

Vale S.A.  
Form 6-K  
April 13, 2012  
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**United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of**

**April 2012**

**Vale S.A.**

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

(Address of principal executive office)

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*Press Release*

**Vale pays first tranche of the 2012 dividend**

Rio de Janeiro, April 13, 2012 Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that its Board of Directors approved today the payment of the first installment of the 2012 dividend to shareholders amounting to US\$ 3 billion (R\$ 5,481,000,000.00), equivalent to US\$ 0.588547644 (R\$ 1.075276545) per outstanding common or preferred share (5,097,293,366).

Vale's Executive Board proposal for the dividend to be paid to its shareholders in 2012, publicly disclosed on January 16, 2012, established a minimum amount for the year of US\$ 6 billion, equivalent to US\$ 1.177095354 per outstanding common or preferred share, to be paid in two installments, on April 30 and October 31, 2012. The dividend was proposed in accordance with Vale's dividend policy.

**Form of payment**

Payment of the first tranche of the minimum dividend will be made as follows:

1. Distribution of R\$ 5,481,000,000.00 equivalent to R\$ 1.075276545 per outstanding common or preferred share (5,097,293,366), in the form of interest on capital.

The values were obtained from the conversion of the US dollar value into Brazilian reais using the exchange rate for the sale of US dollar (Ptax option 5 code), as informed by the Central Bank of Brazil on April 12, 2012, of R\$ 1.8270 per US dollar, as announced on January 16, 2012.

2. The payment will be made from April 30, 2012 onwards. The holders of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and Hong Kong Depositary Receipts (HDRs) will receive the payment through JP Morgan, the depositary agent for the ADRs and HDRs, on May 7 and 8, 2012, respectively. A withholding income tax will be levied on the amount distributed as interest on capital, in accordance with Brazil's tax code.

3. The record date for the owners of shares traded on the BM&F Bovespa is April 13, 2012. The record date for the holders of ADRs traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and Euronext Paris is April 18, 2012 and for the holders of HDRs traded on the Hong Kong

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Stock Exchange (HKEx) is at the close of business in Hong Kong on April 18, 2011. All shareholders on these respective record dates will have the right to the dividend payment.

4. Vale shares will start trading ex-dividend on BM&F Bovespa , NYSE and Euronext Paris as of April 16, 2012, and on HKEx as of April 17,2012.

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

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**Signatures**

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

Vale S.A.  
(Registrant)

Date: April 13, 2012

By:

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

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