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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**

**May 2012**

**Vale S.A.**

**Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26  
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil**

(Address of principal executive office)

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**Vale on tax litigation**

Rio de Janeiro, May 3, 2012 – Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that the Superior Court of Justice (STJ), accepting the appeal from the Brazilian federal tax authority, has cancelled the ruling granted on March 14, 2012. The previous ruling had suspended all the payment demands asserted, and consequently also the requirement to post bond with the court to continue contesting the assessments regarding Brazilian income tax and social contributions on the net income of our non-Brazilian subsidiaries and affiliates.

As previously announced, under Brazilian law, a taxpayer that appeals to the courts must ordinarily provide a bond or some form of security to the court. This does not represent a judicial loss or defeat. It is the initial step for the contest of the tax assessments to the courts.

Vale will pursue all available means to ensure its right to defend itself. Vale remains confident in its arguments and will continue to pursue all appropriate legal actions until a final decision on the merits is reached.

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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: May 3, 2012

By:

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