371
End of the period	1,448	1,212	1,310	1,448	1,310	970
Fiscal incentive investment reserve						
Beginning of the period	47	53	5	53	43	36
Transfer to capital stock					(41)	
Transfer from (to) retained earnings	(9)	(6)	48	(15)	51	7
End of the period	38	47	53	38	53	43
Total undistributed retained earnings	18,340	14,183	15,317	18,340	15,317	9,555

The purpose and basis of appropriation to such reserves is described below:

Unrealized income reserve – this represents principally our share of the earnings of affiliates and joint ventures, not yet received in the form of cash dividends.

Expansion reserve this is a general reserve for expansion of our activities.

Legal reserve this reserve is a requirement for all Brazilian corporations and represents the appropriation of 5% of annual net income up to a limit of 20% of capital stock all determined under Brazilian GAAP.

Fiscal incentive investment reserve this reserve results from an option to designate a portion of income tax otherwise payable for investment in government approved projects and is recorded in the year following that in which the taxable income was earned. As from 2000, this reserve basically contemplates income tax incentives (Note 6).

Table of Contents**Basic and diluted earnings per share**

Basic and diluted earnings per share amounts have been calculated as follows:

	Three-month period ended (unaudited)			As of December 31,		
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007	2006
Net income for the period	1,367	4,821	2,573	13,218	11,825	6,528
Interest attributed to preferred convertible notes	(15)	(8)	(8)	(46)	(16)	
Interest attributed to common convertible notes	(32)	(16)	(18)	(96)	(37)	
Net income for the period adjusted	1,320	4,797	2,547	13,076	11,772	6,528
Basic and diluted earnings per share						
Income available to preferred stockholders	507	1,850	978	5,027	4,552	2,568
Income available to common stockholders	791	2,866	1,524	7,823	7,092	3,960
Income available to convertible notes linked to preferred shares	8	28	16	78	45	
Income available to convertible notes linked to common shares	14	53	29	148	83	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (thousands of shares) preferred shares	2,042,341	1,976,727	1,889,175	1,946,454	1,889,171	1,908,852
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (thousands of shares) common shares	3,185,750	3,063,752	2,943,216	3,028,817	2,943,216	2,943,216
Treasury preferred shares linked to mandatorily convertible notes	30,295	30,295	30,295	30,295	18,478	
Treasury common shares linked to	56,582	56,582	56,582	56,582	34,510	

mandatorily convertible
notes

Total	5,314,968	5,127,356	4,919,268	5,062,148	4,885,375	4,852,068
Earnings per preferred share	0.25	0.94	0.52	2.58	2.41	1.35
Earnings per common share	0.25	0.94	0.52	2.58	2.41	1.35
Earnings per convertible notes linked to preferred share (*)	0.76	1.19	0.79	4.09	3.30	
Earnings per convertible notes linked to common share (*)	0.81	1.25	0.85	4.29	3.51	

(*) Basic earnings per share only, as dilution assumes conversion.

Had the conversion of the convertible notes been included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share they would have generated the following dilutive effect as shown below:

	Three-month period ended (unaudited)			As of December 31,		
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007	2006
Income available to preferred stockholders	530	1,885	1,002	5,151	4,613	
Income available to common stockholders	837	2,936	1,571	8,067	7,212	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (thousands of shares)						
preferred shares	2,072,636	2,007,022	1,919,470	1,976,749	1,907,649	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (thousands of shares)						
common shares	3,242,332	3,120,334	2,999,798	3,085,399	2,977,726	
Earnings per preferred share	0.26	0.94	0.52	2.61	2.42	
Earnings per common share	0.26	0.94	0.52	2.61	2.42	
17 Other cumulative comprehensive income (deficit)						

	Three-month period ended (unaudited)			As of December 31,		
	December 31,	September 30,	December 31,	2008	2007	2006

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	2008	2008	2007	2008	2007	2006
Comprehensive income (deficit) is comprised as follows:						
Net income	1,367	4,821	2,573	13,218	11,825	6,528
Cumulative translation adjustments	(7,489)	(6,835)	337	(12,822)	2,968	1,228
Unrealized gain (loss) available-for-sale securities, net of tax	96	(190)	(18)	(194)	(60)	144
Surplus (deficit) accrued pension plan	259	(468)	(465)	(120)	(278)	(107)
Cash flow hedge	(28)	20	6	(29)	29	
Total comprehensive income (deficit)	(5,795)	(2,652)	2,433	53	14,484	7,793
Tax effect on other comprehensive income allocated to each component						
Unrealized gain (loss) available-for-sale securities, net of tax						
Gross balance as of the period end	42	(105)	271	42	271	395
Tax (expense) benefit	(25)	26	(60)	(25)	(60)	(124)
Net balance as of the period end	17	(79)	211	17	211	271
Surplus accrued pension plan						
Gross balance as of the period end	(76)	(415)	134	(76)	134	540
Tax (expense) benefit	31	111	(59)	31	(59)	(187)
Net balance as of the period end	(45)	(304)	75	(45)	75	353

Table of Contents**18 Pension plans**

Since 1973 we sponsor a supplementary social security plan with characteristics of a defined benefit plan (the Old Plan) covering substantially all Brazilian employees, with benefits calculated based on years of service, age, contribution salary and supplementary social security benefits. This plan is administered by Fundação Vale do Rio Doce de Seguridade Social VALIA and was funded by monthly contributions made by us and our employees, calculated based on periodic actuarial appraisals.

In May 2000, we implemented a new supplementary social security plan with characteristics of defined contribution, which complements the earnings of programmed retirements. The plan offers benefits to cover death, physical invalidity, and sickness, with defined benefit characteristics. Brazilian employees could opt to migrate to the New Plan (a Benefit Mix Plan Vale Mais) which was taken up by over 98% of our employees. The Old Plan will continue in existence, covering almost exclusively retired participants and their beneficiaries.

Additionally we provide supplementary payments to a specific group of former Brazilian employees, in addition to the regular benefits from Valia. The plan provides represents a postretirement health care, dental and pharmaceutical benefits.

Upon the acquisition of Inco, we assumed benefits through defined benefit pension plans that cover essentially all its employees and post retirement benefits other than pensions that also provide certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees.

The following information details the status of the defined benefit elements of all plans in accordance with SFAS 132

Employers Disclosure about Pensions and Other Post retirement Benefits and SFAS 158 Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans , as amended.

(a) Change in benefit obligation

	As of December 31,					
	2008		2007			
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	3,178	4,436	1,671	2,531	3,743	1,287
Liability recognized upon consolidation of Inco					100	213
Service cost	11	60	25	9	61	20
Interest cost	309	245	85	306	229	78
Plan amendment		16			4	
Benefits paid	(283)	(291)	(70)	(301)	(279)	(63)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(779)	(775)	(272)	526	607	215
Actuarial loss (gain)	(12)	(660)	(370)	107	(29)	(79)
Benefit obligation at end of year	2,424	3,031	1,069	3,178	4,436	1,671

We use a measurement date of December 31 for our pension and post retirement benefit plans.

(b) Change in plan assets

	As of December 31,					
	2008		2007			
	Overfunded	Underfunded	Underfunded	Overfunded	Underfunded	Underfunded

	pension plans	pension plans	other benefits	pension plans	pension plans	other benefits
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	4,187	3,762	10	3,508	3,078	4
Actual return on plan assets	57	(603)	1	250	85	1
Employer contributions	41	272	70	33	372	67
Benefits paid	(283)	(291)	(70)	(301)	(279)	(63)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(959)	(633)	(2)	697	506	1
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	3,043	2,507	9	4,187	3,762	10

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Plan assets at December 31, 2008 include US\$ 188 (US\$ 693 at December 31, 2007) and US\$ 53 (US\$ 73 at December 31, 2007) of portfolio investments in our own shares and debentures, respectively, and US\$ 44 (US\$ 48 at December 31, 2007) and US\$ nil (US\$ nil at December 31, 2007) of shares of related parties and debentures, as well. They also include US\$ 2,472 of Brazilian Federal Government securities (US\$ 1,116 at December 31, 2007) and US\$ 347 of Canada Federal Government securities (US\$ 475 at December 31, 2007).

(c) Funded Status and Financial Position

	As of December 31,					
	2008		2007			
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Other assets	619		3	1,009		
Current liabilities		38	64		54	77
Long-term liabilities		486	999		620	1,584
Funded status	619	524	1,060	1,009	674	1,661

(d) Assumptions used (nominal terms)

	Brazil					
	2008		2007			
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Discount rate	11.28% p.a.	11.28% p.a.	11.28% p.a.	10.24% p.a.	10.24% p.a.	10.24% p.a.
Expected return on plan assets	12.22% p.a.	13.00% p.a.		12.78% p.a.	11.70% p.a.	
Rate of compensation increase up to 47 years	7.12% p.a.			7.12% p.a.		
Rate of compensation increase over 47 years	4.00% p.a.			4.00% p.a.		
Inflation	4.00% p.a.	4.00% p.a.	4.00% p.a.	4.00% p.a.	4.00% p.a.	4.00% p.a.
Health care cost trend rate			7.12% p.a.			7.64% p.a.

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Table of Contents**(e) Investment targets and composition of plan assets****Overfunded pension plans**

The fair value of the Brazil overfunded pension plan assets is US\$ 3,043 and US\$ 4,187 at December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. There are no foreign overfunded pension plans assets at the period end. The asset allocation for these plans at December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the target allocation for 2009, by asset category, follows:

	Percentage of plan assets Brazil		
	At December 31,		
	Target for	2008	2007
	2009		
	(Unaudited)		
Equity securities	26%	20%	29%
Real estate	6%	4%	4%
Loans	7%	6%	4%
Fixed Income	61%	70%	63%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Underfunded pension plans

The fair value of the underfunded pension plan assets is US\$ 146 and US\$ 146 at the end of 2008 and 2007, respectively, for Brazilian plans and US\$ 2,361 and US\$ 3,616 at the end of 2008 and 2007, respectively, for foreign plans. The asset allocation for these plans at the end of 2008 (Brazil and foreign) and 2007 (Brazil and foreign), and the target allocation for 2009, by asset category, follows:

	Percentage of plan assets Brazil		
	At December 31,		
	Target for	2008	2007
	2009		
	(Unaudited)		
Loans	0%	0%	5%
Fixed Income	100%	100%	95%
Total	100%	100%	100%

	Percentage of plan assets Foreign		
	At December 31,		
	Target for	2008	2007
	2009		
Equity securities	61%	54%	61%
Fixed Income	39%	46%	39%
Total	100%	100%	100%

The asset allocation policy follows the asset class targets determined by our ALM – Asset Allocation Modelling. The fixed income asset allocation target for the Brazilian plans was established in order to surpass the benefit obligation

and to be used for the payment of short-term plans. The proposal for 2009 is to increase the investments in inflation-indexed bonds.

The target for equity securities of these plans reflects the expected appreciation of the Brazilian stock markets and its expected long term return.

The asset allocation policy for the foreign plans of 39% fixed income and 61% equity securities, approximates the policy mix through a rebalancing policy.

Underfunded other benefits

The fair value of the foreign underfunded other benefit assets is US\$ 9 and US\$ 10 at the end of 2008 and 2007, respectively. There are no Brazilian underfunded other benefit assets in our postretirement benefit other than pensions at the period end.

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The asset allocation for these benefits at the end of 2008 and target allocation for 2009, by asset category, follows:

	Percentage of plan assets Foreign At December 31,		
	Target for 2009 (Unaudited)	2008	2007
Equity securities			
Fixed Income	61%	61%	61%
Total	39%	39%	39%
	100%	100%	100%

The asset allocation policy is the same for the foreign underfunded pension plan.

(f) Pension costs

	Three-month period ended (unaudited) December 31, 2008		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Service cost – benefits earned during the period	3	13	5
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	86	53	21
Expected return on assets	(143)	(57)	(5)
Amortization of initial transition obligation	4	(2)	6
Net deferral	(1)	11	(2)
Net periodic pension cost	(51)	18	25

	Three-month period ended (unaudited) September 30, 2008		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Service cost – benefits earned during the period	3	15	6
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	87	66	21
Expected return on assets	(145)	(63)	(2)
Amortization of initial transition obligation	4	2	(2)
Net deferral	(2)		
Net periodic pension cost	(53)	20	25

Three-month period ended (unaudited) December 31, 2007		
Overfunded	Underfunded	Underfunded

	pension plans	pension plans	other benefits
Service cost – benefits earned during the period	3	18	6
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	110	76	26
Expected return on assets	(205)	(73)	(4)
Amortization of initial transition obligation	5		
Net deferral	(6)		
Net periodic pension cost	(93)	21	28

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	As of December 31,					
	2008			2007		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Service cost benefits earned during the period	11	60	25	9	61	20
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	309	245	85	306	229	78
Expected return on assets	(515)	(253)	(5)	(570)	(247)	(4)
Amortization of initial transition obligation	15			14		
Net deferral	(5)	11	(2)	(17)		
Net periodic pension cost	(185)	63	103	(258)	43	94

(g) Expected contributions and benefits

Employer contributions expected for 2009 are US\$ 338.

The benefit payments, which reflect future service, are expected to be made as follows:

	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits	Total
2009	195	262	68	525
2010	197	263	72	532
2011	199	261	76	536
2012	200	260	79	539
2013	201	256	82	539
2014 and thereafter	1,011	1,265	412	2,688

(h) Accumulated benefit obligation

	2008			2007		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Accumulated benefit obligation	2,415	2,955	1,069	3,166	4,293	1,671
Projected benefit obligation	2,424	3,031	1,069	3,178	4,436	1,671
Fair value of plan assets	(3,043)	(2,507)	(9)	(4,187)	(3,762)	(10)

(i) Impact of 1% variation in assumed health care cost trend rate

1% increase		1% decrease	
2008	2007	2008	2007

Accumulated postretirement benefit obligation (APBO)	134	261	(110)	(201)
Interest and service costs	18	15	(14)	(12)

(j) Other Cumulative Comprehensive Income (Deficit)

	As of December 31,					
	2008		2007			
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Net transition assets	(16)			(24)		
Net actuarial loss / (gain)	(240)	(206)	282	(6)	(34)	97
Effect of exchange rate changes	(18)	10	3	94	(7)	(2)
Deferred income tax	94	83	(106)	(22)	14	(35)
Amounts recognized in other cumulative comprehensive income (deficit)	(180)	(113)	179	42	(27)	60

Table of Contents**(k) Change in Other Cumulative Comprehensive Income (Deficit)**

	As of December 31,					
	2008 Overfunded pension plans	2008 Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits	Overfunded pension plans	2007 Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Net transition obligation / (asset) not yet recognized in NPPC at beginning of period	(31)			(38)		
Net actuarial loss / (gain) not yet recognized in NPPC at beginning of period	94	(41)	(14)	491	(33)	(11)
Deferred income tax at beginning of period	(21)	14	5	(154)	11	4
Effect of initial recognition of cumulative comprehensive Income (deficit)	42	(27)	(9)	299	(22)	(7)
Change in the period						
Amortization of net transition obligation / (asset)	15			14		
Amortization of net actuarial loss / (gain)	(6)			(17)		
Total net actuarial loss / (gain) arising during period	(328)	(165)	296	(480)	(1)	108
Effect of exchange rate changes	(18)	10	3	94	(7)	(2)
Deferred income tax	115	69	(111)	132	3	(39)
Total recognized in other cumulative comprehensive income (deficit)	(180)	(113)	179	42	(27)	60

(l) Net periodic pension cost for 2009

	As of December 31, 2009		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Underfunded other benefits
Service cost	9	41	17
Interest cost	263	240	85
Expected return on plan assets	(362)	(195)	(1)
Net transition obligation / (asset) amortization	12		
Net prior service cost / (credit) amortization		3	
Net actuarial loss / (gain) amortization		1	(23)
	(78)	90	78

19 Long-term incentive compensation plan

In 2008, the Board of Directors approved a long-term incentive compensation plan, which was implemented in April 2008, over a three-year cycle (2008 to 2010).

Under the terms of the plan, the participants, restricted to certain executives, may elect to allocate part of their annual bonus to the plan. The allocation is applied to purchase preferred shares of Vale, through a predefined financial institution, at market conditions and with no benefit provided by Vale.

The shares purchased by each executive are unrestricted and may, at the participant's discretion, be sold at any time. However, the shares must be held for a three-year period and the executive must be continually employed by Vale during that period. The participant then becomes entitled to receive from Vale, a cash payment equivalent to the total amount of shares held, based on market rates.

We account for the compensation cost provided to our executives under this long-term incentive compensation plan, following the requirements of FAS 123(R) Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Liabilities are measured at each reporting date at fair value, based on market rates. Compensation costs incurred are recognized, over the defined three-year vesting period. At December, 2008, we recognized a long-term liability of US\$ 7, relating to 711,005 shares, through the Statements of Income.

Table of Contents**20 Commitments and contingencies**

- (a) We provided certain guarantees on behalf of the Goro Project pursuant to which we guaranteed payments due from Goro of up to a maximum amount of US\$ 100 (Maximum Amount) in connection with an indemnity. We also provided additional guarantees covering the amounts payable by Goro regarding (a) amounts exceeding the Maximum Amount in connection with the indemnity and (b) certain other amounts under lease agreements.

Sumic Nickel Netherlands B.V. Sumic, a 21% shareholder of Goro, has a put option to sell to Vale Inco 25%, 50%, or 100% of its share in Goro. The put option can be exercised if the defined cost of the initial Goro project exceeds US\$ 4,200 at project rates and an agreement cannot be reached on how to proceed with the project.

We provided guarantees covering certain termination payments by Goro to a supplier under an electricity supply agreement (ESA) entered into in October 2004 for the Goro nickel-cobalt project. The amount of the termination payments guaranteed depends upon a number of factors, including whether any termination of the ESA occurs as a result of a default by Goro and the date of such early termination. If Goro defaults under the ESA prior to the anticipated start date for electricity supply, the termination payment, which currently is at its maximum amount, would be \$ 145 million. Once the supply of electricity under the ESA to the project begins, the guaranteed amounts will decrease over the life of the ESA.

- (b) We and our subsidiaries are defendants in numerous legal actions in the normal course of business. Based on the advice of our legal counsel, management believes that the amounts recognized are sufficient to cover probable losses in connection with such actions.

The provision for contingencies and the related judicial deposits are composed as follows:

	December 31, 2008		December 31, 2007	
	Provision for	Judicial deposits	Provision for	Judicial deposits
	contingencies		contingencies	
Labor and social security claims	458	378	519	372
Civil claims	386	242	311	135
Tax related actions	828	518	1,605	613
Others	13	3	18	4
	1,685	1,141	2,453	1,124

Labor and social security related actions principally comprise claims by Brazilian employees and former employees for (i) payment of time spent traveling from their residences to the work-place, (ii) additional health and safety related payments and (iii) various other matters, often in connection with disputes about the amount of indemnities paid upon dismissal and the one-third extra holiday pay.

Civil actions principally related to claims made against us by contractors in Brazil in connection with losses alleged to have been incurred by them as a result of various past Government economic plans during which full inflation indexation of contracts was not permitted, as well, as for accidents and land appropriations disputes.

Tax tax-related actions principally comprise challenges initiated by us, on certain taxes on revenues and value added taxes and uncertain tax positions. We continue to vigorously pursue our interests in all the above actions but recognize that we probably will incur some losses in the final instance, for which we have made provisions.

Judicial deposits are made by us following the court requirements, in order to be entitled to either initiate or continue a legal action. These amounts are released to us, upon receipt of a final favorable outcome from the legal action; in the case of an unfavorable outcome, the deposits are transferred to the prevailing party.

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Contingencies settled in 2008, 2007 and 2006 totaled US\$148, US\$331, US\$424, respectively. Provisions recognized in the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, totaled US\$213, US\$364, US\$439, respectively, classified as other operating expenses. During 2008, we reversed a provision of US\$ 300 previously recognized, in connection with a favorable decision obtained for a process regarding income tax.

In addition to the contingencies for which we have made provisions we are defendants in claims where in our opinion, and based on the advice of our legal counsel, the likelihood of loss is possible but not probable, in the total amount of US\$ 2,476 at December 31, 2008, and for which no provision has been made (2007 US\$2,381).

(c) At the time of our privatization in 1997, we issued shareholder revenue interest instruments known in Brazil as debentures participativas (debentures) to our then-existing shareholders, including the Brazilian Government. The terms of the debentures, were set to ensure that our pre-privatization shareholders, including the Brazilian Government, would participate alongside us in potential future financial benefits that we could be able to derive from exploiting our mineral resources.

In preparation for the issuance of the debentures, we issued series B preferred shares on a one-for-one basis to all holders of our common shares and series A preferred shares. We then exchanged all of the series B shares for the debentures at par value. The debentures are not redeemable or convertible, and do not trade on a stapled basis or otherwise with our common or preferred shares. During 2002 we registered the debentures with the Brazilian Securities Commissions (CVM) in order to permit trading.

Under the terms of the debentures, holders will have the right to receive semi-annual payments equal to an agreed percentage of our net revenues (revenues less value added tax) from certain identified mineral resources that we owned as of May 1997, to the extent that we exceed defined threshold production volumes of these resources, and from the sale of mineral rights that we owned as of May 1997. Our obligation to make payments to the holders will cease when the relevant mineral resources are exhausted at which time we are required to repay the original par value plus accrued interest. Based on current production levels, and estimates for new projects, we began payments relating to copper resources in 2004 and expect to start payments relating to iron ore resources from approximately 2013 for our Northern System and 2018 for our South steam System in Brazil, and payments related to other mineral resources at the end of the current decade.

The table below summarizes the amounts we will be required to pay under the debentures based on the net revenues we earn from the identified mineral resources and the sale of mineral rights.

Area	Mineral	Required Payments by CVRD
South steam System	Iron ore	1.8% of net revenue, after total sales from May 1997 exceeds 1.7 billion tons.
Northern System	Iron ore	1.8% of net revenue, after total sales from May 1997 exceeds 1.2 billion tons.
Pojuca, Andorinhas, Liberdade and Sossego	Gold and copper	2.5% of net revenue from the beginning of commercialization.
Igarapé Bahia and Alemão	Gold and copper	2.5% of net revenue, after total sales from May 1997 exceeds 70 tons of gold.
Other areas, excluding Carajás / Serra Leste	Gold	2.5% of net revenue.
Other areas owned as of May 1997	Other minerals	1% of net revenue, 4 years after the beginning of the commercialization.
All areas		1% of the sales price.

Sale of mineral rights
owned as of May 1997

In September 2008 and April 2008 we paid remuneration on these debentures of US\$ 6 and US\$ 5, respectively.
During 2007 we paid a total of US\$11.

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- (d) We are committed under a take-or-pay agreement to purchase approximately 32,300 thousand metric tons of bauxite from Mineração Rio do Norte S.A. MRN at a formula driven price, calculated based on the current London Metal Exchange LME quotation for aluminum. Based on a market price of US\$ 32,26 per metric ton as of December 31, 2008, this arrangement represents the following total commitment per metric ton as of December 31, 2008:

2009	281
2010	191
2011	187
2012	190
2013	192
	1,041

- (e) Description of Leasing Arrangements

Part of our railroad operations include leased facilities. The 30-year lease, renewable for a further 30 years, expires in August, 2026 and is classified as an operating lease. At the end of the lease term, we are required to return the concession and the lease assets. In most cases, management expects that in the normal course of business, leases will be renewed.

The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under the railroad operating leases that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2008:

Year ending December 31:	
2009	53
2010	53
2011	53
2012	54
2013 thereafter	714
Total minimum payments required	927

The total expenses of operating leases for the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 was US\$ 53, US\$ 62 and US\$ 48, respectively.

During 2008, we entered into operating lease agreements with our joint ventures Nibrasco, Itabasco and Kobrasco, under which we leased four pellet plants. The lease terms are from 5 to 30 years.

The following is a schedule by year of future minimum rental payments required under the pellet plants operating leases that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year as of December 31, 2008:

Year ending December 31:	
2009	81
2010	81
2011	81
2012	81
2013 thereafter	987
Total	1,311

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(f) Asset retirement obligations:

We use various judgments and assumptions when measuring our asset retirement obligations.

Changes in circumstances, law or technology may affect our estimates and we periodically review the amounts accrued and adjust them as necessary. Our accruals do not reflect unasserted claims because we are currently not aware of any such issues. Also the amounts provided are not reduced by any potential recoveries under cost sharing, insurance or indemnification arrangements because such recoveries are considered uncertain.

The changes in the provisions for asset retirement obligations are as follows:

	Three-month period ended (unaudited)			As of December 31,	
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007
Beginning of period	1,000	1,101	859	975	676
Accretion expense	50	45	23	164	84
Liabilities settled in the current period	(2)	(1)	(8)	(7)	(15)
Revisions in estimated cash flows	(45)		83	(47)	83
Cumulative translation adjustment	(116)	(145)	18	(198)	147
End of period	887	1,000	975	887	975

21 Other expenses

The line item Other operating expenses totaled US\$ 1,254 in 2008 (US\$ 607 in 2007). During the last quarter of 2008 we recognized certain expenses considered to be one off events which substantially caused the increase in 2008 as compared to 2007. The most significant items recognized during the last quarter of 2008 in this respect were: (i) a US\$ 204 expense relating to additional payment relating to tax assessments on transportation services, (ii) inventory market value write-down of US\$ 77, and (iii) write-off of intangible asset (patent right) in the amount of US\$ 65.

22 Fair Value disclosure of Financial Assets and Liabilities

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS N. 157, Fair Value Measurements, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS 157 does not require any new fair value measurements, but provides guidance on how to measure fair value by providing a fair value hierarchy used to classify the source of the information.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS N. 159, The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an amendment of FASB Statement N. 115. SFAS N. 159 permits the choice of measuring financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. SFAS N. 159 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007.

On January 1, 2008, the Company adopted SFAS N. 159 and elected not to apply the provisions of SFAS No. 159 to its eligible financial assets and financial liabilities on the date of adoption. Accordingly, the initial application

of both SFAS N. 157 and SFAS N. 159 had no effect on the Company.

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Under SFAS N. 157, the inputs used to measure fair value must be classified into one of three level as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in an active market for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, and model-derived prices whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable; and

Level 3 Assets and liabilities whose significant value drivers are unobservable.

The valuation of assets measured at fair value in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 2008 is summarized below:

	Fair value December 31, 2008	Fair Value Measurements		
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities, (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Available-for-sale securities	2,408	2,408		
Unrealized losses on derivatives	(539)		(539)	
Other financial liabilities	(380)		(380)	

Our long-term debt is reported at amortized costs, however its fair value measurements at December 31, 2008 are as follows:

	Carrying amount	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Long-term debt (less interests)	17,857	16,635	7,833	8,802	

The carrying amount of our current financial instruments generally approximates fair market value because of the short-term maturity or frequent repricing of these instruments.

The market value of our listed long-term investments, where available, is disclosed in Note 12.

23 Segment and geographical information

We adopt SFAS 131 Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information with respect to the information we present about our operating segments. SFAS 131 introduced a management approach concept for reporting segment information, whereby such information is required to be reported on the basis that the chief decision-maker uses internally for evaluating segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources to segments. We analyze our segment information on aggregated and disaggregated basis as follows:

Ferrous products comprises iron ore mining and pellet production, as well as our Brazilian Northern and Southern transportation systems, including railroads, ports and terminals, as they pertain to mining operations. Manganese mining and ferroalloys are also included in this segment.

Non-ferrous comprises the production of non-ferrous minerals, including nickel (co-products and by-products), potash, kaolin, copper and aluminum comprises aluminum trading activities, alumina refining and aluminum metal smelting and investments in joint ventures and affiliates engaged in bauxite mining.

Logistics comprises our transportation systems as they pertain to the operation of our ships, ports and railroads for third-party cargos.

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Others comprises our investments in joint ventures and affiliates engaged in other businesses.

Information presented to senior management with respect to the performance of each segment is generally derived directly from the accounting records maintained in accordance with accounting practices adopted in Brazil together with certain minor inter-segment allocations.

Consolidated net income and principal assets are reconciled as follows:

Results by segment before eliminations (Aggregated)

	December 31, 2008				Three-month period ended (unaudited) September 30, 2008								December 31, 2008		
	Aluminum	Logistics	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	Ferrous ferrous	Non ferrous	Aluminum	Logistics	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated		Ferrous ferrous	Non ferrous
16	1,001	6	212	(3,848)	6,327	11,577	2,536	1,122	14	203	(5,615)	9,837	5,904	2,978	84
71	179	303	53	(176)	1,115	1,601	133	261	491	66	(267)	2,285	1,116	113	21
15)	(929)	(217)	(165)	4,024	(4,566)	(8,202)	(1,567)	(1,143)	(328)	(185)	5,882	(5,543)	(4,895)	(1,795)	(90)
12)		(17)	(59)		(295)	(92)	(122)		(31)	(86)		(331)	(84)	(92)	
18)	(38)	(26)	(15)		(568)	(270)	(353)	(47)	(34)	(9)		(713)	(262)	(404)	(3)
50)					(950)										
08)	213	49	26		1,063	4,614	627	193	112	(11)		5,535	1,779	800	11
54	10	3	1	(804)	247	923	201	12	3		(862)	277	653	227	:
09)	(18)	(10)	(41)	804	(399)	(954)	(360)	(11)	(1)	7	862	(457)	(906)	(462)	(3)
15)	64				(586)	(639)	16	36				(587)	149	110	6
25	(206)	12	(107)		(241)	(102)	4	(185)	(41)	3		(321)	246	70	3
38)	22	93	(32)		125	175		18	47	50		290	63	5	2
03	12	4	(2)		1,185	190	(74)	9	19			144	(298)	104	(3)
(6)	(20)		5		(27)	(14)	(38)	(20)		12		(60)	4	(86)	(7)
94)	77	151	(150)		1,367	4,193	376	52	139	61		4,821	1,690	768	10

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16	348			(271)	528	601	216	322			(432)	707	417	468	13
59	108		9	(70)	350	313	406	93			(155)	657	102	517	14
64	353	(2)		(1,639)	1,891	3,714	735	478	12	8	(1,933)	3,014	1,949	636	37
15	50		54	(304)	358	605	56	58		61	(303)	477	204	134	4
30	142		74	(703)	1,352	1,304	323	158		98	(573)	1,310	551	392	13
27		8		(420)	955	3,926	223	13	2	4	(1,686)	2,482	1,958	400	
05			75	(441)	893	1,114	577			32	(533)	1,190	723	431	
16	1,001	6	212	(3,848)	6,327	11,577	2,536	1,122	14	203	(5,615)	9,837	5,904	2,978	84
71	179	303	53	(176)	1,115	1,601	133	261	491	66	(267)	2,285	1,116	113	21
87	1,180	309	265	(4,024)	7,442	13,178	2,669	1,383	505	269	(5,882)	12,122	7,020	3,091	1,05

(*) Other than Aluminum.

Table of Contents**Operating segment after eliminations (Disaggregated)**

**As of and for the three-month period ended (unaudited)
December 31, 2008**

	Revenues			Value added tax	Net revenue	Cost and expenses	Depreciation, depletion and			Operating income	Addition Property, to Plant and Property, Plant Equipment, and Net and Equipment Intangible and Investments		
	Foreign	Domestic	Total				Net	mortgage	impairment		Assets	Intangible	Investments
Ferrous													
Iron ore	3,105	431	3,536	(64)	3,472	(1,497)	1,975	(147)		1,828	14,595	1,360	47
Pellets	914	114	1,028	(25)	1,003	(522)	481	(19)		462	645	76	708
Manganese	19	5	24	(4)	20	(17)	3			3	18	1	
Ferroalloys	92	83	175	(21)	154	(69)	85	(3)		82	166	18	
Pig iron											144	116	
	4,130	633	4,763	(114)	4,649	(2,105)	2,544	(169)		2,375	15,568	1,571	755
Non ferrous													
Nickel and other products (*)	1,111	7	1,118		1,118	(1,298)	(180)	(295)	(950)	(1,425)	21,729	1,233	53
Potash		23	23	(2)	21	(15)	6	(1)		5	159	35	
Kaolin	35	10	45	(2)	43	(40)	3	(5)		(2)	199	2	
Copper concentrate	73	30	103	(6)	97	(285)	(188)	(17)		(205)	3,543	89	
Aluminum products	713	66	779	(3)	776	(543)	233	(38)		195	3,831	115	140
	1,932	136	2,068	(13)	2,055	(2,181)	(126)	(356)	(950)	(1,432)	29,461	1,474	193
Logistics													
Railroads		240	240	(40)	200	(152)	48	(22)		26	1,431	10	326
Ports		70	70	(10)	60	(41)	19	(4)		15	1,441	113	
Ships											374	342	94
		310	310	(50)	260	(193)	67	(26)		41	3,246	465	420
Others	265	36	301	(10)	291	(195)	96	(17)		79	1,054	179	1,040
	6,327	1,115	7,442	(187)	7,255	(4,674)	2,581	(568)	(950)	1,063	49,329	3,689	2,408

(*) Includes nickel co-products and by-products (copper, precious metals, cobalt and others).

Table of Contents**Operating segment after eliminations (Disaggregated)**

As of and for the three-month period ended (unaudited)

September 30, 2008

	Revenues			Value added	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Depreciation, depletion and amortization	Operating income	Intangible Assets	Plant and Equipment	Net and Equipment	Addition to Property, Plant and Equipment	Investments
	Foreign	Domestic	Total	tax									
Ferrous													
Iron ore	5,149	1,026	6,175	(142)	6,033	(2,075)	3,958	(239)	3,719	16,139	708	56	
Pellets	1,095	317	1,412	(75)	1,337	(746)	591	(25)	566	1,273	(2)	848	
Manganese	101	18	119	(6)	113	(20)	93	(1)	92	79	1		
Ferroalloys	212	152	364	(39)	325	(141)	184	(4)	180	137	11		
Pig iron	60		60		60	(21)	39		39	176	5		
	6,617	1,513	8,130	(262)	7,868	(3,003)	4,865	(269)	4,596	17,804	723	904	
Non ferrous													
Nickel and other products (*)	1,933	12	1,945		1,945	(1,107)	838	(314)	524	23,355	555	93	
Potash		103	103	(5)	98	(36)	62	(5)	57	130	2		
Kaolin	46	11	57	(2)	55	(56)	(1)	(11)	(12)	232	(5)		
Copper concentrate	244	6	250	(1)	249	(153)	96	(22)	74	1,838	73		
Aluminum products	767	122	889	(25)	864	(675)	189	(49)	140	4,391	24	126	
	2,990	254	3,244	(33)	3,211	(2,027)	1,184	(401)	783	29,946	649	219	
Logistics													
Railroads		386	386	(64)	322	(207)	115	(26)	89	1,696	75	289	
Ports		87	87	(14)	73	(65)	8	(9)	(1)	1,637	44		
Ships										33	1	109	
		473	473	(78)	395	(272)	123	(35)	88	3,366	120	398	
Others	230	45	275	(10)	265	(189)	76	(8)	68	3,346	61	1,152	
	9,837	2,285	12,122	(383)	11,739	(5,491)	6,248	(713)	5,535	54,462	1,553	2,673	

(* Includes nickel
co-products and
by-products
(copper,
precious metals,
cobalt and
others).

Table of Contents**Operating segment after eliminations (Disaggregated)**

**As of and for the three-month period ended (unaudited)
December 31, 2007**

	Revenues			Value added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Depreciation, depletion and amortization	Operating income	Intangible Assets	Addition Property, to Plant and Property, Plant Equipment, and Net and Equipment Investments		
	Foreign	Domestic	Total							Intangible	Plant	Equipment
Ferrous												
Iron ore	2,818	531	3,349	(74)	3,275	(1,522)	1,753	(222)	1,531	17,031	958	60
Pellets	524	202	726	(46)	680	(490)	190	(26)	164	754	31	741
Manganese	21	8	29	(1)	28	(21)	7	(2)	5	79	1	
Ferroalloys	181	102	283	(26)	257	(137)	120	(8)	112	168	12	
Pig iron	24		24		24	(22)	2		2	198	6	
	3,568	843	4,411	(147)	4,264	(2,192)	2,072	(258)	1,814	18,230	1,008	801
Non ferrous												
Nickel and other products (*)	2,480	11	2,491		2,491	(1,398)	1,093	(370)	723	23,668	705	299
Potash		58	58	(3)	55	(35)	20	(7)	13	218	6	
Kaolin	62	12	74	(2)	72	(40)	32	(10)	22	295	2	
Copper concentrate	175	28	203	(6)	197	(146)	51	(21)	30	1,841	86	
Aluminum products	586	86	672	(24)	648	(492)	156	(37)	119	4,448	281	184
	3,303	195	3,498	(35)	3,463	(2,111)	1,352	(445)	907	30,470	1,080	483
Logistics												
Railroads		322	322	(52)	270	(194)	76	(23)	53	1,735	462	342
Ports	11	56	67	(9)	58	(52)	6	(6)		1,371	58	
Ships										36		107
	11	378	389	(61)	328	(246)	82	(29)	53	3,142	520	449
Others	87	27	114	(6)	108	(194)	(86)	(5)	(91)	2,783	139	1,189
	6,969	1,443	8,412	(249)	8,163	(4,743)	3,420	(737)	2,683	54,625	2,747	2,922

(* Includes nickel
co-products and
by-products
(copper,
precious metals,
cobalt and
others).

Table of Contents**Operating segment after eliminations (Disaggregated)**

As of and for the year ended December 31,													
2008				2007									
				(*) Non			(*) Non						
Aluminum	Logistics	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	Ferrous	ferrous	Aluminum	Logistics	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	Ferrous	ferrous
3,916	51	588	(15,842)	31,834	21,126	13,338	3,506	61	242	(10,437)	27,836	15,729	4,199
850	1,640	234	(882)	6,675	3,865	487	751	1,519	1	(1,344)	5,279	2,738	277
(3,948)	(1,097)	(617)	16,724	(18,919)	(16,882)	(7,301)	(3,307)	(983)	(310)	11,781	(17,002)	(12,004)	(3,301)
	(101)	(266)		(1,085)	(175)	(329)		(39)	(190)		(733)	(123)	(166)
(171)	(128)	(35)		(2,807)	(917)	(1,039)	(110)	(103)	(17)		(2,186)	(632)	(219)
				(950)									
647	365	(96)		14,748	7,017	5,156	840	455	(274)		13,194	5,708	790
30	10	1	(3,255)	602	2,514	578	17	9	25	(2,848)	295	789	97
(59)	(15)	(36)	3,255	(1,765)	(4,008)	(1,152)	(166)	(17)	(14)	2,848	(2,509)	(1,526)	(172)
(22)				(812)	854	(90)	153				917	(15)	86
(275)	(32)	(106)		364	2,302	93	181	(15)	(2)		2,559	206	214
				80		81		237	459		777	443	
62	133	94		794	301	9	84	125	76		595	312	
(71)	23	9		(535)	(1,959)	(1,005)	(231)	(16)	10		(3,201)	(976)	(250)
(105)		6		(258)	(31)	(444)	(326)	(1)			(802)	(157)	(190)
207	484	(128)		13,218	6,990	3,226	552	777	280		11,825	4,784	575
1,164	1		(1,201)	2,820	1,449	1,555	850	23		(1,026)	2,851	1,249	438
412	1	9	(392)	2,467	432	2,462	308		81	(318)	2,965	506	450

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1,534	26	9	(5,933)	9,449	6,823	2,589	1,606	33		(3,716)	7,335	5,465	1,020
174		154	(952)	1,500	827	396	142		161	(412)	1,114	767	218
600	1	245	(1,918)	4,737	2,131	2,041	584			(929)	3,827	1,779	523
23	21	4	(3,949)	6,706	7,570	1,457		4		(3,168)	5,863	4,781	499
9	1	167	(1,497)	4,155	1,894	2,838	16	1		(868)	3,881	1,182	1,050
3,916	51	588	(15,842)	31,834	21,126	13,338	3,506	61	242	(10,437)	27,836	15,729	4,198
850	1,640	234	(882)	6,675	3,865	487	751	1,519	1	(1,344)	5,279	2,738	277
4,766	1,691	822	(16,724)	38,509	24,991	13,825	4,257	1,580	243	(11,781)	33,115	18,467	4,475

(*) Other than
Aluminum.

Table of Contents**Operating segment after eliminations (Disaggregated)**

**As of and for the year ended December 31,
2008**

	Revenues			Value added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Depreciation, depletion and amortization			Operating income	Addition Property, to Plant and Property, Plant Equipment, and Net and Equipment		
	Foreign	Domestic	Total				Net impairment	Intangible and	Investment				
Ferrous													
Iron ore	15,102	2,673	17,775	(364)	17,411	(6,547)	10,864	(876)	9,988	14,595	3,645	47	
Pellets	3,481	820	4,301	(189)	4,112	(2,394)	1,718	(112)	1,606	645	127	708	
Manganese	221	45	266	(15)	251	(77)	174	(5)	169	18	3		
Ferroalloys	704	507	1,211	(128)	1,083	(457)	626	(22)	604	166	32		
Pig iron	146		146		146	(67)	79	(3)	76	144	122		
	19,654	4,045	23,699	(696)	23,003	(9,542)	13,461	(1,018)	12,443	15,568	3,929	755	
Non ferrous													
Nickel and other products (*)	7,785	44	7,829		7,829	(4,425)	3,404	(1,323)	(950)	1,131	21,729	2,813	53
Potash		295	295	(16)	279	(120)	159	(19)	140	159	43		
Kaolin	167	42	209	(9)	200	(213)	(13)	(32)	(45)	199	6		
Copper concentrate	787	106	893	(22)	871	(683)	188	(77)	111	3,543	283		
Aluminum products	2,681	361	3,042	(66)	2,976	(2,288)	688	(172)	516	3,831	440	140	
	11,420	848	12,268	(113)	12,155	(7,729)	4,426	(1,623)	(950)	1,853	29,461	3,585	193
Logistics													
Railroads		1,303	1,303	(205)	1,098	(749)	349	(103)	246	1,431	121	326	
Ports	11	293	304	(39)	265	(198)	67	(26)	41	1,441	242		
Ships										374	343	94	
	11	1,596	1,607	(244)	1,363	(947)	416	(129)	287	3,246	706	420	
Others	749	186	935	(30)	905	(703)	202	(37)	165	1,054	752	1,040	
	31,834	6,675	38,509	(1,083)	37,426	(18,921)	18,505	(2,807)	(950)	14,748	49,329	8,972	2,408

(*) Includes nickel co-products and by-products (copper, precious metals, cobalt and others).

Table of Contents**Operating segment after eliminations (Disaggregated)**

**As of and for the year ended December 31,
2007**

	Revenues			Value added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Depreciation, depletion and amortization	Operating income	Intangible and Net Equipment	Addition Property, to Plant and Property, Plant Equipment, and Net and Equipment Investments		
	Foreign	Domestic	Total							Assets	Intangible	Investments
Ferrous												
Iron ore	9,873	2,035	11,908	(286)	11,622	(4,520)	7,102	(777)	6,325	17,031	2,496	60
Pellets	2,151	587	2,738	(132)	2,606	(1,860)	746	(87)	659	754	92	741
Manganese	48	21	69	(5)	64	(66)	(2)	(7)	(9)	79	2	
Ferroalloys	445	274	719	(70)	649	(442)	207	(25)	182	168	22	
Pig iron	81		81		81	(57)	24	(5)	19	198	34	
	12,598	2,917	15,515	(493)	15,022	(6,945)	8,077	(901)	7,176	18,230	2,646	801
Non ferrous												
Nickel and other products (*)	11,664	125	11,789		11,789	(6,077)	5,712	(927)	4,785	23,668	2,088	299
Potash		178	178	(10)	168	(108)	60	(23)	37	218	19	
Kaolin	202	36	238	(9)	229	(228)	1	(33)	(32)	295	33	
Copper concentrate	663	139	802	(30)	772	(456)	316	(64)	252	1,841	197	
Aluminum products	2,418	304	2,722	(66)	2,656	(1,717)	939	(111)	828	4,448	856	184
	14,947	782	15,729	(115)	15,614	(8,586)	7,028	(1,158)	5,870	30,470	3,193	483
Logistics												
Railroads		1,220	1,220	(199)	1,021	(636)	385	(88)	297	1,735	491	342
Ports	13	254	267	(46)	221	(177)	44	(22)	22	1,371	102	
Ships	17	21	38	(3)	35	(44)	(9)	(3)	(12)	36	12	107
	30	1,495	1,525	(248)	1,277	(857)	420	(113)	307	3,142	605	449
Others	261	85	346	(17)	329	(474)	(145)	(14)	(159)	2,783	207	1,189
	27,836	5,279	33,115	(873)	32,242	(16,862)	15,380	(2,186)	13,194	54,625	6,651	2,922

(*) Includes nickel co-products and by-products (copper, precious metals, cobalt and others).

Table of Contents**Operating segment after eliminations (Disaggregated)**

**As of and for the year ended December 31,
2006**

	Revenues			Value added	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Depreciation, depletion and amortization	Operating income	Property, Plant and Equipment, and Investments	Addition to Property, Plant and Equipment, and Investments		
	Foreign	Domestic	Total	tax			Net		Net	Equipment	Investments	
Ferrous												
Iron ore	8,167	1,860	10,027	(271)	9,756	(4,060)	5,696	(528)	5,168	13,235	2,616	48
Pellets	1,590	389	1,979	(86)	1,893	(1,210)	683	(53)	630	593	110	529
Manganese	39	16	55	(3)	52	(97)	(45)	(4)	(49)	65	19	
Ferrous alloys	342	166	508	(43)	465	(443)	22	(19)	3	186	34	
	10,138	2,431	12,569	(403)	12,166	(5,810)	6,356	(604)	5,752	14,079	2,779	577
Non ferrous												
Nickel and other products (*)	2,786	16	2,802		2,802	(2,267)	535	(124)	411	17,193	483	222
Potash		143	143	(8)	135	(84)	51	(23)	28	178	16	
Kaolin	188	30	218	(9)	209	(182)	27	(27)		249	19	
Copper concentrate	690	89	779	(20)	759	(246)	513	(49)	464	1,386	150	
Aluminum products	2,220	161	2,381	(37)	2,344	(1,354)	990	(65)	925	2,829	749	164
	5,884	439	6,323	(74)	6,249	(4,133)	2,116	(288)	1,828	21,835	1,417	386
Logistics												
Railroads		1,011	1,011	(177)	834	(488)	346	(72)	274	720	95	222
Ports	15	246	261	(44)	217	(137)	80	(16)	64	222	12	
Ships	52	52	104	(8)	96	(97)	(1)	(5)	(6)	45	2	
	67	1,309	1,376	(229)	1,147	(722)	425	(93)	332	987	109	222
Others	56	39	95	(6)	89	(352)	(263)	(12)	(275)	1,106	126	1,168
	16,145	4,218	20,363	(712)	19,651	(11,017)	8,634	(997)	7,637	38,007	4,431	2,353

(*) Includes nickel co-products and by-products

(copper,
precious metals,
cobalt and
others).

Table of Contents**24 Related party transactions**

Balances from transactions with major related parties are as follows:

	As of December 31,			
	2008		2007	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
AFFILIATED COMPANIES AND JOINT VENTURES				
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização HISPANOBRÁS	7	34	59	46
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização ITABRASCO	37	64	53	49
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização NIBRASCO	29	71	108	30
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização KOBRASCO	1	22	24	13
Baovale Mineração S.A.	2	20	16	41
Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. USIMINAS	18		34	
Minas da Serra Geral S.A. MSG		13		14
MRS Logística S.A.	8	219	11	35
Mineração Rio Norte S.A.	8	38		29
Samarco Mineração S.A.	10		10	0
Korea Nickel Corporation	38		9	
Mitsui & CO, LTD				21
Others	32	24	24	10
	190	505	348	288
Current	190	414	345	287
Long-term		91	3	1

These balances are included in the following balance sheet classifications:

	As of December 31,			
	2008		2007	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
Current assets				
Accounts receivable	137		281	
Loans and advances to related parties	53		64	
Other assets				
Loans and advances to related parties			3	
Current liabilities				
Suppliers		302		281
Loans from related parties		112		6
Long-term debt		91		1

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Income and expenses from the principal transactions and financial operations carried out with major related parties are as follows:

	Year ended of December, 31					
	2008		2007		2006	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
AFFILIATED COMPANIES AND JOINT VENTURES						
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização NIBRASCO	105	393	386	328	363	292
Samarco Mineração S.A.	259		117		79	
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização ITABRASCO	240	163	233	163	204	58
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização HISPANOBRÁS	342	378	247	195	224	159
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização KOBRASCO	101	234	220	270	226	191
Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. USIMINAS	651		442		410	
Valesul Alumínio S.A.					11	
Mineração Rio Norte S.A.		249		232		234
Gulf Industrial Investment Company GIIC					56	2
MRS Logística S.A.	9	829	17	593	14	516
Others	34	34	30	29	3	39
	1,741	2,280	1,692	1,810	1,590	1,491

These amounts are included in the following statement of income line items:

	Year ended of December, 31					
	2008		2007		2006	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
Sales / Cost of iron ore and pellets	1,698	1,369	1,649	960	1,553	712
Revenues / expense from logistic services	25	624	17	593	13	516
Sales / Cost of aluminum products		249		232	11	234
Financial income/expenses	18	38	26	24	13	16
Others				1		13
	1,741	2,280	1,692	1,810	1,590	1,491

Additionally we have loans payable to Mitsui & Co, Ltd, Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Social and BNDES Participações S.A in the amounts of US\$ 4, US\$ 604 and US\$ 305, accruing with interest at market rates, which fall due through 2013. We also maintain cash equivalent balances with Banco Bradesco S.A. in the amount of US\$ 18 at December 31, 2008.

25 Derivative financial instruments

Risk Management Policy

We consider the effective management of risk a key objective to support our growth strategy and financial flexibility. In furtherance of this objective, the Board of Directors has established an enterprise risk management policy and a risk management committee. Under the policy, we measure, monitor, and manage risk at the portfolio level, using a single framework, and consider the natural diversification of our portfolio.

The risk management committee is responsible to assist our executive officers in overseeing and reviewing information regarding our enterprise risk management activities including the principles, significant policies, risk management process and procedures and instruments employed to manage risk. The risk management committee reports periodically to the executive board how the risks have been monitored, what are the most important risks and their impact on our cash flows.

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Any risk mitigation strategy will only be implemented, whenever necessary, to support our corporate strategy or to maintain our target level of financial flexibility. The risk management policy and the risk management norms, that complement the normatives of risk management governance model, explicitly prohibit speculative transactions with derivatives and require the diversification of operations and counterparties.

Under SFAS 133 Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended by SFAS 137 and SFAS 138, we recognize all derivatives on our balance sheet at fair value, and the gain or loss in fair value is included in current earnings, unless designated as a cash flow hedge.

The main market risks we face are interest rate risk, exchange rate risk and product price risk. We manage some of these risks through the use of derivative instruments. Our risk management activities follow the risk management policy, which requires diversification of transactions and counter-parties. We monitor and evaluate our overall position regularly in order to evaluate financial results and impact on our cash flow. We also periodically review the credit limits and creditworthiness of our hedging counter-parties.

Foreign exchange and interest rate risk

Vale's cash flows are exposed to volatility of several different currencies. While most of our product prices are indexed to US dollars, representing around 94% of the total revenue, most of our costs, disbursements and investments are indexed to currencies different than the US dollar, mainly Brazilian reais and Canadian dollars.

Derivatives instruments may be used in order to reduce Vale's potential cash flow volatility arising from the currencies mismatch between the currencies with which the debt is denominated and revenues are generated. Vale's foreign exchange and interest rate derivative portfolio consists, basically, of interest rate swaps to convert floating cash flows in Brazilian reais to fixed or floating US dollar cash flows, without any leverage.

Vale is also exposed to interest rate risks on loans and financings. Our US dollar denominated floating rate debt consists mainly of loans including export pre-payments, commercial banks and multilateral organizations loans. In general, our US dollars floating rate debt is subject to changes in the Libor (London Interbank Offer Rate in US dollars). To mitigate the impact of the interest rate volatility on its cash flows, Vale takes advantage of natural hedges resulting from the positive correlation of metal prices and US dollar floating rates. When natural hedges are not present, we may opt to realize the same effect by using financial instruments.

Our Real denominated debt subject to floating interest rates are debentures, loans obtained from Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (BNDES) and property and services acquisition financing in the Brazilian market. These debts are mainly linked to CDI and TJLP.

The swap transactions entered into have settlement dates similar to the interest and principal payment dates, taking into account the liquidity restrictions of the market. At each settlement date, the results on the swap transactions partially offset the impact of the US dollar / Brazilian reais exchange rate in our obligations, contributing to a stable flow of cash disbursements in US dollars for interest and/or principal payment of our real denominated debt.

In the event of an appreciation (depreciation) of the Brazilian reais against US dollar, the negative (positive) impact on our Real denominated debt obligations (interest and/or principal payment) measured in US dollars will be almost totally offset by a positive (negative) effect from any existing swap transaction, regardless of the US dollar / Brazilian Reais exchange rate on the payment date.

We have other exposures associated with our outstanding debt portfolio. In order to reduce cash flow volatility associated with a financing from KFW (Kreditanstalt Für Wiederaufbau) indexed to Euribor, Vale entered into a swap contract where the cash flows in Euros are converted into cash flows in US dollars.

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Product Price Risk

Vale is also exposed to several market risks associated with global commodities prices volatilities.

Currently, derivative transactions entered into related to commodities prices are nickel, aluminum, copper, gold platinum and natural gas derivatives and all have the same purpose of mitigating Vale's cash flow volatility.

Nickel The Company has purchased nickel future contracts in the London Metal Exchange (LME), with the purpose of maintaining its exposure to nickel price variation, regarding the fact that, in some cases, the commodity is sold at a fixed price to some customers. Vale has also sold nickel futures in the LME, in order to minimize the risk of mismatch between the pricing on the costs of intermediate products and finished goods.

Aluminum In order to reduce cash flow volatility after Inco's acquisition when Vale increased its leverage, we entered in aluminum hedging operations, which matured in December 2008.

Copper Vale Inco Ltd., Vale's wholly-owned subsidiary, makes use of hedging to protect the price mismatch between the date of copper scrap purchase and the date of selling the finished good.

PGMs and other precious metals Transactions regarding gold and platinum are executed in order to manage the risk associated with the volatility of these commodities prices. Platinum and gold hedging transactions matured in December 2008.

Natural gas Vale uses natural gas swap contracts to minimize the impact of price fluctuation of this input cost in the cash flow.

In addition to the contracts mentioned above, Vale Inco Ltd., Vale's wholly-owned subsidiary, has nickel concentrate and raw materials purchase agreements, where there are provisions based on nickel and copper future prices behavior. These provisions are considered embedded derivatives.

There is also an embedded derivative related to energy in our subsidiary Albras on which we have no unrealized gain as of December 31, 2008 and US\$17 as of December 31, 2007.

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The asset (liability) balances and the change in fair value of derivative financial instruments are as follows (the quarterly information is unaudited):

	Interest rates (LIBOR) / Currencies	Gold	Products of aluminum area	Copper	Nickel	Platinum	Total
Unrealized gains (losses) at October 31, 2008	168	(10)	(46)	(40)	38	(2)	108
Financial settlement	(54)	9	(24)	(27)	32	1	(63)
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	(649)	(12)	65	49	(36)	(2)	(585)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(38)	13	5	18	(2)	3	(1)
Unrealized gains (losses) at December 31, 2008	(573)				32		(541)
Unrealized gains (losses) at July 1, 2008	1,201	(21)	(189)	(166)	37	(21)	841
Gain (Loss) recognized upon consolidation of Inco							
Financial settlement	(176)	10	57	62	20	6	(21)
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	(635)	(14)	75	33	(18)	14	(545)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(222)	15	11	31	(1)	(1)	(167)
Unrealized gains (losses) at September 30, 2008	168	(10)	(46)	(40)	38	(2)	108
Unrealized gains (losses) at October 31, 2007	649	(39)	(176)	(356)	3	(25)	56
Gain (Loss) recognized upon consolidation of Inco							
Financial settlement	(200)	10	16	63	26	5	(80)
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	149	(5)	67	106	13	(4)	326
Effect of exchange rate changes	28	(2)	(5)	(1)			20
Unrealized gains (losses) at December 31, 2007 (*)	626	(36)	(98)	(188)	42	(24)	322
Unrealized gains (losses) at January 1, 2008	626	(36)	(98)	(188)	42	(24)	322
Financial settlement	(394)	41	120	173	38	27	5

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Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	(682)	(30)	(18)	(29)	(46)	(6)	(811)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(123)	25	(4)	44	(2)	3	(57)

Unrealized gains (losses) at December 31, 2008	(573)				32		(541)
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Unrealized gains (losses) at January 1, 2007	(10)	(53)	(318)	(298)	16	(20)	(683)
Financial settlement	(290)	33	112	240	(38)	13	70
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	854	(7)	153	(129)	63	(17)	917
Effect of exchange rate changes	72	(9)	(45)	(1)	1		18

Unrealized gains (losses) at December 31, 2007 (*)	626	(36)	(98)	(188)	42	(24)	322
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(*) At December 31, 2007, US\$ 5 was recorded in long-term liabilities.

Changes for the three month periods ended December 31, 2008, September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007 are unaudited.

Unrealized gains (losses) in the period are included in our income statement under the caption of Financial expenses and Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net.

Final maturity dates for the above instruments are as follows:

Cross currency interest rate swaps	December 2019
Copper concentrate	March 2009
Nickel	March 2011

Under U.S. GAAP, all derivatives, whether designated in hedging relationships or not, are required to be recorded in the balance sheet at fair value. A derivative must be designated in a hedging relationship in order to qualify for hedge accounting. These requirements include a determination of what portions of hedges are deemed to be effective versus ineffective. In general, a hedging relationship is effective when a change in the fair value of the derivative is offset by an equal and opposite change in the fair value of the underlying hedged item. In accordance with these requirements, effectiveness tests are performed in order to assess effectiveness and quantify ineffectiveness for all designated hedges.

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At December 31, 2008, we had no outstanding cash flow hedges. A cash flow hedge is a hedge of the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk such as a forecasted purchase or sale. If a derivative is designated as a cash flow hedge, the effective portions of the changes in the fair value of the derivative are recorded in other comprehensive income and are recognized in earnings when the hedged item affects earnings. Ineffective portions of changes in the fair value of the derivatives designated as hedges are recognized in earnings. Under U.S. GAAP, if a portion of a derivative contract is excluded for purposes of effectiveness testing, such as time value, the value of such excluded portion is included in earnings. At December 31, 2008, unrealized net losses in respect of derivative instruments which were not qualified for hedge accounting under United States GAAP amounted to US\$ 811. The unrealized net gain as of December 31, 2007 amounted to US\$ 869.

26 Subsequent events

On January 30, 2009 we entered into a purchase and sale agreement with Rio Tinto Plc to acquire iron ore (in Brazil) and potash (in Argentina and Canada) assets. The price to be paid for the iron assets amounts to US\$ 750, while the potash deposits will be acquired for US\$ 850. Negotiations are still ongoing.

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Supplemental Financial Information (Unaudited)

The following unaudited information provides additional details in relation to certain financial ratios.

EBITDA Earnings Before Financial Expenses, Minority Interests, Gain on Sale of Investments, Foreign Exchange and Monetary Gains (Losses), Equity in Results of Affiliates and Joint Ventures and Change in Provision for Losses on Equity Investments, Income Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization

- (a) EBITDA represents operating income plus depreciation, amortization and depletion plus impairment/gain on sale of property, plant and equipment plus dividends received from equity investees.
- (b) EBITDA is not a U.S. GAAP measure and does not represent cash flow for the periods presented and should not be considered as an alternative to net income (loss), as an indicator of our operating performance or as an alternative to cash flow as a source of liquidity.
- (c) Our definition of EBITDA may not be comparable with EBITDA as defined by other companies.
- (d) Although EBITDA, as defined above, does not provide a U.S. GAAP measure of operating cash flows, our management uses it to measure our operating performance and financial analysts in evaluating our business commonly use it.

Selected financial indicators for the main affiliates and joint ventures are available on our website, www.vale.com, under investor relations

Table of Contents**Indexes on Vale's Consolidated Debt (Supplemental information)**

	Three-month period ended			As of December 31,	
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007
Current debt					
Current portion of long-term debt unrelated parties	633	733	1,249	633	1,249
Short-term debt		46	167		167
Loans from related parties	77	16	6	77	6
	710	795	1,422	710	1,422
Long-term debt					
Long-term debt unrelated parties	17,535	18,393	17,608	17,535	17,608
Gross debt (current plus long-term debt)	18,245	19,188	19,030	18,245	19,030
Interest paid over:					
Short-term debt		(9)	(8)	11	(49)
Long-term debt	314	1,938	(361)	1,255	(1,289)
Interest paid	314	1,929	(369)	1,266	(1,338)
EBITDA	2,697	6,374	3,532	19,018	15,774
Stockholders equity	42,556	51,218	33,276	42,556	33,276
LTM (1) EBITDA / LTM (1) Interest paid	15.02	15.03	11.79	15.02	11.79
Gross Debt / LTM (1) EBITDA	0.96	0.97	1.21	0.96	1.21
Gross debt / Equity Capitalization (%)	13	27	36	13	36
Financial expenses					
Interest expense	(334)	(293)	(313)	(1,194)	(1,348)
Labor and civil claims and tax-related actions	(23)	(23)	(39)	(99)	(98)
Tax on financial transactions CPMF			(27)		(132)
Others	(42)	(141)	(175)	(472)	(939)
	(399)	(457)	(554)	(1,765)	(2,517)
Financial income					
Cash and cash equivalents	217	252	32	520	105
Others	30	25	26	82	190

	247	277	58	602	295
Derivatives	(586)	(587)	316	(812)	931
Financial income (expenses), net	(738)	(767)	(180)	(1,975)	(1,291)
Foreign exchange and monetary gain (losses), net					
Cash and cash equivalents	1,427	1,104	(8)	2,457	(100)
Loans	(2,266)	(2,169)	500	(3,102)	2,923
Others	598	744	(177)	1,009	(270)
	(241)	(321)	315	364	2,553
Financial result, net	(979)	(1,088)	135	(1,611)	1,262

(1) Last twelve months

Table of Contents**Calculation of EBITDA (Supplemental information Unaudited)**

	Three-month period ended			As of December 31,	
	December 31, 2008	September 30, 2008	December 31, 2007	2008	2007
Operating income	1,063	5,535	2,683	14,748	13,194
Depreciation	568	713	737	2,807	2,186
Impairment	950			950	
	2,581	6,248	3,420	18,505	15,380
Dividends received	116	126	112	513	394
EBITDA	2,697	6,374	3,532	19,018	15,774
Net operating revenues	7,255	11,739	8,163	37,426	32,242
Margin EBITDA	37.2%	54.3%	43.3%	50.8%	48.9%

Adjusted EBITDA x Operating Cash Flows (Supplemental information Unaudited)

	December 31, 2008		Three-month period ended September 30, 2008		December 31, 2007	
	EBITDA	Operating cash flows	EBITDA	Operating cash flows	EBITDA	Operating cash flows
Net income	1,367	1,367	4,821	4,821	2,573	2,573
Income tax deferred	(219)	(219)	(621)	(621)	(394)	(394)
Income tax current	(966)		477		610	
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and other investments	(125)	(125)	(290)	(290)	(136)	(136)
Foreign exchange and monetary gains, net	241	740	321	1,133	(304)	(266)
Financial expenses, net	738	(3)	767	83	169	(23)
Minority interests	27	27	60	60	165	165
Net working capital		2,259		(1,524)		(130)
Others		613		831		(176)
Operating income	1,063	4,659	5,535	4,493	2,683	1,613
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	568	568	713	713	737	737
Impairment	950	950				
Dividends received	116	116	126	126	112	112
	2,697	6,293	6,374	5,332	3,532	2,462
Operating cash flows		6,293		5,332		2,462
Income tax		(966)		477		610
		(499)		(812)		(38)

Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses)			
Financial expenses	741	684	192
Net working capital	(2,259)	1,524	130
Others	(613)	(831)	176
EBITDA	2,697	6,374	3,532

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	Year ended of December 31,			
	2008		2007	
	EBITDA	Operating cash flows	EBITDA	Operating cash flows
Net income	13,218	13,218	11,825	11,825
Income tax deferred	(803)	(803)	(700)	(700)
Income tax current	1,338		3,901	
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and other investments	(794)	(794)	(595)	(595)
Foreign exchange and monetary gains, net	(364)	451	(2,559)	(2,827)
Financial expenses, net	1,975	116	1,297	102
Minority interests	258	258	802	802
Gain on sale of investments	(80)	(80)	(777)	(777)
Net working capital		(707)		1,236
Others		1,185		(634)
Operating income	14,748	12,844	13,194	8,432
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	2,807	2,807	2,186	2,186
Impairment	950	950		
Dividends received	513	513	394	394
	19,018	17,114	15,774	11,012
Operating cash flows		17,114		11,012
Income tax		1,338		3,901
Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses)		(815)		268
Financial expenses		1,859		1,195
Net working capital		707		(1,236)
Others		(1,185)		634
EBITDA		19,018		15,774

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Aluminum Area		Valesul (Additional information Unaudited)									
		2008				2007					
		As of and for the three-month periods ended				As of and for the three-month periods ended					
Information		March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
Quantity sold external market	MT (thousand)	4	7	6	4	21	9	10	8	8	35
Quantity sold internal market	MT (thousand)	16	15	19	16	66	10	16	15	30	71
Quantity sold total	MT (thousand)	20	22	25	20	87	19	26	23	38	106
Average sales price external market	US\$	2.653,70	2.846,14	2.679,23	2.818,91	2.861,40	2.828,64	2.902,69	2.750,68	2.580,48	2.777,48
Average sales price internal market	US\$	3.786,95	4.168,23	3.321,93	2.575,30	3.695,60	4.037,71	4.068,49	4.045,36	3.415,84	3.722,07
Average sales price total	US\$	3.560,30	3.747,56	3.148,89	2.624,02	3.494,25	3.512,03	3.652,13	3.696,79	3.177,17	3.410,18
Stockholders equity	US\$	391	453	330	272	272	141	374	391	389	389
Net operating revenues	US\$	58	70	81	44	253	70	72	65	65	272
Cost of products	US\$	(48)	(55)	(75)	(38)	(216)	(48)	(55)	(52)	(57)	(212)
	US\$	(4)	(9)	(6)	(5)	(24)	(4)	(4)	(6)	(3)	(17)

Other expenses										
revenues										
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	4	4	4	3	15	2	2	3	4	11
US\$										
EBITDA	10	10	4	4	28	20	15	10	9	54
US\$										
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	(4)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(15)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(11)
US\$										
EBIT	6	6		1	13	18	13	7	5	43
US\$										
Net financial result	(1)		7	4	10			1	(2)	(1)
US\$										
Income before income tax and social contribution	5	6	7	5	23	18	13	8	3	42
US\$										
Income tax and social contribution	(2)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(11)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(5)	(14)
US\$										
Net income	3	2	4	3	12	15	10	5	(2)	28
US\$										

Table of Contents**Aluminum Area MRN (Additional information Unaudited)**

Information		2008					2007					
		As of and for the three-month periods ended					As of and for the three-month periods ended					
		March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	
Quantity sold	external market	MT (thousands)	1,369	1,573	1,496	1,557	5,995	1,386	1,356	1,522	1,365	5,629
Quantity sold	internal market	MT (thousands)	1,621	2,949	3,268	3,415	12,253	3,350	2,969	2,939	2,993	12,251
Quantity sold	total	MT (thousands)	2,990	4,522	4,764	4,972	18,248	4,736	4,325	4,461	4,358	17,880
Average sales price	external market	US\$	61,52	34,93	34,71	36,96	41,47	33,35	32,47	33,29	34,42	33,33
Average sales price	internal market	US\$	53,89	31,24	31,96	33,35	36,87	27,04	27,04	27,69	28,38	27,53
Average sales price	total	US\$	56,51	32,52	32,83	35,16	38,56	28,89	28,74	29,60	30,27	29,33
Long-term indebtedness, gross		US\$	46	115	97	90	90	38.936	35.488	26.516	163.768	163.768
Short-term indebtedness, gross		US\$	245	221	226	163	163	204.362	223.553	207.048	28.566	28.566
Total indebtedness, gross		US\$	291	336	323	253	253	243.298	259.041	233.564	192.334	192.334
Stockholders equity		US\$	493	432	315	347	347	305	354	407	459	459
Net operating revenues		US\$	117	130	139	150	536	132	125	128	131	515
Cost of products		US\$	(63)	(82)	(81)	(75)	(301)	(64)	(66)	(60)	(68)	(230)
Other expenses / revenues		US\$	(8)	2	(3)		(9)	(5)	(4)	(6)	(6)	(26)
Depreciation, amortization and depletion		US\$	14	17	10	13	54	13	14	13	14	54
EBITDA		US\$	60	67	65	88	280	76	69	75	71	299
Depreciation, amortization and depletion		US\$	(14)	(17)	(10)	(13)	(54)	(13)	(14)	(13)	(14)	(54)
EBIT		US\$	46	50	55	75	226	63	55	62	57	245
Net financial result		US\$	(2)	(11)	(3)	1	(15)	(1)	(1)	(2)		(6)
Income before income tax and social contribution		US\$	44	39	52	76	211	62	54	60	57	239
Income tax and social contribution		US\$	(10)	(19)	(5)	(21)	(55)	(6)	(5)	(7)	(5)	(22)
Net income		US\$	34	20	47	55	156	56	49	53	52	217

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		Aluminum Area	Albras (Additional information Unaudited)				Consolidated Subsidiary				
			2008				2007				
		As of and for the three-month periods ended				As of and for the three-month periods ended					
		March	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	
World	external market	MT (thousand)	109	99	117	108	433	108	123	108	104
World	internal market	MT (thousand)	7	6	7	6	26	7	6	7	6
World	total	MT (thousand)	116	105	124	114	459	115	129	115	110
Prices	external market	US\$	2.486,87	2.939,31	2.888,76	2.150,39	2.589,98	2.688,76	2.726,53	2.631,55	2.405,80
Prices	internal market	US\$	2.307,59	2.640,89	2.625,72	2.380,23	2.827,94	2.500,55	2.688,83	2.599,78	2.196,61
Prices	total	US\$	2.476,70	2.920,77	2.874,64	2.162,48	2.603,46	2.677,30	2.724,78	2.585,19	2.393,38
Indebtedness, gross		US\$	283	301	267	250	250	319	303	306	301
Indebtedness, gross		US\$	111	90	128	133	133	4	9	2	40
Indebtedness, gross		US\$	394	391	395	383	383	323	312	308	341
Assets equity		US\$	973	1.098	948	782	782	736	788	936	1.004
Operating revenues		US\$	292	310	346	245	1.193	309	353	299	268
Operating expenses		US\$	(222)	(222)	(254)	(194)	(892)	(197)	(232)	(206)	(207)
Operating profit		US\$	(18)	(20)	(18)	(24)	(80)	(11)	(15)	(17)	(19)
Operating profit, amortization and depreciation		US\$	8	8	9	6	31	7	8	8	8
Operating profit, amortization and depreciation		US\$	60	76	83	33	252	108	114	84	50
Operating profit, amortization and depreciation		US\$	(8)	(8)	(9)	(6)	(31)	(7)	(8)	(8)	(8)
Operating profit, amortization and depreciation		US\$	52	68	74	27	221	101	106	76	42
Operating profit, amortization and depreciation		US\$	(66)	37	(38)	(6)	(73)	16	(9)	67	37
Operating profit, amortization and depreciation		US\$	(14)	105	36	21	148	117	97	143	79
Operating profit, amortization and depreciation		US\$	(9)	(37)	(9)	7	(48)	(23)	(58)	(42)	(8)
Operating profit, amortization and depreciation		US\$	(23)	68	27	28	100	94	39	101	71

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Aluminum Area	Alunorte (Additional information	2008				Unaudited)	2007				Consolidated Subsidiary
		As of and for the three-month periods ended					As of and for the three-month periods ended				
Information	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	
Quantity sold MT external market (thousand)	814	832	975	1.336	3.957	699	769	828	933	3.229	
Quantity sold MT internal market (thousand)	235	258	301	250	1.044	244	252	248	271	1.015	
Quantity sold MT total (thousand)	1.049	1.090	1.276	1.586	5.001	943	1.021	1.076	1.204	4.244	
Average sales price external market	US\$ 322,36	372,73	378,60	286,74	334,79	344,85	349,61	340,23	312,26	335,38	
Average sales price internal market	US\$ 287,59	340,49	342,74	324,54	358,65	309,77	311,69	306,88	275,46	300,38	
Average sales price total	US\$ 314,57	365,10	370,14	292,70	339,77	335,77	340,00	332,54	303,98	327,01	
Long-term indebtedness, gross	US\$ 740	829	855	855	855	528	557	466	556	556	
Short-term indebtedness, gross	US\$ 20		29	31	31			18			
Total indebtedness, gross	US\$ 760	829	884	886	886	528	557	484	556	556	
Stockholders equity	US\$ 2.287	2.633	2.217	1.794	1.794	1.686	1.903	2.197	2.307	2.307	
Net operating revenues	US\$ 331	399	473	456	1.659	314	342	369	370	1.395	
Cost of products	US\$ (274)	(288)	(352)	(331)	(1.245)	(181)	(217)	(246)	(290)	(934)	
Other expenses / revenues	US\$ (13)	(14)	(12)	(20)	(59)	(2)	(15)	(7)	(15)	(39)	
	US\$ 19	20	16	15	70	12	14	13	15	54	

Depreciation,
amortization
and depletion

EBITDA	US\$	63	117	125	120	425	143	124	129	80	476
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	US\$	(19)	(20)	(16)	(15)	(70)	(12)	(14)	(13)	(15)	(54)
EBIT	US\$	44	97	109	105	355	131	110	116	65	422
Net financial result	US\$	(57)	58	(117)	(97)	(213)	19	(14)	34	35	74
Income (loss) before income tax and social contribution	US\$	(13)	155	(8)	8	142	150	96	150	100	496
Income tax and social contribution	US\$	(7)	(34)	22	7	(12)	(19)	(12)	(38)	(16)	(85)
Net income (loss)	US\$	(20)	121	14	15	130	131	84	112	84	411

Table of Contents**Pelletizing Affiliates Hispanobras (Additional information Unaudited)**

Description	Unit	2008					2007				
		As of and for the three-month periods ended					As of and for the three-month periods ended				
		March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
Quantity sold external market	MT (thousand)	404	400	618		1.422	565	504	527	394	
Quantity sold internal market	MT (thousand)	710	805	554	396	2.465	800	620	510	545	
Quantity sold total	MT (thousand)	1.114	1.205	1.172	396	3.887	1.365	1.124	1.037	939	
Average sales price external market	US\$	71,45	203,07	227,18	0,00	176,15	69,26	77,40	72,50	73,25	
Average sales price internal market	US\$	75,95	203,58	236,04	146,47	164,94	72,97	79,73	74,88	76,94	
Average sales price total	US\$	74,32	203,41	231,37	146,47	169,04	71,43	78,69	73,67	75,39	
Term indebtedness, gross	US\$	75	58	7			6	9	14	46	
Indebtedness, gross	US\$	75	58	7			6	9	14	46	
Shareholders equity	US\$	90	166	158	143	143	89	78	86	84	
Operating revenues	US\$	83	248	164	52	547	97	89	76	72	
Cost of products	US\$	(75)	(143)	(118)	(36)	(372)	(77)	(74)	(66)	(78)	
Expenses / revenues	US\$	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(8)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)	
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	US\$	1	1	1	1	4	1			3	
Operating Profit (Loss) before income tax and contribution	US\$	7	104	45	15	171	20	13	9	(4)	
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	US\$	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(4)	(1)			(3)	
Operating Profit (Loss) before income tax and social contribution	US\$	6	103	44	14	167	19	13	9	(7)	
Financial result	US\$	1	(4)	7	9	13	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	
Operating Profit (Loss) before income tax and social contribution	US\$	7	99	51	23	180	17	12	8	(8)	
Income tax and social contribution	US\$	(3)	(34)	(18)	(8)	(63)	(6)	(5)	(2)	2	
Operating Profit (Loss)	US\$	4	65	33	15	117	11	7	6	(6)	

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Information			2008					2007				
			As of and for the three-month periods ended					As of and for the three-month periods ended				
			March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total	March 31	June 30	September 30	December 31	Total
Quantity sold	Pellets	MT (thousand)	3.010	4.327	5.519	3.413	16.269	3.003	3.742	3.241	4.373	14.359
Quantity sold	Iron ore	MT (thousand)	168	140	154	202	664	463	638	302	358	1.761
Average sales price	Pellets	US\$	105,51	142,07	152,30	156,17	141,95	77,51	82,38	83,61	82,58	81,70
Average sales price	Iron ore	US\$	47,61	98,95	73,86	85,18	76,08	46,79	46,78	45,30	49,14	47,01
Long-term indebtedness, gross		US\$	800	799	800	800	800	738	817	808	800	800
Short-term indebtedness, gross		US\$	591	846	987	783	783	192	324	398	572	572
Total indebtedness, gross		US\$	1.391	1.645	1.787	1.583	1.583	930	1.141	1.206	1.372	1.372
Stockholders equity		US\$	1.078	1.213	926	732	732	688	754	878	970	970
Net operating revenues		US\$	331	613	843	553	2.340	253	338	299	365	1.255
Cost of products		US\$	(164)	(277)	(314)	(155)	(910)	(109)	(140)	(129)	(184)	(562)
Other expenses / revenues		US\$	(43)	(98)	(55)	(67)	(263)	(32)	(63)	(32)	(67)	(194)
Depreciation, amortization and depletion		US\$	12	16	30	22	80	10	11	12	12	45
BITDA		US\$	136	254	504	353	1.247	122	146	150	126	544
Depreciation, amortization and depletion		US\$	(12)	(16)	(30)	(22)	(80)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(12)	(45)
BIT		US\$	124	238	474	331	1.167	112	135	138	114	499
Gain on investments accounted for by the equity method		US\$	3	(3)	1	3	4	2	3	7	2	14
Net financial result		US\$	4	122	(281)	(244)	(399)	35	14	25	15	89
Income (loss) before income tax and social contribution		US\$	131	357	194	90	772	149	152	170	131	602
Income tax and social contribution		US\$	66	(162)	(30)	(17)	(143)	(29)	(34)	(35)	(21)	(119)
Net income (loss)		US\$	197	195	164	73	629	120	118	135	110	483

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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.

Date: March 9, 2009

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE
(Registrant)

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