

## Vale informs on the Norte/Laranjeiras dam

Rio de Janeiro, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Vale S.A. (“Vale” or the “company”) informs that today it started, on a preventive basis, the Level 2<sup>1</sup> emergency protocol for the Norte / Laranjeiras dam, of the Brucutu mine, in the municipality of Barão de Cocais, MG. In this sense, with the collaboration among Vale, the municipal and state Civil Defense of Minas Gerais and other authorities, the removal of residents within the dam’s Self-Rescue Zone, estimated at 34 people, will begin in the next few days.

Vale adopts this measure in line with the monitoring of the safety conditions of its structures and maintains a geotechnical investigation campaign in order to define the actions for their continuous improvement. The rise in the emergency level reflects a conservative approach by the company, although no relevant changes have been observed regarding the safety factors of the structure. The company informs that the Norte/Laranjeiras dam does not receive tailings and, therefore, has not been part of the iron ore production plan since December 2019.

The removal will be done on a scheduled basis and conducted by the Civil Defense, with the shelter of families by Vale. The company will provide all necessary assistance to the families until the situation is normalized.

Vale reiterates that its priority is the safety of people and communities downstream of its operations, as well as the safety of all its structures.

<sup>1</sup> Regarding the Mining Dams Emergency Action Plan (PAEBM).

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Ever since the Covid-19 outbreak began, our highest priority is the health and safety of our employees. Our IR team adopted work-from-home, and as we continue to face these new circumstances, we strongly recommend you prioritize e-mail and online engagement.

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