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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

December 2016

Vale S.A.

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(Address of principal executive office)

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Press Release

Vale about agreement with BHP and Samarco regarding the use of Timbopeba pit by Samarco

Rio de Janeiro, December 20, 2016 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it agreed with BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda. (BHP) and Samarco Mineração S/A (Samarco) a non-binding term sheet outlining the general terms and conditions for the use of Vale's Timbopeba pit by Samarco to deposit its tailings, should Samarco restart. Vale would transfer the Timbopeba pit to Samarco and, as compensation, Samarco would supply to Vale an amount of non-processed ore (Run-of-Mine – ROM) for a certain period.

A definitive agreement remains subject to a successful commercial negotiation, due diligence and relevant government approvals. These processes are likely to occur during 2017.

After obtaining the required environmental licenses, Samarco is expected to temporarily deposit its tailings in its own pit, Alegria Sul, for a period of 2 to 3 years of operations. The use of the Timbopeba pit may allow Samarco to operate for up several years without new tailings structure.

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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 December 20, 2016 By: /s/ André Figueiredo

Director of Investor Relations