

Vale S.A.  
Form 6-K  
December 16, 2009

**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  
December 2009  
Vale S.A.**

Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26  
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil  
(Address of principal executive office)

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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 15, 2009

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

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Vale informs acquisition of relevant shareholding ownership

Rio de Janeiro, December 15, 2009 Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that BlackRock Inc. (BlackRock), with registered office located at 40 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10022-5911, USA, in the quality of investment administrator, communicated on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 that due to the merger between BlackRock and Barclays Global Investors on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, its shareholder ownership, as a whole, has reached a participation of 9.49% of the preferred class A shares issued by Vale, being holder of 69,198,327 preferred class A shares and 130,995,040 American Depositary Receipts (ADRs), equivalent to preferred class A shares.

As informed by BlackRock, the purpose of the acquisition of Vale's shares is strictly investment oriented, not aiming to change either the controlling shareholder structure or Vale's administrative structure. BlackRock also communicated that no debentures convertible into shares issued by Vale are held by its subsidiaries, as well as no agreement regulating the exercise of the voting rights or the purchase and sale of securities issued by Vale were executed by such subsidiaries.

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