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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

October 2012

Vale S.A.

**Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
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(Address of principal executive office)

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Press Release

Vale adjusts pellet production

Rio de Janeiro, October 04, 2012 - Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that an additional portion of its iron ore production will be allocated to increase the supply of sinter feed, consequently reducing the availability of pellet feed for the pelletizing process. This adjustment stems from the change in the composition of steel industry demand for raw materials throughout the cycle, where there is a contraction in pellet consumption in favor of greater use of sinter feed.

Due to these cyclical movements, Vale will temporarily halt operations at the São Luís and Tubarão I and II pellet plants, starting from October 8 and November 13, 2012, respectively. The aforementioned plants were responsible for the production of 4.926 million metric tons of pellets during the first half of 2012, accounting for 18.3% of Vale's total. Employees at these plants will be reassigned to other operational activities at Vale.

Vale continues to invest in the execution of its iron ore and pellets growth pipeline, remaining confident in the long-term iron ore market fundamentals and, above all, in the high competitiveness of its world-class assets.

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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: October 4, 2012

By:

Vale S.A.
(Registrant)

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