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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 2015

Vale S.A.

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(Address of principal executive office)

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Press Release

Vale informs about public civil action

Rio de Janeiro, 7 December 2015 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that, under the terms of the CVM Instruction nº 358/2002 and its later amendments, it was summoned in the public civil action filed at 5ª Vara Federal of Rio de Janeiro, by Sohumana Sociedade Humanitária Nacional against Samarco Mineração S.A. (Samarco) and its shareholders, BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda. (BHP) and Vale, seeking indemnification payment for the environmental and proprietary damages supposedly caused by the accident at the Samarco Fundão tailings dam, at the city of Mariana, in Minas Gerais state, to the city of Mariana, as well as to other damaged cities in order to recover the Public Heritage. The plaintiff attributed the value of R\$20,000,000,000.00 to the cause.

Vale will adopt all measures to guarantee its right of defense and will keep the market informed in case of any new information related to the action that materially affects its performance.

Samarco was constituted in 1977, as a Brazilian closed capital company, having as shareholders the Brazilian company S.A. Mineração da Trindade - Samitri (Samitri) and the American company Utah Marcona Corporation (Utah). In 2000, Vale bought the stake belonging to Samitri, thus owning 50% of the company's equity and sharing the joint control with BHP Billiton, which bought and incorporated Utah in 1984.

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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 7, 2015

By:

/s/ Rogerio T. Nogueira
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