

## Vale updates information on support for the Stellar Banner vessel

Rio de Janeiro, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Vale S.A. (“Vale”) informs that it is committed with all efforts and resources to mitigate the possible impacts related to the incident with the MV Stellar Banner vessel, owned and operated by the South Korean company Polaris. Among the technical and logistical support measures adopted by Vale on this date, Thursday (27), together with the maritime and environmental authorities, are:

- Request to Petrobras for the use of Oil Spill Recovery Vessels (OSRV) to contain eventual oil spills. The request was promptly attended;
- Request to Ibama for formal traffic authorization of the vessels on the coast of Maranhão. The authorization was promptly granted;
- Hiring of salvage specialists, in addition to the company hired by Polaris, to speed up the vessel oil removal plan;
- Request for offshore ocean buoys, which can preventively be used as containment barriers for the open sea, if necessary;
- Availability of helicopters to move personnel to the location.

The vessel is agrounded at about 100 kilometers off the coast of São Luís (MA), outside the access channel of the Ponta da Madeira Maritime Terminal, from where it has left last Monday (24). The 20 crew members were safely evacuated from the vessel and port operations remain normal, with no impact on shipments.

As port operator, Vale reinforces that it will continue to offer full technical-operational support and collaborate with maritime authorities.

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