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**Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of

February, 2013

Vale S.A.

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Independent auditor's report

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders

Vale S.A.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Vale S.A. and its subsidiaries (the Company), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2012 and the consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

**Management's responsibility for
the consolidated financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Vale S.A. and its subsidiaries as at December 31, 2012, and their financial performance and their cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

Rio de Janeiro, February 27, 2012

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In millions of Brazilian reais

	Notes	December 31, 2012	Consolidated December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	Parent Company December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Assets						
Current assets						
Cash and cash equivalents	7	11,918	6,593	12,636	688	575
Short-term investments	8	506	-	2,987	43	-
Derivatives at fair value	25	575	1,112	87	500	574
Accounts receivable	9	13,885	15,889	13,681	21,839	15,809
Related parties	30	786	154	160	1,347	2,561
Inventories	10	10,320	9,833	7,161	3,283	3,183
Recoverable taxes	12	4,620	4,190	2,671	2,071	2,317
Advances to suppliers		523	733	313	242	382
Others		1,973	1,647	1,010	574	183
		45,106	40,151	40,706	30,587	25,584
Non-current Assets held for sale	11	935	-	11,877	-	-
		46,041	40,151	52,583	30,587	25,584
Non-current assets						
Related parties	30	833	904	48	864	446
Loans and financing agreements to receive		502	399	273	188	158
Judicial deposits	18	3,095	2,735	2,884	2,474	2,091
Deferred income tax and social contribution	20	8,134	3,539	2,263	5,558	2,109
Recoverable taxes	12	1,343	1,097	601	255	201
Derivatives at fair value	25	93	112	502	3	96
Reinvestment tax incentive		327	429	238	302	429
Others		1,234	1,095	788	458	389
		15,561	10,310	7,597	10,102	5,919
Investments	13	13,044	14,984	7,321	123,871	113,150
Intangible assets	14	18,822	17,789	16,829	14,664	13,974
Property, plant and equipment, net	15	173,455	153,855	126,656	61,231	55,503
		220,882	196,938	158,403	209,868	188,546
Total assets		266,923	237,089	210,986	240,455	214,130

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In millions of Brazilian reais

(continued)

	Notes	December 31, 2012	Consolidated December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	Parent Company December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Liabilities						
Current liabilities						
Suppliers and contractors		9,255	8,851	5,928	4,178	3,504
Payroll and related charges		3,025	2,442	1,889	2,001	1,582
Derivatives at fair value	25	710	136	58	558	117
Current portion of long-term debt	17	7,093	2,807	4,707	5,328	892
Short-term debt	17		40	232		
Related parties	30	423	43	35	6,434	4,959
Taxes payable and royalties		664	979	440	333	330
Provision for income taxes		1,310	955	1,251	370	
Employee post retirement benefits obligations	21	420	316	313	220	141
Railway sub-concession agreement payable		133	123	125		
Asset retirement obligations	19	143	136			21
Dividends and interest on capital			2,207	8,068		2,207
Others		2,168	1,650	1,582	751	400
		25,344	20,685	24,628	20,173	14,153
Liabilities directly associated with assets held for sale	11	327		5,340		
		25,671	20,685	29,968	20,173	14,153
Non-current liabilities						
Derivatives at fair value	25	1,601	1,239	102	1,410	953
Long-term debt	17	54,763	40,225	35,978	26,867	18,596
Related parties	30	146	171	3	29,363	28,654
Employee post retirement benefits obligations	21	3,390	2,846	3,337	544	406
Provisions for contingencies	18	4,218	3,145	3,409	2,867	1,928
Deferred income tax and social contribution	20	7,754	10,614	12,828		
Asset retirement obligations	19	5,472	3,427	2,404	1,625	1,095
Stockholders' Debentures	29	3,379	2,496	2,139	3,379	2,496
Redeemable noncontrolling interest		995	943	1,186		
Others		3,901	4,617	3,306	1,839	2,374
		85,619	69,723	64,692	67,894	56,502
Total liabilities		111,290	90,408	94,660	88,067	70,655

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Stockholders equity	24				
Preferred class A stock - 7,200,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 2,108,579,618 (2011 - 2,108,579,618) issued	29,475	29,475	19,650	29,475	29,475
Common stock - 3,600,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 3,256,724,482 (2011 - 3,256,724,482) issued	45,525	45,525	30,350	45,525	45,525
Mandatorily convertible votes - common shares		360	445		360
Mandatorily convertible votes - preferred shares		796	996		796
Treasury stock - 140,857,692 (2011 - 181,099,814) preferred and 71,071,482 (2011 - 86,911,207) common shares	(7,838)	(9,917)	(4,826)	(7,838)	(9,919)
Results from operations with noncontrolling stockholders	(840)	(71)	685	(840)	(71)
Results in the translation/issuance of shares	50		1,867	50	
Unrealized fair value gain (losses)	(1,126)	220	(25)	(1,126)	220
Cumulative translation adjustments	8,692	(1,017)	(9,512)	8,692	(1,017)
Retained earnings	78,450	78,105	72,487	78,450	78,106
Total company stockholders equity	152,388	143,476	112,117	152,388	143,475
Noncontrolling interests	3,245	3,205	4,209		
Total stockholders equity	155,633	146,681	116,326	152,388	143,475
Total liabilities and stockholders equity	266,923	237,089	210,986	240,455	214,130

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**Consolidated Statement of Income**

In millions of Brazilian reais, except as otherwise stated

	Notes	Year ended	
		December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Net operating revenue		93,511	102,019
Cost of goods solds and services rendered	27	(51,997)	(42,451)
Gross profit		41,514	59,568
Operating (expenses) income			
Selling and administrative expenses	27	(4,381)	(3,985)
Research and development expenses	27	(2,912)	(2,822)
Other operating expenses, net	27	(7,216)	(4,836)
Impairment of assets		(8,211)	
Realized gain (loss) on non-current assets held for sales		(1,036)	2,492
		(23,756)	(9,151)
Operating profit		17,758	50,417
Financial income	28	2,619	4,494
Financial expenses	28	(11,024)	(10,846)
Equity results from associates	13	1,241	1,857
Impairment of investment		(4,002)	
Income before income tax and social contribution		6,592	45,922
Income tax and social contribution			
Current tax	20	(4,987)	(9,077)
Deferred			
Deferred of year	20	1,776	563
Reversal of Deferred Income Tax liabilities (see note 6.b.)		2,533	
Effect of income tax on impairment		3,319	
		2,641	(8,514)
Net income of the year		9,233	37,408
Loss attributable to non-controlling interests		(501)	(406)
Net income attributable to the Company's stockholders		9,734	37,814
Earnings per share attributable to the Company's stockholders:			
Basic and diluted earnings per share:			
Preferred share and Common (in Brazilian reais)		1.91	7.21

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Table of Contents**Parent Company Statement of Income**

In millions of Brazilian reais, except as otherwise stated

	Notes	Year ended	
		December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Net operating revenue		57,429	66,082
Cost of goods sold and services rendered	27	(24,245)	(20,958)
Gross profit		33,184	45,124
Operating (expenses) income			
Selling and administrative expenses	27	(2,339)	(2,176)
Research and development expenses	27	(1,619)	(1,460)
Other operating expenses, net	27	(3,023)	(1,704)
Impairment of assets		(5,968)	
Equity results from subsidiaries	13	(350)	5,647
Realized gain (loss) on non-current assets held for sales (equity on parent company) (*)		(1,036)	2,492
Operating profit		18,849	47,923
Financial income	28	1,566	2,958
Financial expenses	28	(10,084)	(8,552)
Equity results from joint controlled entities and associates	13	1,241	1,857
Impairment of investments		(1,804)	
Income before income tax and social contribution		9,768	44,186
Income tax and social contribution			
Current	20	(3,492)	(6,671)
Deferred	20	816	299
Effect of income tax on impairment		2,642	
		(34)	(6,372)
Net income of the exercise		9,734	37,814
Earnings per share:			
Basic and diluted earnings per share:			
Preferred share and Common (in brazilian reais)		1.91	7.21

(*) Except for the loss of R\$ 722 in 2012 about coal assets sale, recorded in other operating expenses.

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Table of Contents**Statement of Other Comprehensive Income**

In millions of Brazilian reais

	Consolidated Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Net income	9,233	37,408
Cumulative translation adjustments	10,073	8,828
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale investments		
Gross balance as of the year end	(3)	6
	(3)	6
Cash flow hedge		
Gross balance as of the year end	(230)	219
Effect of tax	(12)	21
	(242)	240
Total comprehensive income of the year	19,061	46,482
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(137)	(72)
Comprehensive income attributable to the Company's stockholders	19,198	46,554
	19,061	46,482

	Parent Company Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Net income	9,734	37,814
Other comprehensive income		
Cumulative translation adjustments	9,709	8,495
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale investments		
Gross balance as of the year end	(2)	6
Effect of tax	(1)	
	(3)	6
Cash flow hedge		
Gross balance as of the year end	(229)	218
Effect of tax	(13)	21
	(242)	239
Total comprehensive income of the year	19,198	46,554

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Table of Contents**Statement of Changes in Equity**

In millions of Brazilian reais

	Capital	Results in the translation of shares	Mandatorily convertible notes	Revenue reserves	Treasury stock	Unrealized fair value gain (losses)	Year ended Gain (loss) from operation with noncontrolling stockholders	Cumulative translation adjustment	Retained earnings	Total Company stockholders equity	Noncontrolling stockholders' equity
January 01, 2011	50,000	1,867	1,441	72,487	(4,826)	(25)	685	(9,512)		112,117	
Net income of the year									37,814		37,814
Capitalization of reserves	25,000	(1,867)		(23,133)							
Capitalization of noncontrolling stockholders advances											
Gain on conversion of shares					(5,091)						(5,091)
Additional remuneration for mandatorily convertible notes			(285)								(285)
Cash flow hedge, net of taxes						239					239
Unrealized results on valuation at market						6					6
Translation adjustments for the year								8,495			8,495
Dividends to noncontrolling stockholders											
Redeemable noncontrolling stockholders interest											
Acquisitions and disposal of noncontrolling stockholders							(756)				(756)

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Destination of earnings:									
Interim dividends								(2,207)	(2,207)
Additional remuneration proposed								(6,856)	(6,856)
Appropriation to undistributed retained earnings			28,751					(28,751)	
December 31, 2011	75,000	1,156	78,105	(9,917)	220	(71)	(1,017)		143,476
Net income of the year								9,734	9,734
Capitalization of noncontrolling stockholders advances									
Remuneration for mandatorily convertible notes		(128)							(128)
Cash flow hedge, net of taxes					(242)				(242)
Unrealized results on valuation at market					(3)				(3)
Translation adjustments for the year							9,709		9,709
Dividends to noncontrolling stockholders									
Redeemable noncontrolling stockholders interest									
Acquisitions and disposal of noncontrolling stockholders							(769)		(769)
Gain on conversion of shares	50	(1,028)		2,079	(1,101)				
Realization of expansion and investment reserve			(740)					740	
Destination of earnings:									
Appropriation to undistributed retained earnings			1,085					(1,085)	
Remuneration intermediate								(9,389)	(9,389)
December 31, 2012	75,000	50	78,450	(7,838)	(1,126)	(840)	8,692		152,388

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Table of Contents**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

In millions of Brazilian reais

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income	9,233	37,408
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash from operations		
Results of equity investments and associates	(1,241)	(1,857)
Realized losses (gains) on assets held for sale	1,036	(2,492)
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	8,397	6,638
Deferred income tax and social contribution	(1,776)	(563)
Reversal of deferred income tax	(2,533)	
Deferred Income Tax of impairment	(3,319)	
Foreign exchange and indexation (gain) losses, net	3,590	5,156
Impairment on assets	12,213	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	422	435
Unrealized derivative (gains) losses, net	1,236	957
Stockholders' Debentures	212	412
Others	218	(208)
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Accounts receivable from customers	3,704	(1,940)
Inventories	(451)	(2,364)
Recoverable taxes	425	(900)
Others	441	(862)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Suppliers and contractors	47	2,288
Payroll and related charges	550	502
Taxes and contributions	(301)	(3,026)
Others	978	105
Net cash provided by operating activities	33,081	39,689
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Short-term investments	(506)	2,987
Loans and advances	609	(177)
Guarantees and deposits	(232)	(363)
Additions to investments	(892)	(1,362)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(31,993)	(26,311)
Dividends/interest on capital received from Joint controlled entities and associates	932	1,766
Proceeds from disposal of investments held for sale	1,989	1,795
Acquisitions/sales of subsidiaries		
Net cash used in investing activities	(30,093)	(21,665)
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Short-term debt		

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Additions	1,067	2,313
Repayments	(1,106)	(1,601)
Long-term debt	16,812	2,407
Repayments:		
Financial institutions	(2,054)	(4,659)
Dividends and interest on capital paid to stockholders	(11,596)	(15,053)
Dividends and interest on capital attributed to noncontrolling interest	(90)	(72)
Transactions with noncontrolling stockholders	(793)	(2,084)
Capital increase		
Repurchase of treasury stock		(5,092)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	2,240	(23,841)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,228	(5,817)
Cash and cash equivalents of cash, beginning of the year	6,593	12,175
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	97	235
Cash and cash equivalents from new incorporated subsidiary		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	11,918	6,593
Cash paid during the year for:		
Short-term interest	(16)	(5)
Long-term interest	(2,572)	(1,893)
Income tax and social contribution	(2,320)	(11,662)
Non-cash transactions:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment - interest capitalization	684	289

Conversion of mandatory convertible notes using 56,081,560 treasury stocks. (Note 24c.)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**Parent Company Statement of Cash Flows****In millions of Brazilian reais**

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Cash flow from operating activities:		
Net income	9,734	37,814
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash from operations		
Results of equity investments	(891)	(7,504)
Realized gain on assets held for sale	1,036	(2,492)
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	2,563	1,964
Deferred income tax and social contribution	(816)	(299)
Deferred Income Tax of impairment	(2,642)	
Foreign exchange and indexation (gain) losses, net	4,363	7,003
Impairment on assets	7,772	
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	372	383
Unrealized derivative (gains) losses, net	1,089	661
Dividends / interest on capital received from subsidiaries		2,196
Stockholders debentures	212	412
Others	(141)	(26)
Decrease (increase) in assets:		
Accounts receivable from customers	(6,030)	2,569
Inventories	267	(630)
Recoverable taxes	927	(433)
Others	932	(43)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Suppliers and contractors	675	640
Payroll and related charges	419	311
Taxes and contributions	349	(4,583)
Others	964	(463)
Net cash provided by operating activities	21,154	37,480
Cash flow from investing activities:		
Short-term investments	(43)	
Loans and advances	1,141	(33)
Guarantees and deposits	(226)	(72)
Additions to investments	(7,324)	(5,985)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(15,699)	(14,615)
Dividends/interest on capital received from joint controlled entities and associates	1,190	
Proceeds from disposal of investments held for sale	745	
Net cash used in investing activities	(20,216)	(20,705)
Cash flow from financing activities:		
Short-term debt		
Additions	1,007	1,092

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Repayments	(4,604)	(5,064)
Long-term debt		
Additions	15,023	3,891
Repayments:		
Financial institutions	(655)	(891)
Dividends and interest on capital attributed to noncontrolling interest	(11,596)	(14,960)
Treasury stock		(5,091)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(825)	(21,023)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	113	(4,248)
Cash and cash equivalents of cash, beginning of the year	575	4,823
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	688	575
Cash paid during the year for:		
Short-term interest	(2)	(1)
Long-term interest	(1,892)	(1,904)
Income tax and social contribution	(312)	(9,638)
Non-cash transactions:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment - interest capitalization	28	(73)

Conversion of mandatory convertible notes using 56,081,560 treasury stocks. (Note 24c.)

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Table of Contents**Consolidated Statement of Added Value**

In millions of Brazilian reais

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Generation of added value		
Gross revenue		
Revenue from products and services	95,577	104,350
Gain (loss) on realization of assets available for sale	(1,036)	2,492
Other revenue	(2)	(11)
Revenue from the construction of own assets	29,673	28,389
Allowance for doubtful accounts	20	11
Less:		
Acquisition of products	(2,718)	(3,887)
Outsourced services	(19,319)	(16,593)
Materials	(26,508)	(26,807)
Oil and gas	(4,050)	(3,644)
Energy	(1,689)	(1,540)
Freight	(5,660)	(3,772)
Impairment	(12,213)	
Other costs and expenses	(13,406)	(10,763)
Gross added value	38,669	68,225
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	(8,397)	(6,638)
Net added value	30,272	61,587
Received from third parties		
Financial income	1,760	2,944
Equity results	1,241	1,857
Total added value to be distributed	33,273	66,388
Personnel	9,120	7,342
Taxes, rates and contribution	7,396	3,828
Current income tax	4,987	9,077
Deferred income tax	(7,628)	(563)
Remuneration of debt capital	6,019	5,829
Monetary and exchange changes, net	4,146	3,467
Net income attributable to the Company's stockholders	9,734	37,814
Loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(501)	(406)
Distribution of added value	33,273	66,388

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Table of Contents**Parent Company Statement of Added Value**

In millions of Brazilian reais

	Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Generation of added value		
Gross revenue		
Revenue from products and services	58,551	67,618
Gain (loss) on realization of assets available for sale	(1,036)	2,492
Revenue from the construction of own assets	16,166	14,824
Allowance for doubtful accounts	13	7
Less:		
Acquisition of products	(1,384)	(2,547)
Outsourced services	(11,313)	(9,222)
Materials	(13,054)	(13,602)
Fuel oil and gas	(2,382)	(1,964)
Energy	(1,207)	(862)
Impairment	(7,772)	
Other costs and expenses	(6,611)	(5,289)
Gross added value	29,971	51,455
Depreciation, amortization and depletion	(2,563)	(1,964)
Net added value	27,408	49,491
Received from third parties		
Financial income	799	1,825
Equity results	891	7,504
Total added value to be distributed	29,098	58,820
Personnel	4,674	3,989
Taxes, rates and contribution	5,339	3,226
Current income tax	3,492	6,671
Deferred income tax	(3,458)	(299)
Remuneration of debt capital	5,181	4,351
Monetary and exchange changes, net	4,136	3,068
Net income attributable to the Company's stockholders	9,734	9,063
Reinvested		28,751
Distribution of added value	29,098	58,820

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Financial Statements.

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Expressed in millions of Brazilian Reais, unless otherwise stated

1- Operational Context

Vale S.A. (Vale or Parent Company) is a publicly-listed company with its headquarters at 26 Avenida Graça Aranha, Downtown, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with shares traded on the stock exchanges of Sao Paulo (BM&F BOVESPA), New York (NYSE), Paris (NYSE Euronext) and Hong Kong (HKEx).

The Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries (Group , Company or we) is principally engaged in the research, production and marketing of iron ore and pellets, nickel, fertilizer, copper, coal, manganese, iron alloys, cobalt, platinum group metals and precious metals. The Company also operates in the segments of energy, logistics and steel.

At December 31, 2012, our principal consolidated operating subsidiaries the following:

Subsidiaries	% ownership	% voting capital	Location	Principal activity
Compañia Minera Miski Mayo S.A.C	40.00	51.00	Peru	Fertilizers
Ferrovía Centro-Atlántica S. A.	99.99	99.99	Brazil	Logistics
Ferrovía Norte Sul S.A.	100.00	100.00	Brazil	Logistics
Mineração Corumbaense Reunida S.A.	100.00	100.00	Brazil	Iron ore and Manganese
PT Vale Indonesia Tbk	59.20	59.20	Indonesia	Nickel
Sociedad Contractual Minera Tres Valles	90.00	90.00	Chile	Copper
Vale Australia Pty Ltd.	100.00	100.00	Australia	Coal
Vale Canada Limited	100.00	100.00	Canada	Nickel
Vale Fertilizantes S.A	100.00	100.00	Brazil	Fertilizers
Vale International Holdings GMBH	100.00	100.00	Austria	Holding and Research
Vale International S.A	100.00	100.00	Switzerland	Holding and Trading
Vale Manganês S.A.	100.00	100.00	Brazil	Manganese and Ferroalloys
Vale Mina do Azul S.A.	100.00	100.00	Brazil	Manganese
Vale Moçambique S.A.	95.00	95.00	Mozambique	Coal
Vale Nouvelle-Calédonie SAS	80.50	80.50	New Caledonia	Nickel
Vale Oman Pelletizing Company LLC	70.00	70.00	Oman	Pellet
Vale Shipping Holding PTE Ltd.	100.00	100.00	Singapore	Logistics

2 - Summary of the Main Accounting Practices and Accounting Estimates

a) Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and the interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC), implemented in Brazil by the Accounting Pronouncements Committee (CPC) and interpretations (ICPC) and guidelines (OCPC), approved by the Securities Commission (CVM).

The individual financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting practices adopted in Brazil issued by CPC and is published in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements.

In the case of Vale, the accounting practices adopted in Brazil applicable to individual financial statements differ from IFRS applicable to separate financial statements, only the measurement of investments at equity method in subsidiaries, joint controlled entities and affiliates, as under the rules of IFRS would be the cost or at fair value.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention adjusted to reflect the fair value of available for sale financial assets, and financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) measured at fair value through the Statement of Income.

For certain contracts, we carry the risks concerning the transportation of the products and determine the freight price directly to our customer. However, for these contracts in 2011 and 2010 the major part of the freight related to CFR (Incoterm for cost and freight) for iron ore and pellets sales, was recorded as if Vale was acting as an agent, resulting in the net presentation of freight revenues. We revised the 2011 and 2010 income statement presentation to appropriately reflect the revenue of such sales by the total amount billed to customers and as a consequence present the related freight costs as cost of product sold and therefore we increase the 2011 sales of ore and metals in amount of R\$3,275 (R\$3,054 in 2010) with the corresponding increase in cost of ores and metals sold. The revision did not result in any other changes in the income statement presentation.

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Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the functional currency), which in the case of the Parent Company is the Brazilian Real (R\$ or Reais). For presentation purposes, these consolidated financial statements are presented in United States Dollars (US\$) as a convenience to facilitate analysis by our international investors.

Operations in others currencies are translated into the functional currency of each entity using the actual exchange rates in force on the respective transaction dates. The foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of these transactions and from the translation at the exchange rates in force at the end of the year, of monetary assets and liabilities in other currencies, are recognized in the Statement of Income as financial expense or income.

In 2011, based on an entity business assessment, the subsidiary Vale International changed its functional currency from the Brazilian Real to the US Dollar. This change did not have any significant effects on the financial statements presentation.

The exchange rates of the major currencies that impact our operations against the functional currency were:

	Exchange rates used for conversions in reais	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
US dollar - US\$	2.0435	1.8683
Canadian dollar - CAD	2.0546	1.8313
Australian dollar - AUD	2.1197	1.9092
Euro - EUR or	2.6954	2.4165

Translation differences on non-monetary financial assets and liabilities are recognized in income as part of fair value gain or loss. The exchange rate gain or loss of non-monetary financial assets, such as investments in shares classified as available for sale, are included in Stockholders equity under the caption Unrealized fair value gain (losses).

The net income and balance sheet of all Group entities whose functional currency is different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows: (i) The assets and liabilities for each Statement of Balance Sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the Statement of Balance Sheet date; (ii) income and expenses for each Statement of Income are translated at the average exchange rates, except in specific transactions that, considering their relevance, are translated at the rate at the dates of transactions and; (iii) The components for each Stockholders equity are translated at the rate at the dates of transactions. All resulting exchange differences are recognized in a separate

component of the Stockholder's equity, named Cumulative Translation Adjustment .

c) Consolidation and investments

The consolidated financial statements reflect the balances of assets and liabilities and the transactions of the Parent Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries. Subsidiaries over which control is achieved through other means, such as stockholders agreement, are also consolidated even if we hold less than 51% of the voting capital.

For associates, entities over which the Company has significant influence but not control, and jointly controlled entities, the investments are accounted for using the equity method.

Accounting practices of subsidiaries, joint ventures and associated companies are set to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Parent Company. Transactions between consolidated companies, as well as balances, unrealized profits and losses on these transactions are eliminated. Unrealized gains on operations with affiliates and joint controlled entities are eliminated on the proportion of Company's participation.

We evaluate the carrying value of our equity investment with reference to the publicly quoted market prices when available. If the quoted market price is lower than book value, and this decline is considered other than temporary, we will write-down our equity investments to the level of the quoted market value.

For interests in joint arrangements (e.g.: consortium agreements), the assets, liabilities and transactions of these enterprises are recognized in the proportion held by Vale.

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d) Business Combinations

When Vale acquires control over an entity, the identifiable assets acquired the liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed and the noncontrolling stockholders' interests recognized are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date.

The excess of the consideration transferred plus the fair value as at the acquisition date of any previous equity interests in the acquiree, over the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill, which is allocated to each cash-generating unit.

e) Segment Information

Operating and geographic segments are reported consistently with the internal reporting provide to, and used by, the Company's decision makers when evaluating performance and taking investment decisions. The financial information is analyzed under the following operating segment as follows:

Bulk Material includes the extraction of iron ore and pellet production and the transport systems of Brazil, including railroads, ports and terminals, linked to mining operations. The manganese ore, ferroalloys and coal are also included in this segment.

Basic metals includes the production of non-ferrous minerals, including nickel operations (co-products and by-products), copper and investment in aluminum affiliate.

Fertilizers comprises three major groups of nutrients: potash, phosphate and nitrogen.

Logistical services includes our system of cargo transportation for third parties divided into rail transport, port and shipping services.

Other - comprises our investments in joint ventures and associated companies in other businesses.

f) Current and non-current assets and liabilities

Vale classifies assets and liabilities as current when it expects to realize the assets or to settle the liabilities, within 12 months of the end of the reporting period. Others assets and liabilities are classified as non-current.

g) Cash and Cash Equivalents and Short-term Investments

The amounts recorded as cash and cash equivalents correspond to the values available in cash, bank deposits and short-term investments that have immediately liquidity and original maturities of 90 days or less and insignificant risk of change in fair value. Other investments with maturities between 91 and 360 days are recognized at fair value through income and recorded in short-term investments.

h) Accounts Receivables

Represent receivables from sales of products and services. Receivables are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost, net of impairment losses, when applicable.

i) Financial Assets

The Company classifies its financial assets in accordance with the purpose for which they were purchased, and determines the classification and initial recognition according to the following categories:

- Financial assets measured at fair value through the Statement of Income financial assets held for trading acquired for the purpose of selling in the short term.
- Loans and receivables non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are initially measured at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest method.
- Available for sale - non-derivative financial assets not classified in another category of financial instrument. They are recognized at fair value in other comprehensive income. After initial recognition, financial assets available for sale which are not quoted in an active market and whose fair values cannot be reliably measured, are held at acquisition cost less impairment.

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j) Inventory

Inventory is stated at the lower of the average cost of acquisition or production and the net realizable value. The inventory production cost is determined on the basis of variable and fixed costs, and direct and indirect costs of production, using the average cost method. An allowance for losses on obsolete or slow-moving inventories is recognized.

Stockpiled inventory is accounted for as in process inventory when ore is extracted from the mine. The cost of finished goods is comprised of depreciation and any direct cost necessary to convert stockpiled inventory into finished goods.

k) Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets are classified as assets held for sale linked to discontinued operations and are recorded as current assets when their carrying amounts are to be recovered principally through a sale transaction and a sale is considered highly probable, evaluated at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value, less cost of sales.

l) Stripping Costs

Stripping costs (the cost associated with the removal of overburdened and other waste materials) incurred during the development of mine, before production takes place, are capitalized as part of the depreciable cost of developing the mining property. These costs are subsequently amortized over the useful life of the mine based on proven and probable reserves.

Post-production stripping costs are included in the cost of inventory, except when a new project is developed to permit access to a significant body of ore. In such cases, the costs are capitalized and amortized during the extraction of the ore body.

m) Intangible Assets

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Intangible assets are evaluated at the acquisition cost, less accumulated amortization and impairment losses, when applicable.

Intangible assets that have finite useful lives are amortized considering their effective use, while those with indefinite useful lives are not amortized but are tested at least annually in terms of their recoverability (impairment test).

The Company holds concessions to exploit railway assets over a certain period of time. Railways are classified as intangible assets and amortized over the shorter of their useful lives and the concession term will returned to the government.

Intangible assets acquired in a business combination are recognized separately from goodwill.

n) **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are carried at acquisition or production cost. The asset costs include costs directly attributable to bringing the asset into use, financial charges incurred during the construction period, acquisition expenses, after deducting trade discounts and rebates, and estimated decommissioning and site restoration expenses (asset retirement obligations - Note 2t).

Assets are depreciated using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives, from the date on which the assets become available for their intended use, except for land which is not depreciated. The depletion of reserves is calculated based on the ratio between actual production and the total amount of proven reserves.

The depreciation and depletion are determined in accordance with the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	between 20 and 50 years
Installations	between 20 and 33 years
Equipment	between 10 and 33 years
Computer Equipment	5 years
Mineral rights	between 2 and 33 years
Locomotives	25 years
Wagon	33 years
Railway equipment	25 years
Ships	between 5 and 20 years
Others	between 2 and 50 years

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The residual values and useful lives of assets are reviewed and adjusted, if necessary, at the end of each fiscal year.

Significant industrial maintenance costs (for example, ships and other such assets), including spare parts, assembly services, and others, are recorded in property, plant and equipment and depreciated through the next programmed maintenance overhaul.

o) Non-controlling stockholders' interests

The Company treats transactions with non-controlling stockholders' interests as transactions with equity owners of the Group. For purchases of non-controlling stockholders' interests, the difference between any consideration paid and the portion acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in stockholders' equity. Gains or losses, on disposals of non-controlling stockholders' interest, are also recorded in stockholders' equity.

When the Company ceases to hold control or significant influence, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to its fair value, with the change in carrying amount recognized in profit or loss. Furthermore, any amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income relating to that entity are accounted for as if the Group had directly sold the related assets or liabilities. This means that the amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income are reclassified in income.

p) Impairment of assets

The Company assesses, at each reporting date whether there is evidence that the carrying amount of financial assets measured through amortized cost and long-live non-financial asset, should be impaired.

For financial assets measured through amortized cost, Vale compare the carrying amount with expected cash flows for the asset, and if there is some indication that the value is not recoverable, the carrying value is adjusted.

For long term non-financial assets, when impairment indication are identified, the test is conducted by determining the recoverable value of these assets grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs to their carrying amount. If we identify the need for adjustment, it is consistently appropriate to each asset's cash-generating unit.

For investments in affiliated companies with publicly traded stock, Vale assesses recoverability of assets when there is prolonged or significant decline in market value. The balance of their investments in relation to the market value of the shares, when available. If the market value is less than the carrying value of investments, and reducing for seasonal, the Company performs the adjustment of the investment to the realizable value quoted in the market.

Company determines its cash flows based on approved budgets, considering mineral reserves and mineral resources calculated by internal experts, costs and investments based on the best estimate of past performance, sale prices consistent with the projections used in reports published by industry considering the market price when available and appropriate. Cash flows used are designed based on the life of each cash-generating unit (consumption of reserve units in the case of minerals) and considering discount rates that reflect specific risks relating to the relevant assets in each cash-generating unit, depending on their composition and location.

Regardless the indication of impairment of its carrying amount, goodwill balances arising from business combinations and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are tested for impairment at least once a year.

q) Research and development

i. Expenditures on ore research

Expenditures on ore research are considered operating expenses until the effective proof of the economic feasibility of the commercial exploration of a given ore body. From then on, expenditures incurred are capitalized as mine development costs.

ii. Expenditures on feasibility studies and new technologies and others research

Vale also conducts feasibility studies for many other businesses which operate and researching new technologies to optimize the mining process. After proven to generate future benefits to the Company, the expenditures incurred are capitalized.

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r) Leases

The Company classifies its contracts as finance leases or operating leases based on the substance of the contract as to whether it is linked to the transfer of substantially all risks and benefits of the assets ownership to the Company during their useful life.

For finance leases, the lower of the fair value of the leased asset and the present value of minimum lease payments is recorded in tangible fixed assets and the corresponding obligation recorded in liabilities. For operating leases, payments are recognized on a straight line basis during the term of the contract as a cost or expense in the Statement of Income.

s) Accounts payable to suppliers and contractors

Accounts payable to suppliers and contractors are obligations to pay for goods and services that were acquired in the ordinary course of business, and are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using effective interest rate method.

t) Loans and Financing

Loans and Financing are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently carried at amortized cost and updated using the effective interest rate method. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in the Statement of Income over the period of the loans, using the effective interest rate method. The fees paid in obtaining the loan are recognized as transaction costs.

Compound financial instruments include financial liability (debt) components and Stockholders' equity components. The liability component of a compound financial instrument is initially recognized at fair value that is determined using discounted cash flow, considering the interest rate market for a non-convertible debt instrument with similar characteristics (period, value, credit risk). After initial recognition, the liability component of a compound financial instrument is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. The Stockholders' equity component is recognized at the difference between the total values received by the Company with the issuance of the securities, and the initial recognition amount of the liability component. After initial recognition, the stockholders' equity component of a compound financial instrument is not remeasured until its conversion.

u) Provision

Provisions are recognized only when there is a present obligation (legal or constructive) resulting from a past event, and it is probable that settlement of this obligation would result in an outflow of resources and the amount of the obligation may be reasonably estimated. Provisions are reviewed and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate at the end of each reporting period. Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditure expected to be required to settle an obligation using a pre-tax rate, which reflects current market assessments of time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the obligation due to the passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

v) Employee benefits

i. Current benefits wages, vacations and related taxes

Payments of benefits such as wages, vacation past due or accrued vacation, as well their related social security taxes over those benefits, are recognized monthly in income, at the accrual basis.

ii. Current benefits profit sharing

The Company has a profit sharing policy, based on the achievement of the Company as a whole, specific areas as well as employees individual performance goals. The Company recognizes provision based on the recurring measurement of the compliance with goals, using the accrual basis and recognition of present obligation arising from past events in the estimated outflow of resources in the future. The counter entry of the provision is recorded as cost of sales or service rendered or operating expenses in accordance with the activity of each employee.

iii. Non-current benefits non-current incentive

The Company has established a procedure to award certain eligible executives (Matching Plan and Long-Term Incentive Plan - ILP) with the goal of encouraging retention and sustained performance among others. The Matching plan establishes that these executives eligible to the plan are entitled to a specific quantity of their own preferred class A stocks of the Company, and shall be entitled at the end of three years to a cash sum corresponding to the market value of the shares lot initially linked by the executives,

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provided that they are under the ownership of executives throughout the entirety of the period. As well as matching, the ILP provides at the end of three years the payment in the amount equivalent to a certain number of shares based on the assessment of the executives' career and Company performance factors in relation to a group of companies of similar size (per group). Liabilities are measured at each reporting date, at fair value, based on market quotations. Obligations are measured at each reporting date, to the fair value based on market quotations. The compensation costs incurred are recognized in income during the three-year vesting period as defined.

iv. Non-current benefit pension cost and other post-retirement benefits

The Company maintains several retirement plans for its employees.

For defined contribution plans, the Company's obligation is limited to a monthly contribution linked to a pre-defined percentage over remuneration of employees related to these plans.

For defined benefit plans, actuarial calculations are periodically obtained for liabilities determined in accordance with the Projected Unit Credit Method in order to estimate the Company's obligation. The liability recognized in the Balance Sheet is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the Balance Sheet date, less the fair value of plan assets, with adjustments for past service cost not recognized. Actuarial gain and loss are appointed and controlled at corridor method. This method separates the amounts which exceed the limits of 10% of amounts of assets or liabilities, whichever is greater; amortizing it based on the remaining life expectancy active participants of plan. For plans without active participants, the excess amount is recognized fully in the income. Past service costs that arise with changes in plans are released immediately in income.

For plans with a surplus position, the Company does not recognize any asset or benefit in the Balance Sheet or Statement of Income, in the absence of a clear position on the use of this surplus. For plans with a deficit position, the Company recognizes liabilities and results arising from the actuarial valuation and actuarial gains and losses generated by the evaluation of these plans in income, according to the corridor method.

w) Derivative financial instruments and hedging operations

The Company uses derivative instruments to manage its financial risks as a way to hedge these risks. The Company does not use derivative instruments for speculative purposes. Derivative financial instruments are recognized as assets or liabilities on the Statement of Balance Sheet and are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value of derivatives are recorded in each year as gains or losses in the statements of income or in unrealized fair value gain/ (losses) in stockholders' equity when the transaction is illegible and characterized as an effective cash flow hedge.

The Company documents the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items with the objective of risk management and strategy for carrying out hedging operations. The Company also documents its assessment, both initially and continuously, that the derivatives used in hedging transactions are highly effective in their changes in fair value or cash flows of hedged items.

The variations in fair value of derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges have their effective component recorded in unrealized fair value gain/ (losses) and recognized as stockholders' equity; and their ineffective component recorded in income. The amounts recorded in Comprehensive Income, will only be transferred to the income in an appropriate account (cost, operating expense or financial expense) when the hedged item is actually performed.

x) Current and Deferred Income Tax and Social Contribution

The amounts of income tax and social contribution are recognized in the Statement of Income, except for items recognized directly in stockholders' equity, in which cases the tax is also recognized in stockholders' equity.

The provision for income tax is calculated individually for each entity in the Group based on tax rates and tax rules in force in the location of the entity. The recognition of deferred taxes is based on temporary differences between carrying value and the tax basis of assets and liabilities as well as net operating losses carry forwards. Deferred tax liabilities are fully recognized. The deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against fiscal current liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities are related to income taxes recorded by the same taxation authority on the same taxable entity.

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y) **Participation of noncontrolling shareholders**

The Company treats transactions with noncontrolling minority interest as transactions with equity owners of the entity. For purchases from noncontrolling interests, the difference between any consideration paid and the book value of the share of net assets of acquired subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to noncontrolling shareholders are also recorded in equity.

When the control of the Company ceases, any retained interest in the entity is remeasured to fair value, with the change in carrying amount recognized in earnings. In addition, any amounts previously recognized in equity in income from transactions with noncontrolling shareholders, in respect of that entity are accounted for as if the entity had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities. This means that the amounts previously recognized in operations results with noncontrolling interests in income statement are reclassified.

z) **Capital**

The Company periodically practices the repurchase of shares to remain in treasury for future sale or cancellation. These shares are recorded in a specific account as reduction of stockholders' equity at acquisition value and kept at cost value. These programs are approved by the Board with a term and quantities by determined type of shares.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are demonstrated in Stockholders' equity as a deduction from the amount raised, net of taxes.

aa) **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognized when Vale transfers to its customers all significant risks and rewards of ownership of the product sold and services rendered. Revenue excludes any applicable sales taxes and is recognized at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable to the extent that it is probable that economic benefits will flow to Vale and the revenues and costs can be reliably measured.

In most instances sales revenue is recognized when the product is delivered to the destination specified by the customer, which is typically the vessel on which it is shipped, the destination port or the customer's premises. However, when the model negotiated with the customer is transferring risks and benefits of the product in shipment, revenue is recognized at the time.

In some cases, the sale price is determined on a provisional basis at the date of sale as the final selling price is subject to escalation clauses in contracts up to the date of final pricing. Revenue from the sale of provisionally priced is recognised when risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the customer and revenue can be measured reliably. At this date, the amount of revenue to be recognized are estimated based on the forward price of product sold.

Amounts billed to customers for shipping correspond to products sold by the Company are recognized as revenue when that is responsible for shipping. Shipping costs are recognized as operating costs.

bb) Government Grants and Support

Government grants and support are accounted for when the Company complies with reasonable security conditions set by the government related to grants and support received. The Company records via the Statement of Income, as reductions in taxes or spending according to the nature of the item, through the distribution of results in the Statement of Income, retained earnings in stockholders equity.

cc) Basic and Diluted earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the income attributable to stockholders of the Company, deducted from the remuneration of holders of equity securities, at the weighted average number of shares outstanding (total shares less treasury shares).

Diluted earnings per share are calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of shares outstanding to assume conversion of all diluted potential shares. Vale has in your records, securities mandatory convertible shares, which will be converted using treasury shares held by the Company. These securities were recorded as an equity instrument, there is no other option, both for Company and the holders to liquidate all or partially using financial resources, therefore, it has recognized as net of finance charges in a specific shareholders equity component.

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dd) Statement of Added Value – DVA

The company publishes its consolidated and the parent company statements of added value (DVA) in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil applicable to public companies which are submitted as part of the financial statements in accordance with Brazilian accounting practices. For IFRS, this statement is presented as additional information, without prejudice to the set of financial statements.

ee) Interest on stockholder's equity (Dividends)

Vale is permitted to distribute interest attributable to stockholders' equity. The calculation is based on the stockholders' equity amounts as stated in the statutory accounting records and the interest rate applied may not exceed the long-term interest rate (TJLP) determined by the Brazilian Central Bank. Also, such interest may not exceed 50% of net income for the year or 50% of retained earnings plus revenue reserves as determined by Brazilian corporate law.

The benefit to Vale, as opposed to making a dividend payment, is a reduction in our income tax burden because this interest charge is tax deductible in Brazil. Income tax of 15% is withheld on behalf of the stockholders relative to the interest distribution. Under Brazilian law, interest attributed to stockholders' equity is considered as part of the annual minimum mandatory dividend (Note 24-f). This notional interest distribution is treated for accounting purposes as a deduction from stockholders' equity in a manner similar to a dividend and the tax credit recorded in income.

3. Critical Accounting Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and also the exercise of judgments by management of the Company.

These estimates are based on the best knowledge existing in each period. Changes in facts and circumstances may lead to the revision of the estimates, because those actual future results may differ from estimates.

The significant estimates and assumptions used by management in preparing these financial statements are presented as such:

a) Mineral reserves and mine useful life

The estimates of proved reserves and probable reserves are regularly evaluated and updated. The proved and probable reserves are determined using generally accepted geological estimates. The calculation of reserves requires the Company to take positions on expected future conditions that are highly uncertain, including future ore prices, exchange rates, inflation rates, mining technology, availability of permits and production costs. Changes in some of these assumptions could have a significant impact on proved reserves and probable reserves recorded.

The estimated volume of mineral reserves is used as basis for the calculation of depletion of the mines, and also for the estimated useful life which is a major factor to quantify the provision for asset retirement obligation and environmental rehabilitation of mines. Any change to the estimates of the volume of mine reserves and the useful life of assets may have significant impact on charges for depreciation, depletion and amortization recognized in the financial statements as cost of goods sold. Changes in estimated useful life of the mines could cause significant impact on the estimates of environmental provision and impairment analysis.

b) Asset Retirement

The provision made by the Company refers basically to the cost of mine closure, upon the completion of mining activities and removal of assets related to mine. The provision is set up initially by recording long-term liabilities with a counter entry to property, plant and equipment. The long-term liabilities are subsequently carried at amortize cost, considering the original discount rate with changes registered against the income of the period, as interest expenses. The asset is depreciated on a straight line by useful life of the main asset, and recorded against income.

The Company considers the accounting estimates related to closure costs of a mine as a critical accounting policy because they involve significant values for the provision and are estimated using several assumptions, such as interest rate, inflation, useful life of the asset considering the current state of closure and the projected date of depletion of each mine. The estimates are reviewed annually.

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c) Deferred income tax and social contribution

The Company recognizes the effects of deferred taxes arising from tax losses and temporary differences on its consolidated and Parent Company's financial statements. It recognizes impairment where it believes that tax credits are not fully recoverable in the future.

The determination of the provision for income taxes or deferred income tax, assets and liabilities, and any impairment on tax credits requires estimates by the Company. For each future credit tax, the Company assesses the probability that part or all of the tax assets may not be recovered. The impairment made with respect to accumulated tax losses depends on the assessment of the Company on the probability of the generation of future taxable profits based on production and sales planning, commodity prices, operational costs, restructuring plans, reclamation costs and planned capital costs.

d) Litigation loss

Provisions are recorded when the possibility of loss is considered probable by our legal department and legal advisors regarding legal processes and contingent liabilities.

The provisions are recorded when the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. By their nature, contingencies will be resolved when one or more future event occurs or fails to occur. Typically, the occurrence of such events does not depend on our performance, which complicates the realization of precise estimates about the date on which such events are verified.

Assessing such liabilities, particularly in the uncertain Brazilian legal jurisdictions that the Company operates, environment and other jurisdictions, involves the exercise of significant estimates and judgments of management regarding the results of future events.

e) Post retirement benefits for employees

The amount recognized and disclosed depend on a number of factors that are determined based on actuarial calculations using several assumptions in order to determine costs, liabilities, among others. One of the assumptions used in determining the amounts to be recorded in accounting is the discount rate. Any changes to these assumptions will affect the amount accounted.

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The Company, together with external actuaries, reviews at the end of each year, the assumptions that should be used for the following year. These premises are used for upgrades and estimated of fair value of assets and liabilities, costs and expenses and determination of future values of estimated cash outflows, which are recorded in the plan obligations.

f) Impairment

The Company tests impairment of tangible and intangible assets segregated by cash-generating units, usually using discounted cash flow that depends on several estimates, which are influenced by market conditions prevailing at the time the impairment test, is performed.

g) Fair Value of derivatives and others financial instruments

Fair value of financial instruments not traded in active market is determined by using valuation techniques. Vale uses its own judgment to choose the various methods and assumptions and set which are based on market conditions, at the end of the year.

The analysis of the impacts, if actual results were different from management's estimate, is presented in note 25(d) sensitivity analysis.

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4. Accounting Standards

The Company prepared its consolidated financial statements under IFRS based on the standards issued by the Brazilian Accountant Standards Committee (Comitê de Pronunciamentos Contábeis or CPC) and approved by Securities and Exchange Commission of Brazil (Comissão de Valores Mobiliários or CVM). The standards issued by the IASB, with adoption required for the years ending after December 31, 2012, but not approved by CVM, will not be adopted by the Company in advance.

a) Pronouncements, interpretations, guidelines or revisions approved by CVM for adoption prior to December 31, 2012

Considering the option as last amended by CPC 19 (R1) Investment in joint venture (JV), issued on August 4, 2011 and anticipating the consequences of CPC 18 (R2) - Investments in Associates, Subsidiaries and Colligates (correlative to IFRS 11), the Company, for purposes of the consolidated statements, no longer has participation in joint venture by the proportional consolidation method and decided to present their investment in these entities using equity method in the year of 2012.

Introducing the new policy as if it had always been adopted, apply the amendments retrospectively by adjusting the opening balances of the comparative periods.

b) Standards, interpretations or updates issued by the IASB for adoption after December 31, 2012

Investment Entities - In October 2012 the IASB issued an update statement to IFRS 10 - Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 12 - Disclosure of Interests in other Entities and IAS 27 - Separate Financial Statements, which, among other rules, defines the concept of entity investment and introduces an exception to the consolidation of subsidiaries for specific investment entities. The adoption of the updates will be applied from January 1, 2014 and Vale does not expect those upgrades produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

Consolidated Financial Statements, Joint Arrangements and Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities: Transition Guidance - In June 2012 the IASB issued an update statement to IFRS 10 - Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 11 - Joint Arrangements and IFRS 12 - Disclosure Of Interests In Other Entities, which, among other rules, clarifies issues on the date of adoption of IFRS 10 and aspects relating to the presentation of comparative information of IFRS 11 and IFRS 12. The adoption of the updates will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect those upgrades produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

Annual Improvements to IFRSs - In May 2012 the IASB issued updates consolidated annual for the year 2012. The updates represent changes not urgent, but necessary, to general pronouncements. The standard were affected: IFRS 1 - First-time Adoption of International Financial

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Reporting Standards, IAS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements, IAS 16 - Property, Plant and Equipment, IAS 32 - Financial Instruments: Presentation and IAS 34 - Interim Financial Reporting. The adoption of the updates will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect those upgrades produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities - In December 2011 the IASB issued an update statement to IAS 32 - Financial Instruments: Presentation updated guide to applying this standard about the recognition of financial assets and liabilities on a gross and net. The adoption of required updates will be applied from January 1, 2014 and we are analyzing potential impacts regarding this update on our financial statements.

Mandatory Effective Date and Transition Disclosures - In December 2011 the IASB issued an update statement to IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments and IFRS 7 - Financial Instruments: Disclosures postponing the date of initial adoption of IFRS 9 and IFRS 7 updates have occurred in January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2015. Vale does not expect this change to take material impact on its financial statements.

IFRIC 20 - Stripping Costs in the Production Phase of a Surface Mine - In October 2011 the IASB issued IFRIC 20 which defines rules for the measurement and recognition of the costs of stripping of surface mine in production. The adoption of this interpretation will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect this interpretation produce relevant impacts on its financial statements.

IAS 19 - Employee Benefits - In June 2011 the IASB remitted the standard IAS 19 on employee benefits. Among the amendments, with the most significant highlight: (i) the exclusion of the possibility of using the corridor method - which allowed the actuarial gains and losses up to a maximum of 10% of the present value of the defined benefit obligation or Fair value of plan assets, whichever is higher, would be allocated to income over the average remaining working lives of the employees participating in the plan, (ii) the full recognition of actuarial gains and losses in Other Comprehensive Income and (iii) the financial revenue and expenditure plan shall be recognized on a net basis in the discount rate. The adoption of this standard will be required from January 1, 2013. Vale is quantifying the impact on financial statements.

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IFRS 10 - Consolidated Financial Statements - In May 2011 the IASB issued IFRS 10, which, among other changes, creates a specific statement to the consolidated financial statements, determines that the jointly-controlled companies will no longer be consolidated accounts for the aspects of the definition of control and significant influence and eliminates conflicts between this standard, IAS 28 and IAS 27. The adoption of this standard will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect those changes produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

IAS 28 - Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures - In May 2011 the IASB remitted the standard IAS 28 on investment related companies, which among other changes, equates the jointly-controlled companies and affiliates determines that investment in both is measured by equity method. The adoption of this standard will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect those changes produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

IAS 27 - Separate Financial Statements - In May 2011 the IASB remitted the standard IAS 27 on separate financial statements, which remains the only regulating separate statements and reflects updates introduced by IFRS 10 and IAS 28 remitted, which are the relevant separate statements. The adoption of this standard will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect those changes produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

IFRS 11 - Joint Arrangements - In May 2011 the IASB issued IFRS 11, standard on contracts together, which regulates the measurement, recognition and presentation of contracts and operating agreements together, specifically for cases where no constituting entities. The adoption of this standard will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect those upgrades produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

IFRS 12 - Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities - In May 2011 the IASB issued IFRS 12 on the standard investments in entities that in general, determine the accounting treatment for investments in other entities, making references to IFRS 10, IFRS 11, IAS 28 remitted and IAS 27 remitted. The adoption of this standard will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect those upgrades produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

IFRS 13 - Fair Value Measurement - In May 2011 the IASB issued IFRS 13 on fair value measurements which defines the fair value measurement applied in all cases where it is required and presents specific rules for the disclosure of fair value. The adoption of this standard will be applied from January 1, 2013 and Vale does not expect those upgrades produce significant impacts on its financial statements.

IFRS 9 - Financial Instruments - In October 2010 the IASB issued IFRS 9 standard that, among other things, amends and simplifies the criteria for recognizing and measuring financial assets and financial liabilities and some contracts to buy and sell non-financial assets. After update in December 2011, the adoption of the statement will be required from January 1, 2015 and is still worth analyzing potential impacts regarding this update on its financial statements.

For all statements, interpretations and updates above were issued and approved, or are in the process of issuing and approval by the CVM, with the same dates of adoption.

c) **Standards, interpretations, guidelines or revisions approved by the CVM for adoption after December 31, 2012**

CPC 46 - Fair Value Measurements - In December 2012, the CVM approved CPC 46 about Fair Value Measurements, substantially correlated with IFRS 13.

CPC 36(R3) - Consolidated Financial Statements- In December 2012, the CVM approved the revisions to the standard CPC 36 about consolidated financial statements, substantially correlated with IFRS 10.

CPC 45 - Disclosure of Interests in other Entities - In December 2012, the CVM approved CPC 45 about disclosure of interests in other entities, substantially correlated with IFRS 12.

CPC 18(R2) Investments in Associates, Subsidiaries and Joint Venture - In December 2012, the CVM approved the revisions to the standard CPC 18 about investments in associates and joint ventures, making it substantially correlated with the updated IAS 28.

CPC 33(R1) Employee Benefits- In December 2012, the CVM approved the revisions to the standard CPC 33 about employee benefits, substantially correlated with IAS 19.

CPC 19(R2) Business Combination- In November 2012, the CVM approved the revisions to the standard CPC 19 about Business Combination, substantially correlated with IFRS 11.

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5. Risk Management

Vale considers that an effective risk management is a key objective to support its growth plan, strategic planning and financial flexibility. Therefore, Vale has developed its risk management strategy in order to provide an integrated approach of the risks the company is exposed to. To do that, Vale evaluates not only the impact in the results of the business caused by variables traded in financial markets (market risk), but also the risk from counterparties obligations (credit risk), those relating to inadequate or failed internal processes, people, systems or external events (operational risk), those arising from liquidity risk, among others.

a) Risk management policy

The Board of Directors established a risk management policy in order to support the company's growth plan, strategic planning and business continuity, to improve its capital structure and assets management, to ensure flexibility and strength in financial management and to strengthen its corporate governance practices.

The corporate risk management policy determines that Vale should measure and monitor regularly its corporate risk on a consolidated approach in order to guarantee that the overall risk level of the Company remains aligned with the guidelines defined by the Board of Directors and the Executive Board.

The Executive Risk Management Committee, created by the Board of Directors, is responsible for supporting the Executive Board in the risk assessments and for issuing opinion regarding the Company's risk management. It is also responsible for the supervision and revision of the principles and instruments of corporate risk management.

The Executive Board is responsible for the approval of the policy deployment into norms, rules and responsibilities and for reporting to the Board of Directors about such procedures.

The risk management norms and instructions complement the corporate risk management policy and define practices, processes, controls, roles and responsibilities in the Company regarding risk management.

The Company may, when necessary, allocate specific risk limits to management activities, including but not limited to, market risk limit, corporate and sovereign credit limit, in accordance with the acceptable corporate risk limit.

b) Liquidity risk management

The liquidity risk arises from the possibility that Vale might not perform its obligations on due dates, as well as face difficulties to meet its cash requirements due to market liquidity constraints.

To mitigate such risk, Vale has a revolving credit facility to assist the short term liquidity management and to enable more efficiency in cash management, being consistent with the strategic focus on cost of capital reduction. The revolving credit facility available today was acquired from a syndicate of several global commercial banks.

c) Credit risk management

Vale's credit risk arises from potential negative impacts in its cash flows due to uncertainty in the ability of counterparties to meet their contractual obligations. To manage that risk, Vale has procedures and processes, such as the controlling of credit limits, the obligation of exposure diversification through several counterparties and the monitoring of the portfolio's credit risk.

Vale's counterparties can be divided into three main categories: the customers, responsible by obligations regarding receivables from payment term sales; financial institutions with whom Vale keeps its cash investments or negotiates derivatives transactions; and suppliers of equipment, products and services in the case of payments in advance.

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() Commercial Credit Risk Management

For the commercial credit exposure, which arises from sales to final customers, the risk management department, in accordance with the current delegation level, approves or request the approval of credit risk limits for each counterpart. Besides that, the Executive Board sets annually global commercial credit risk limits for the customer´s portfolio. The approved global limit and the working capital cost inbuilt on this limit are monitored on a monthly basis.

Vale attributes an internal credit risk rating for each counterparty using its own quantitative methodology for credit risk analysis, based on three main sources of information: i) Expected Default Frequency (EDF) provided by KMV (Moody´s); ii) credit ratings from the main international credit agencies; iii) customer financial statements from which financial ratios are built.

On 31 December 2012, 83% of accounts receivable due to Vale commercial sales had low or insignificant risk, 14% had moderate risk and only 3% high risk.

Whenever considered necessary, the quantitative credit risk analysis is complemented by a qualitative analysis which takes into consideration the payment history of that counterparty, its commercial relationship with Vale and the customer´s strategic position in its economic sector, among others variables.

Based on the counterparty´s credit risk or based on Vale´s consolidated credit risk profile, risk mitigation strategies are used to minimize the Company´s credit risk in order to meet the acceptable level of risk approved by the Executive Board. The main credit risk mitigation strategies used by the Company are credit insurance, mortgage, letter of credit and corporate guarantees, among others.

Vale has a well-diversified accounts receivable portfolio from a geographical standpoint, being China, Europe, Brazil and Japan the regions with more significant exposures. According to each region, different guarantees can be used to enhance the credit quality of the receivables.

Vale controls its account receivables portfolio through Credit and Cash Collection committees, in which representatives from risk management, cash collection and commercial departments monitor periodically each counterparty´s position. Finally, Vale has an automatic control that blocks additional sales to customers in default.

(i) Treasury Credit Risk Management

The management of exposure arising from cash investments and derivatives instruments is realized through the following procedures: annual approval by the Executive Board of the credit limits by counterparty, controls of portfolio diversification, counterparties' credit spread variations and the treasury portfolio overall credit risk. There is also a monitoring of all positions, exposure versus limit control and periodic report to the Executive Risk Management Committee.

The calculation of the exposure to a counterparty that has several derivative transactions with Vale is considered the sum of exposures of each derivative acquired with this counterparty. The exposure for each derivative is defined as the future value calculated within the life of the derivative, considering the variation of the market risk factors that affect the value of the derivative instrument.

Vale also assess the creditworthiness of its counterparties in treasury operations following an internal methodology similar to commercial credit risk management that aims to define a default probability for each counterparty.

Depending on the counterparty's nature (banks, insurance companies, countries or corporations), different inputs will be considered: i) expected default probability given by KMV; ii) CDS (Credit Default Swaps) and bond market spreads; iii) credit ratings defined by the main international rating agencies; iv) financial statements data and indicators analysis.

- **Market risk management**

Vale is exposed to the behavior of various market risk factors that can impact its cash flow. The assessment of this potential impact arising from the volatility of risk factors and their correlations is performed periodically to support the decision making process and the growth strategy of the Company, ensure its financial flexibility and monitor the volatility of future cash flows.

When necessary, market risk mitigation strategies are evaluated and implemented in line with these objectives. Some strategies may incorporate financial instruments, including derivatives. The portfolios of the financial instruments are monitored on a monthly basis, enabling financial results surveillance and its impact on cash flow, and ensuring strategies adherence to the proposed objectives.

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Considering the nature of Vale's business and operations, the main market risk factors which the Company is exposed to are:

- Interest rates;
- Foreign exchange;
- Product prices and input costs.

(ii) Foreign exchange and interest rate risk

The company's cash flow is subjected to volatility of several currencies, once its product prices are predominantly indexed to US dollar, while most of the costs, disbursements and investments are indexed to other currencies, mainly Brazilian real and Canadian dollar.

In order to reduce the potential impact that arises from this currency mismatch, derivatives instruments can be used as a risk mitigation strategy.

In the case of cash flow foreign exchange protection regarding revenues, costs, disbursements and investments, the main risk mitigation strategies used are forwards and swaps.

Vale implemented hedge transactions to protect its cash flow against the market risks that arises from its debt obligations – mainly currency volatility. We use swap transactions to convert debt linked to Brazilian real and Euros into US dollar that have similar - or sometimes shorter - settlement dates than the final maturity of the debt instruments. Their notional amounts are similar to the principal and interest payments, subjected to liquidity market conditions.

Swaps with shorter settlement dates are renegotiated through time so that their final maturity matches - or becomes closer - to the debts' final maturity. At each settlement date, the results of the swap transactions partially offset the impact of the foreign exchange rate in Vale's obligations, contributing to stabilize the cash disbursements in US dollar.

In the case of debt instruments denominated in Brazilian real, in the event of an appreciation (or depreciation) of the Brazilian Real against the US Dollar, the negative (or positive) impact on Vale's debt service (interest and/or principal payment) measured in US dollars will be partially offset by the positive (or negative) effect from the swaps, regardless of the US\$/R\$ exchange rate on the payment date. The same rationale is

applicable to debts denominated in other currencies and their respective swaps.

Vale has also exposure to interest rates risks over loans and financings. The US Dollar floating rate debt in the portfolio consists mainly of loans including export pre-payments, commercial banks and multilateral organizations loans. In general, such debt instruments are indexed to the LIBOR (London Interbank Offer Rate in US dollar). Considering the impact of interest rate volatility on the cash flow, Vale observes the potential natural hedges effects between US Dollar floating rates and commodities prices in the decision process of acquiring financial instruments.

(iii) Risk of product and Input prices

Vale is also exposed to market risks regarding commodities prices and input volatilities. In accordance with risk management policy, risk mitigation strategies involving commodities can be used to adjust the cash flow risk profile and reduce Vale's cash flow volatility. For this kind of risk mitigation strategy, Vale uses predominantly forwards, futures or zero-cost collars.

- **Operational risk management**

The operational risk management is the structured approach that Vale uses to manage uncertainty related to possible inadequate or failure in internal processes, people, systems and external events.

Thus, the operational risk mitigation is performed by creating new controls and improving the existing ones, new mitigation plans, as well as the risk transferring through insurance. Therefore, the Company seeks to have a clear view of its major risks, of the best cost-benefit mitigation plans and of the controls in place, monitoring the potential impact of operational risk and allocating capital efficiently.

- **Capital Management**

The Company's policy aims, to manage its capital, to seek a structure that will ensure the continuity of your business in the long term. Within this perspective, the Company has been able to deliver value to stockholders through dividend payments and capital gain, and at the same time maintain a debt profile suitable for its activities, with an amortization well distributed over the years, on average 10 years, thus avoiding a concentration in one specific period.

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• **Insurance**

Vale hires several types of insurance, such as operational risks insurance, civil responsibility, engineering risks insurance (projects), life insurance policy for their employees, among others. The coverage of these policies is similar to the ones used in general by the mining industry and is contracted in line with the objectives defined by the Company, with the corporate risk management policy and the limitation imposed by the insurance and reinsurance global market.

Insurance management is performed with the support of existing insurance committees in the various operational areas of the Company. Among the management instruments, Vale uses captive reinsurance companies that allows to contract insurances on a competitive basis as well as direct access to key international markets of insurance and reinsurance.

6. Acquisitions and Divestitures

a) Belvedere Coal Project

In 2012 Vale conclude the purchase option on additional 24.5% participation in the Belvedere Coal Project owned by Aquila Resources Limited (Aquila) in the amount of AUD 150 million (R\$318).

The acquisition is subject to approvals from the government of Queensland, Australia. As a result of this transaction, Vale will increase its participation in Belvedere to 100%. Additionally, Vale agreed to pay AUD 20 million (R\$42) to end litigations and disputes relating to the Belvedere with Aquila.

The project is still in stage of development and, consequently, subject to approval of the Board of Directors of Vale. At the end of transaction, Vale will have paid US\$338 million (R\$691) for 100% of Belvedere.

b) Fertilizer Business

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In 2010, through our wholly owned subsidiary Mineração Naque S.A. (Naque), we acquired 78.92% of the total capital (being 99.83% of the voting capital) of Vale Fertilizantes S.A. and 100% of the total capital of Vale Fosfatados. In 2011 and beginning of 2012, we concluded several transactions including a public offer to acquire the free floating of Vale Fertilizantes S.A. and its delisting which resulted in the current ownership of 100% of the total capital of this subsidiary.

The purchase consideration of the business combination effected in 2010, when control was obtained, amounted to R\$10,696. The purchase price allocation exercise was concluded in 2011 and generated a deferred tax liability on the fair value adjustments, determined based on the temporary differences between the accounting basis of those assets and liabilities at fair values and their tax basis represented by the historical carrying values at the acquired entity. According to current Brazilian tax regulations, goodwill generated in connection with a business combination as well as the fair values of assets and liabilities acquired are only tax deductible post a legal merger between the acquirer and the acquired.

In June 2012, we have decided to legally merge Naque and Vale Fertilizantes. As a result, the carrying amounts of acquired assets and liabilities accounted for at Naque s consolidated financial statements, represented by their amortized fair values from acquisition date, became their tax basis. Therefore, upon concluding the merger, there are no longer differences between tax basis and carrying amounts of the net assets acquired, and consequently there is no longer deferred tax liability amount to be recognized. The outstanding balance of the initially recognized deferred tax liability (accounted for in connection with the purchase accounting) totaling R\$2,533 was entirely recycled through P&L for the year ended December 31, 2012, in connection with the legal merger of Vale Fertilizantes into Naque.

In addition, Naque was then renamed as Vale Fertilizantes S.A.

c) **Sale of coal**

In June 2012, we have concluded the sale of our thermal coal operations in Colombia to CPC S.A.S., an affiliate of Colombian Natural Resources S.A.S. (CNR), a privately held company.

The thermal coal operations in Colombia constitute a fully-integrated mine-railway-port system consisting of a coal mine and a coal deposit; a coal port facility; and an equity participation in a railway connecting the coal mines to the port.

The loss on this transaction, of R\$ 722 was recorded in the Statement of income in the line Gain (loss) on sale of assets

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d) Acquisition of EBM shares

Continuing the process of optimization its corporate structure, during the second quarter 2012 Vale acquired additional 10.46% of Empreendimentos Brasileiros de Mineração S. A. (EBM), whose main asset is the participation in Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S. A. (MBR), which owns mines sites Itabirito, Vargem Grande and Paraopeba. As a result of the acquisition, we increased our share of the capital of EBM to 96.7% and of MBR to 98.3%, and the amount of R\$500 are recognized as a result from operations with non-controlling interest in Stockholders Equity .

e) Manganese and ferroalloys

In October 2012, we have concluded the sale of the manganese ferroalloys operations in Europe to subsidiaries of Glencore International Plc., a company listed on the London and Hong Kong Stock Exchanges, for US\$160 million (R\$318) in cash, subject to the fulfillment of certain precedent conditions. We recognized a loss of US\$ 22 million (R\$45) presented in our statement of income as gain (loss) on sale of assets .

The manganese ferroalloys operations in Europe consist of: (a) 100% of Vale Manganèse France SAS, located in Dunkerque, France; and (b) 100% of Vale Manganese Norway AS, located in Mo I Rana, Norway.

f) Participation of Vale Oman Pelletizing

In October 2012, Vale sold 30% of participation in Vale Oman Pelletizing LLC for the Oman Oil Company, wholly owned subsidiary of the Government of the Sultanate of Oman, for US\$71 million (R\$145). We recognized a gain of US\$63 million (R\$129) recorded in Stockholders Equity.

7 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

	December 31, 2012	Consolidated		Parent Company		
		December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	
Cash and bank accounts	2,440	1,770	933	36	177	
Short-term investments	9,478	4,823	11,703	652	398	

11,918	6,593	12,636	688	575
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Cash and cash equivalents includes cash values, demand deposits, and financial investments with insignificant risk of changes in value, being part Brazilian Reais indexed at the rate of Brazilian interbank certificates of deposit (DI Rate or CDI) and part in US Dollars in time deposits with a maturity of less than three months.

The increase in cash equivalents during the 2012, is mainly related to the cash provided by operating activities and the notes issued during 2012 (note 17).

8 - Short-term investment

	December 31, 2012	Consolidated December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	December 31, 2012	Parent Company December 31, 2011
Short-term investments	506		2,987	43	

This includes the financial investments in low risk investments with a maturity of between 91 and 360 days, classified as a financial asset fair value through profit or loss (note 22).

9 - Accounts Receivables

	December 31, 2012	Consolidated December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	December 31, 2012	Parent Company December 31, 2011
Denominated in reais					
brazilian Reais	1,734	2,295	2,044	1,519	2,238
Denominated in other currencies, mainly US\$	12,384	13,791	11,833	20,434	13,698
	14,118	16,086	13,877	21,953	15,936
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(233)	(197)	(196)	(114)	(127)
	13,885	15,889	13,681	21,839	15,809

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Accounts receivables related to the steel industry market represent 71,26% and 67,9%, of receivables on December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

No one customer represents over 10% of receivables or revenues.

The loss estimates for credit losses recorded in income as at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 totaled R\$70 and R\$3, respectively. Write offs as at December 31, 2012, and December 31, 2011 totaled R\$34 and R\$2, respectively.

10 - Inventory

	December 31, 2012	Consolidated December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	Parent Company December 31, 2012	Parent Company December 31, 2011
Inventories of products					
Finished	4,575	4,881	2,976	2,080	2,170
In process	2,776	2,569	1,613		
	7,351	7,450	4,589	2,080	2,170
Inventories of spare parts and maintenance supplies	2,969	2,383	2,572	1,203	1,013
Total	10,320	9,833	7,161	3,283	3,183

On December 31, 2012, Inventories included provisions to adjustment in manganese, nickel e copper products amounting to R\$0, R\$6 and R\$6 (on December 31, 2011 R\$16, R\$ 27 and R\$ 0), respectively.

	December 31, 2012	Consolidated Year ended December 31, 2011
Changes in the inventory		
Balance on begin of year	7,450	4,609
Addition	43,635	40,105
Transfer on maintenance supplies	8,341	6,276
Write-off by sale	(51,997)	(42,451)
Write-off by inventory adjustment		(1,051)
(write-off) by lower cost or market adjustment	(78)	(38)
Balance on ended of year	7,351	7,450

	Parent Company Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Changes in the inventory		
Balance on begin of year	2,170	1,535
Addition	20,486	18,700
Transfer on maintenance supplies	3,730	3,181
Write-off by sale	(24,245)	(20,958)
Write-off by inventory adjustment		(261)
Write-off by lower cost or market adjustment	(61)	(27)
Balance on ended of year	2,080	2,170

	Consolidated Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Changes on Inventory of consumable materials		
Balance on begin of year	2,383	2,563
Addition	8,927	6,096
Consumption	(8,341)	(6,276)
Balance on ended of year	2,969	2,383

	Parent Company Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Changes on Inventory of consumable materials		
Balance on begin of year	1,013	782
Addition	3,920	3,412
Consumption	(3,730)	(3,181)
Balance on ended of year	1,203	1,013

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In December 2012, we have signed with Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras) an agreement to sell Araucária, operation for production of nitrogens, located in Araucária, in the Brazilian state of Paraná, for US\$234 million (R\$478). The purchase price will be paid by Petrobras through installments accrued quarterly, adjusted by 100% of the Brazilian Interbank Interest rate (CDI), in amounts equivalent to the royalties due by Vale related to the leasing of potash assets and mining of Taquari-Vassouras and of the Carnalita project.

At December 31, 2012 this assets are recognized in Assets Held for Sale, in the subgroup property, plant and equipment.

	December 31, 2012
Assets held for sale	
Accounts receivable	29
Recoverable taxes	42
Inventories	41
Property, plant and equipment	794
Other	29
Total	935
Liabilities related to assets held for sale	
Suppliers	24
Deferred income tax	225
Others	78
Total	327

12 Recoverable Taxes

	December 31, 2012	Consolidated December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	Parent Company December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Income tax	2,371	1,496	765	168	169
Value-added tax	2,090	1,913	806	1,056	731
Brazilian Federal Contributions (PIS - COFINS)	1,370	1,768		1,014	1,536
Others	132	110	1,701	88	82
Total	5,963	5,287	3,272	2,326	2,518
Current	4,620	4,190	2,671	2,071	2,317
Non-current	1,343	1,097	601	255	201
Total	5,963	5,287	3,272	2,326	2,518

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	Consolidated	
	Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Balance on begin of year	14,984	7,321
Additions	892	7,357
Disposals	(62)	(8)
Cumulative translation adjustment	1,087	443
Equity	1,241	1,851
Valuation Adjustment	66	(28)
Dividends declared	(1,162)	(1,952)
Impairment	(4,002)	
Balance on ended of year	13,044	14,984

	Parent Company	
	Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Balance on begin of year	113,150	92,111
Additions	7,334	6,284
Disposals	(1,252)	(579)
Cumulative translation adjustment	8,432	8,168
Equity	749	9,996
Valuation Adjustment	(1,105)	(765)
Dividends declared	(1,461)	(2,065)
Impairment	(1,976)	
Balance on ended of year	123,871	113,150

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	Investments			Equity results		Received dividends	
	December 31, 2012	As of December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	Year ended December 31, 2012	Year ended December 31, 2011	Year ended December 31, 2012	Year ended December 31, 2011
Subsidiaries and affiliated companies							
Direct and indirect subsidiaries							
Aços Laminados do Pará S.A.	319	266	85	(7)	(48)		
ALBRAS - Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. (a)			1,088				
ALUNORTE - Alumina do Norte do Brasil S.A. (a)			2,732				
Balderton Trading Corp	326	341	313	(46)	(28)		
Biopalma da Amazonia S.A. (a)	349	442		(115)	(37)		
Companhia Portuária da Baía de Sepetiba - CPBS	454	350	347	231	152	126	155
Compañia Minera Miski Mayo S.A.C (a)	528	446	356	66	6		
Ferrovia Centro-Atlantica S.A. (a)	2,926	2,359	1,916	(190)	(136)		
Ferrovia Norte Sul S.A.	1,717	1,740	1,743	(23)	(4)		3
Mineração Corumbaense Reunida S.A.	1,365	1,113	913	266	297	93	
Mineração Paragominas S.A.			1,813				
Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S.A. - MBR (b)	4,538	3,792	3,291	224	230	258	
Potasio Rio Colorado S.A. (a)	6,016	2,776	1,736	(31)	(72)		
Rio Doce Australia Pty Ltd.	(36)	752	1,157	(2,080)	(507)		
	6,343	4,625	3,271	(208)	19		

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Salobo Metais S.A. (a) Sociedad Contractual Minera Tres Valles (a)	460	432	394	(95)	(76)		
SRV Reinsurance Company S.A.	1,248	837	177	24	(184)		
Vale International Holdings GMBH (b)	8,193	7,849	1,626	(2,124)	1,036		
Vale Canada Holdings	1,000	902	899	(22)	(23)		
Vale Canada Limited (b)	11,809	9,746	8,992	(2,602)	(215)		
Vale Colombia Holding Ltd. (f)		1,183	826	(64)	18		
Vale Fertilizantes S.A. (e)		10,735	6,055	(53)	203		
Vale Fertilizantes S.A. (antiga Mineração Naque S.A.) (a) (b)	13,602	1,921	4,932	2,417	(92)		
Vale International S.A. (b)	35,762	38,820	35,977	3,788	8,105		
Vale Manganês S.A.	687	717	890	(29)	25	1	382
Vale Mina do Azul S.A.	203	154		49	13		
Vale Emirates Limited	5,886	771	326	(257)	(438)		
Vale Shipping Holding Pte. Ltd.	5,118	3,944	1,245	226	55		
VBG Vale BSGR Limited (a)	869	757	833	(130)	(175)		
VLI Multimodal S.A. (a) (b)	607	206	174	65	33		
Others	538	190	683	56	(18)	95	55
	110,827	98,166	84,790	(664)	8,139	573	595
Direct and indirect affiliates							
California Steel Industries, INC	342	301	258	29	21	19	11
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização - KOBRASCO	219	208	208	50	55	40	54
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização - HISPANOBRÁS	213	214	212	73	34	74	32
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização - ITABRASCO	130	150	143	16	78	36	71
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização - NIBRASCO	364	372	333	42	75	51	36
CSP- Companhia Siderugica do PECEM	1,020	499	30	(13)	(6)		
	697	529	416	113	140	107	

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Henan Longyu Energy Resources CO., LTD.							
LOG-IN - Logística Intermodal S/A (c)	192	212	224	(18)	(12)		
Mineração Rio Grande do Norte S.A. - MRN	277	248	236	42	13	14	
MRS Logística S.A.	1,197	1,028	851	236	219	119	92
Norsk Hydro ASA (d)	4,572	6,029		(77)	160	95	84
Norte Energia S.A.	246	137		(5)			
Samarco Mineração S.A.	1,288	745	676	1,247	1,453	373	1,384
Teal Minerals (Barbados) Incorporated	516	437	150	(9)	(9)		
Tecnored Desenvolvimento Tecnológico S.A. (a)	79	86	66	(42)	(13)		
Thyssenkrupp CSA Companhia Siderúrgica do Atlântico	1,092	3,003	3,065	(327)	(309)		
Vale Florestar Fundo de Investimento em participações	224	227	235	(3)	(8)		
Vale Soluções em Energia S.A.	146	272	199	(110)	(28)		
Zhuhai YPM Pellet Co	48	43	42	1			
Others	182	244	(23)	(4)	(6)	4	2
	13,044	14,984	7,321	1,241	1,857	932	1,766
	123,871	113,150	92,111	577	9,996	1,505	2,361

- (a) Investment balance includes the values of advances for future capital increase;
- (b) Excluded from equity, investment companies already detailed in note;
- (c) Market value on December 31, 2012 was R\$246 and on December 31, 2011 was R\$ 197; and
- (d) Available for market;
- (e) Incorporated in Vale Fertilizantes S.A. (old Mineração Naque S.A.)
- (f) Company sold in June 2012

Dividends received by the Parent company during the year ended at December 31, 2012 and 2011 was R\$1,190 and R\$2,196, respectively.

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	Total %	Voting %	December 31, 2012				December 31, 2011	
			Assets	Liabilities	Adjusted stockholders equity (*)	Adjusted operating results (*)	Adjusted net income for the year (*)	Adjusted net income for the year (*)
Subsidiaries and affiliates								
Direct and indirect subsidiaries								
Aços Laminados do Pará S.A.	100.00	100.00	318	(1)	319	(6)	(7)	(48)
Balderton Trading Corp	100.00	100.00	413	87	326	(44)	(46)	(28)
Biopalma da Amazonia S.A.	70.00	70.00	1,372	883	489	(79)	(165)	(53)
Companhia Portuária da Baía de Sepetiba - CPBS	100.00	100.00	572	118	454	352	231	152
Compañía Minera Miski Mayo S.A.C	40.00	51.00	1,682	432	1,250	230	165	15
Ferrovía Centro-Atlantica S.A.	99.99	99.99	3,289	363	2,926	(191)	(190)	(136)
Ferrovía Norte Sul S.A.	100.00	100.00	1,883	166	1,717	(17)	(23)	(4)
Mineração Corumbaense Reunida S.A.	100.00	100.00	2,159	794	1,365	344	266	297
Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S.A. - MBR	98.32	98.32	6,357	956	5,401	268	370	392
Potasio Rio Colorado S.A.	100.00	100.00	4,815	339	4,476	(22)	(31)	(72)
Rio Doce Australia Pty Ltd.	100.00	100.00	4,673	4,482	191	(2,893)	(2,080)	(507)
Salobo Metais S.A.	100.00	100.00	7,406	1,063	6,343	(271)	(208)	19
Sociedad Contractual Minera Tres Valles	90.00	90.00	652	197	455	(101)	(106)	(84)
SRV Reinsurance Company S.A.	100.00	100.00	1,638	390	1,248	11	24	(184)
Vale International Holdings GmbH	100.00	100.00	104,250	7,412	96,838	(2,191)	(1,317)	1,036
Vale Canada Holdings	100.00	100.00	29,958	28,958	1,000	(9)	(22)	(23)
Vale Canada Limited	100.00	100.00	69,102	53,161	15,941	(1,393)	(2,573)	(194)
Vale Fertilizantes S.A. (Antiga Mineração Naque S.A.)	100.00	100.00	24,741	3,266	21,475	(142)	2,399	130
Vale International S.A.	100.00	100.00	141,523	59,029	82,494	2,223	1,050	7,796
Vale Manganês S.A.	100.00	100.00	929	242	687	51	(29)	25
Vale Mina do Azul S.A.	100.00	100.00	460	257	203	100	49	13
Vale Emirates Limited	100.00	100.00	6,437	551	5,886	(283)	(257)	(438)
Vale Shipping Holding Pte. Ltd.	100.00	100.00	5,307	189	5,118	84	226	55
VBG Vale BSGR Limited	51.00	51.00	3,815	2,282	1,533	(129)	(255)	(343)
VLI Multimodal S.A.	100.00	100.00	4,981	89	4,892	95	(143)	(118)
Direct and indirect affiliates								
California Steel Industries, INC	50.00	50.00	1,457	774	683	95	58	42
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização - KOBRASCO	50.00	50.00	471	34	437	138	100	109
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização - HISPANOBRÁS	50.89	51.00	506	87	419	78	143	66
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização - ITABRASCO	50.90	51.00	324	69	255	42	31	153
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização - NIBRASCO	51.00	51.11	814	101	713	108	83	148
CSP- Companhia Siderúrgica do PECEM	50.00	50.00	2,171	132	2,039	(41)	(27)	(12)
Henan Longyu Energy Resources CO., LTD.	25.00	25.00	3,322	532	2,790	583	453	561

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LOG-IN - Logística Intermodal S/A	31.33	31.33	1,831	1,257	574	23	(54)	(35)
Mineração Rio Grande do Norte S.A. - MRN	40.00	40.00	2,043	1,350	693	192	104	33
MRS Logística S.A.	47.59	46.75	6,245	3,730	2,515	756	502	524
Norte Energia S.A.	9.00	9.00	7,463	4,734	2,729	(66)	(47)	
Samarco Mineração S.A.	50.00	50.00	10,272	7,696	2,576	3,393	2,493	2,906
Teal Minerals (Barbados) Incorporated	50.00	50.00	1,962	931	1,031	(11)	(18)	(18)
Tecnored Desenvolvimento Tecnológico S.A.	49.21	49.21	164	11	153	(86)	(86)	(22)
Thyssenkrupp CSA Companhia Siderúrgica do Atlântico	26.87	26.87	16,334	5,558	10,776	(978)	(1,217)	(1,150)
Vale Soluções em Energia S.A.	53.13	53.13	457	183	274	(523)	(532)	(52)
Zhuhai YPM Pellet Co	25.00	25.00	353	160	193	6	6	

(*) Matches the individual contribution of each entity in consolidated

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	December 31, 2012			Consolidated December 31, 2011			January 1, 2011		
	Cost	Amortization	Net	Cost	Amortization	Net	Cost	Amortization	Net
Indefinite useful lifetime									
Goodwill	9,407		9,407	8,990		8,990	8,654		8,654
	9,407		9,407	8,990		8,990	8,654		8,654
Finite useful lifetime									
Concession and subconcession	10,981	(3,307)	7,674	9,997	(2,813)	7,184	9,449	(2,936)	6,513
Right to use	732	(113)	619	1,133	(80)	1,053	1,101	(48)	1,053
Others	2,504	(1,382)	1,122	1,682	(1,120)	562	1,465	(856)	609
Total	23,624	(4,802)	18,822	21,802	(4,013)	17,789	20,669	(3,840)	16,829

	December 31, 2012			Parent Company December 31, 2011		
	Cost	Amortization	Net	Cost	Amortization	Net
Indefinite useful lifetime						
Goodwill	9,407		9,407	8,990		8,990
	9,407		9,407	8,990		8,990
Finite useful lifetime						
Concession and subconcession	6,410	(2,414)	3,996	5,920	(2,105)	3,815
Right to use	222	(83)	139	679	(72)	607
Others	2,504	(1,382)	1,122	1,682	(1,120)	562
	9,136	(3,879)	5,257	8,281	(3,297)	4,984
Total	18,543	(3,879)	14,664	17,271	(3,297)	13,974

The useful life of the concessions and sub-concessions are detailed (note 29d).

The rights of use refers basically to the usufruct contract entered into with non-controlling stockholders to use the Empreendimentos Brasileiros de Mineração S.A. shares (owner of the shares of MBR) and intangible identified in business combination of Vale Canada. The amortization of the right to use will expires in 2037 and Vale Canada's intangible will end in September 2046.

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The table below shows the movement of intangible assets during the period:

	Consolidated Year ended				Total
	Goodwill	Concessions and Subconcessions	Right to use	Others	
Balance at January 1, 2012	8,990	7,184	1,053	562	17,789
Addition through acquisition		1,044		825	1,869
Write off		(20)	(455)		(475)
Amortization		(534)	(32)	(265)	(831)
Translation adjustment	417		53		470
Balance at December 31, 2012	9,407	7,674	619	1,122	18,822

	Consolidated Year ended				Total
	Goodwill	Concessions and Subconcessions	Right to use	Others	
Balance at January 1, 2011	8,654	6,514	1,054	607	16,829
Addition through acquisition		1,378		373	1,751
Write off		(81)		(2)	(83)
Amortization		(858)	(24)	(185)	(1,067)
Translation adjustment	336		23		359
Others		231		(231)	
Balance at December 31, 2011	8,990	7,184	1,053	562	17,789

	Parent Company Year ended				Total
	Goodwill	Concessions and Subconcessions	Right to use	Others	
Balance at January 1, 2012	8,990	3,815	607	562	13,974
Addition through acquisition		537		825	1,362
Write off		(17)	(455)		(472)
Amortization		(339)	(13)	(265)	(617)
Translation adjustment	417				417
Balance at December 31, 2012	9,407	3,996	139	1,122	14,664

	Parent Company Year ended				Total
	Goodwill	Concessions and Subconcessions	Right to use	Others	
Balance at January 1, 2011	8,654	3,824	631	455	13,564
Addition through acquisition		332		294	626
Write off		(30)		(2)	(32)
Amortization		(311)	(24)	(185)	(520)
Translation adjustment	336				336

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Balance at December 31, 2011	8,990	3,815	607	562	13,974
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	December 31, 2012			Consolidated December 31, 2011			January 1, 2011		
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Land	1,381		1,381	1,331		1,331	593		593
Buildings	15,755	(3,304)	12,451	13,977	(2,552)	11,425	10,452	(2,334)	8,118
Installations	33,350	(9,326)	24,024	28,699	(7,885)	20,814	30,821	(5,724)	25,097
Equipment	2,014	(1,245)	769	1,737	(1,053)	684	479	(40)	439
Mineral assets	48,440	(9,887)	38,553	41,954	(7,319)	34,635	45,414	(4,753)	40,661
Others	54,673	(17,526)	37,147	51,290	(15,249)	36,041	44,478	(12,639)	31,839
Construction in progress	59,130		59,130	48,925		48,925	19,909		19,909
	214,743	(41,288)	173,455	187,913	(34,058)	153,855	152,146	(25,490)	126,656

	December 31, 2012			Parent Company December 31, 2011		
	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net
Land	1,162		1,162	762		762
Buildings	5,695	(1,319)	4,376	6,131	(1,111)	5,020
Installations	16,428	(4,128)	12,300	15,674	(3,586)	12,088
Equipment	942	(724)	218	857	(638)	219
Mineral assets	4,402	(588)	3,814	3,750	(529)	3,221
Others	16,821	(7,533)	9,288	16,508	(6,449)	10,059
Construction in progress	30,073		30,073	24,134		24,134
	75,523	(14,292)	61,231	67,816	(12,313)	55,503

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	Consolidated Year ended							Total
	Land	Building	Facilities	Computer equipment	Mineral assets	Others	Constructions in progress	
Balance in January 1, 2012	1,331	11,425	20,814	684	34,635	36,041	48,925	153,855
Acquisitions							33,433	33,433
Disposals	(2)	(127)	(100)	(18)	(114)	(704)	(1,125)	(2,190)
Transfer to non-current assets held for sale		(51)	(67)		(3)	(1,919)	(24)	(2,064)
Impairment		(2,227)	(554)	(2)	(1,074)	(2,841)	(1,684)	(8,382)
Depreciation and amortization		(617)	(1,807)	(179)	(1,598)	(3,791)		(7,992)
Translation adjustment	(199)	714	(273)	334	2,932	2,483	804	6,795
Transfers	251	3,334	6,011	(50)	3,775	7,878	(21,199)	
Balance in December 31, 2012	1,381	12,451	24,024	769	38,553	37,147	59,130	173,455

	Consolidated Year ended							Total
	Land	Building	Facilities	Computer equipment	Mineral assets	Others	Constructions in progress	
Balance in January 1, 2011	593	8,118	25,097	439	40,661	31,839	19,909	126,656
Acquisitions							22,768	22,768
Disposals		(64)	(21)	(1)	(37)	(69)	(191)	(383)
Depreciation and amortization		(197)	(823)	(125)	(251)	(2,962)		(4,358)
Translation adjustment		(6)	(2,368)	7	953	6,290	4,296	9,172
Transfers	738	3,574	(1,071)	364	(6,691)	943	2,143	
Balance in December 31, 2011	1,331	11,425	20,814	684	34,635	36,041	48,925	153,855

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	Parent Company Year ended							Total
	Land	Building	Facilities	Computer equipment	Mineral assets	Others	Constructions in progress	
Balance in January 1, 2012	762	5,020	12,088	219	3,221	10,059	24,134	55,503
Aquisition							14,650	14,650
Disposals		(1)	(19)	(1)	(19)	(87)	(432)	(559)
Impairment		(2,227)	(554)	(2)	(550)	(817)	(1,922)	(6,072)
Depreciation and amortization		(184)	(575)	(95)	(135)	(1,302)		(2,291)
Transfers	400	1,768	1,360	97	1,297	1,435	(6,357)	
Balance in December 31, 2012	1,162	4,376	12,300	218	3,814	9,288	30,073	61,231

	Parent Company Year ended							Total
	Land	Building	Facilities	Computer equipment	Mineral assets	Others	Constructions in progress	
Balance in January 1, 2011	362	2,543	8,579	177	2,765	12,074	17,962	44,462
Aquisition							13,990	13,990
Disposals		(3)	(15)		(25)	(44)	(352)	(439)
Depreciation and amortization		(114)	(509)	(103)	(94)	(1,690)		(2,510)
Others	400	2,594	4,033	145	575	(281)	(7,466)	
Balance in December 31, 2011	762	5,020	12,088	219	3,221	10,059	24,134	55,503

The depreciation of the year, allocated to production cost and expense was R\$ 8,397 and R\$ 6,638 In 2012 and 2011 in the consolidated and R\$2,563 and R\$1,964 in 2012 and 2011 in the parent company, respectively.

The property, plant and equipment (net book value given as guarantee for judicial claims at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 amounted to R\$ 197 and R\$146 in the consolidated and R\$ 161 and R\$134 in the parent company, respectively.

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In 2012 we identified evidence of impairment on some investments and fixed assets of the nickel, aluminium, coal and other cash generating units. Tests were conducted to determine whether the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount

To determine the fair value of the assets to Vale uses discounted cash flows.

The discount rates applied to the future cash flow forecasts represent an estimate of the rate the market would apply to comply with the risk of the assets under valuation, Vale weighted average cost of capital is used as a basic point for determining the discount rates, with appropriate adjustments for the risk profile of the countries in which the individual cash-generating units operate.

The following impairment charges were recorded:

Assets	Cash generating unit	As of December 31, 2012 Carrying amount	Recoverable amount	Adjustment for impairment
Investment				
Aluminum	Hydro	6.598	4.572	2.026
Steel	Thyssenkrupp CSA	4.387	2.583	1.804
Energy	VSE	207	35	172
		11.192	7.190	4.002
Property plant and equipment				
Nickel	Onça Puma	7.653	1.884	5.769
Coal	Australia	3.365	1.226	2.139
Others		386	83	303
		11.404	3.193	8.211
		22.596	10.383	12.213

(i) Investment

- Investment in Hydro**

The volatility of aluminum prices and uncertainties about the European economy have contributed to a reduction in the fourth quarter of 2012 in the traded market value of our 22% stake in Hydro, a Norwegian- controlled aluminum producer, to a level lower than the carrying value of the investment.

The market value of the investment at December 31 was obtained based on the market value of the shares of Hydro, which are traded in the capital market and had odds of U\$ 4.99 per share on that date, resulting in a value of investment of R\$ 4,572.

- **Investment in Thyssenkrupp CSA**

We recorded an impairment charge against the carrying value of our 26.87% interest in Thyssenkrupp CSA to reflect a reduction in the investment recoverable amount. The fair value based on future cash flow and does not take into account the inherent value of our rights as the exclusive suppliers of ore to the mill which comprise an integral component of our investment strategy.

- **Investment in VSE**

Changes in the investment strategy of the Company have altered the expected cash flows from operations of our joint venture Vale Soluções de Energia (VSE).

The recoverable amount for VSE was ascertained from the new cash flow projections from financial budgets recently approved by management for joint venture.

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(ii) Propert plant and equipment

• **Onça Puma nickel assets**

Problems with the two furnaces in the Onça Puma project have led to the total stoppage of its iron-nickel operations since June 2012. After reviewing the case, Vale decided to rebuild one of the furnaces and plans to resume operations in the fourth quarter of 2013. Given this event and the current market environment for iron-nickel, the net book value of Onça Puma's assets required an adjustment for impairment.

The recoverable amount of Onça Puma's assets was ascertained by determining their value in use from cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management for the life of the mine. The projected cash flow was adjusted to reflect the effects of the quantities sold at the commodity futures prices and on the expected demand for the product.

The key assumptions used by management to calculate the impairment are the sales values of the commodities and the discount rate, reflecting the volatile nature of the business.

In order to estimate the value in use of the assets, Vale uses the discounted cash flow.

• **Coal assets in Australia**

Increasing costs, falling market prices, reduced production levels and financially unfavorable regulatory changes were identified in the coal sector, leading us to carry out impairment tests.

The recoverable amount for the Australian assets was ascertained by determining through the calculation of value in use their value in use from cash flow projections based on financial budgets approved by management for the life of the mine. The projected cash flow was adjusted to reflect the effects of the quantities sold at the commodity futures prices and on the expected demand for the product.

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The key assumptions used by management to calculate the impairment of coal assets in Australia are the commodities prices and the discount rate, reflecting the volatile nature of the business.

- **Others**

Changes in the Company's strategy have altered the expected cash flows from operations on our other operation, as of oil and gas and other projects.

The recoverable amount of these assets was ascertained from the new cash flow projections from financial budgets recently revised and approved by management.

(iii) Goodwill and intangible assets of indefinite life

The goodwill arose from the process of acquisition of part of our business mainly represented by buck materials (R\$4,287), base metals (R\$3,791) and fertilizer (R\$1,329).

The annual impairment review resulted in no impairment charge both for 2012 and 2011. For impairment testing purpose, we used a specific discount rate by asset, which consider a premium for country and business segment risk, ranging from 7.8% to 8.6%.

The key assumption to which the discounted cash flow is more sensitive is the sales prices and production cost.

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	December 31, 2012	Consolidated December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	Parent Company December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Working capital		40	232		
		40	232		

Financings raised in the short term for exports, denominated in U.S. dollars with average interest rates as at December 31, 2012 of 1.81% per years.

b) **Long term**

	December 31, 2012	Current Liabilities December 31, 2011	Consolidated January 1, 2011	December 31, 2012	Non-current liabilities December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011
Long-term contracts abroad						
Loans and financing in:						
United States dollars	1,235	944	3,972	6,906	5,014	4,215
Others currencies	29	17	33	535	97	365
Fixed rates:						
Notes indexed in United States dollars (fixed rates)	253	761		27,499	18,823	17,066
Euro				4,043	1,812	1,671
Perpetual notes						130
Accrued charges	662	413	388			
	2,179	2,135	4,393	38,983	25,746	23,447
Long-term contracts in Brazil						
Indexed to TJLP, TR, IGP-M e CDI	358	461	127	12,395	9,799	6,483
Basket of currencies	4	3	2	21		208

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Loans in United States dollars	346			2,590		1,230
Non-convertible debentures into shares	4,000		2	774	4,680	4,610
Accrued charges	206	208	183			
	4,914	672	314	15,780	14,479	12,531
	7,093	2,807	4,707	54,763	40,225	35,978

	Parent Company			
	Current liabilities		Non-current liabilities	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Long-term contracts abroad				
Loans and financing in:				
United States dollars	275	165	5,135	3,325
Others currencies			2	
Fixes rates:				
United States dollars			3,065	
Euro			4,043	1,812
Accrued charges	212	81		
	487	246	12,245	5,137
Long-term contracts in Brazil				
Indexed to TJLP, TR, IGP-M e CDI	306	447	12,032	9,459
Loans in United States dollars	346		2,590	
Non-convertible debentures into shares	4,000			4,000
Accrued charges	189	199		
	4,841	646	14,622	13,459
	5,328	892	26,867	18,596

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The long-term portion as at December 31, 2012 has maturities as follows:

	Consolidated	Parent Company
2014	2,802	2,411
2015	2,459	1,556
2016	3,850	1,610
2017 onwards	45,652	21,290
	54,763	26,867

As at December 31, 2012, the annual interest rates on the long-term debts were as follows:

	Consolidated	Parent Company
Up to 3%	11,123	8,376
3,1% to 5% (*)	11,630	4,864
5,1% to 7%	25,329	9,209
7,1% to 9% (**)	10,056	7,207
9,1% to 11% (**)	2,734	2,539
Over 11% (**)	983	
Variable	1	
	61,856	32,195

(*) Includes Eurobonds. For this operation we have entered into derivative transactions at a cost of 4.51% per year in US dollars.

(**) Includes non-convertible debentures and other Brazilian Real denominated debt that bears interest at the CDI and Brazilian Government Long-term Interest Rates (TJLP), plus spread. For these operations, we have entered into derivative transactions to mitigate our exposure to the floating rate debt denominated in Brazilian Real, totaling R\$ 16.812 (US\$ 8.227 million) of which R\$ 16.123 (US\$ 7.890 million) has an original interest rate above 5.1% per year. The average cost of debts not denominated in U.S. Dollars after derivatives contracting is 3.16% per year in US dollars.

Non Convertible Debentures	Quantity as of December 31, 2012				Interest	Balance	
	Issued	Outstanding	Maturity	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	31 de dezembro de 2010
2nd Series	400,000	400,000	November 20, 2013	4,032	100% CDI + 0.25%	4,049	4,047

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Tranche	B	-	Salobo	5	5	No date	6.5% p.a + IGP-DI	774	680	611
								4,806	4,729	4,659
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Short-term portion								3,999		
Long-term portion								774	4,680	4,610
Accrued charges								33	49	48
								4,806	4,729	4,659

In October 2012, Vale issued a Export Credit Note by amounting to R\$ 2,5 billion (US\$ 1,2 million) from a Commercial Brazilian bank by 10 years of term. The amount was total paid in December 31,2012.

In September 2012, Vale signed a loan agreement of U.S. \$ 3.9 billion (\$ 1.9 billion) financing agreement with Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico Social (BNDES) to finance the implementation of the CLN 150 Mtpy project, which will expand logistics infrastructure in Vale s Northern System. As of December 2012, Vale had drawn R\$ 2.1 billion (\$ 1.0 billion) on the line.

In September 2012, Vale issued R\$ 3,065 million (US\$1,5009 million) notes due 2042. The 2042 notes were sold at a price of 99.198% of the principal amount and will bear a coupon of 5.625% per year, payable semi-annually.

In August 2012, Vale International entered into a bilateral Pre-export Financing Agreement with a commercial bank in an amount of R\$ 307 million (US\$ 150 million) maturing in 5 years from its disbursement date. As of December 31, 2012, Vale International withdrew the total amount of this facility.

In July 10, 2012 we issued R\$ 1,862 million (750 million), equivalent to US\$ 919, euro-denominated notes due 2023. These notes will bear a coupon of 3.75% per year, payable annually, at a price of 99.608% of the principal amount.

In April 2012, through our wholly-owned subsidiary Vale Overseas Limited, we received the amount related to the issue of R\$ 2,554 (US\$ 1,250 million) notes due 2022 that were priced in March 2012 at a price of 101.345% of the principal amount. The notes will bear a coupon of 4.375% per year, payable semi-annually and will be consolidated with, and form a single series with, Vale Overseas s R\$ 2 billion (US\$ 1 billion) 4.375% notes due 2022 issued on January 2012. Those notes issued in January, 2012 were sold at a price of 98.804% of the principal amount.

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	Contractual Currency	Date of agreement	Available until	Credit line Total amount available	Amounts drawn on December 31,		
					2012	2011	2010
Financial Intitution							
Revolving Credit Lines							
Revolving Credit Facility - Vale/ Vale International/ Vale Canada	US\$	April 2011	5 years	6,131			
Credit Lines							
Nippon Export and investment Insurance (Nexi)	US\$	May 2008*(a)	5 years **	4,087	613	613	307
Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)	US\$	May 2008*(b)	5 years **	6,131			
Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico Social (BNDES)	R\$	April 2008*(c)	5 years **	7,300	3,582	2,795	1,922
Loans							
Export-Import Bank of China e Bank of China Limited	US\$	September 2010(d)	13 years	2,511	1,710	954	595
Export Development Canada (EDC)	US\$	October 2010(e)	10 years	2,044	1,992	1,022	511
Korean Trade Insurance Corporation (K-Sure)	US\$	August 2011(f)	12 years	1,079	836	329	
Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico Social (BNDES)							
Vale Fertilizantes	R\$	November 2009(g)	9 years	40	40	36	36
PSI 4,50%	R\$	June 2010(h)	10 years	774	700	528	205
Vale Fertilizantes	R\$	October 2010(i)	8 years	247	225	222	185
PSI 5,50%	R\$	March 2011(j)	10 years	103	87	87	
CLN 150	R\$	September 2012(k)	10 years	3,883	2,109		
Vale Fertilizantes	R\$	October 2012(l)	6 years	89	89		
PSI 2,50%	R\$	December 2012(m)	10 years	182			

* Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signature date

** The availability for application of projects is 5 years.

(a) Mining projects, logistics and energy generation. Vale through its subsidiary PT Vale Indonesia Tbk (PTVI) applied in the amount of US\$ 300 million for the financing of the construction of the hydroelectric plant of Karebbe, Indonesia and withdrew totally.

(b) Mining projects, logistics and energy generation.

(c) Credit Lines to finance projects.

(d) Acquisition of twelve large ore carriers from Chinese shipyards.

(e) Financing investments in Canada and Canadian exports.

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- (f) Acquisition of five large ore carriers and two capesize bulkers from two Korean shipyards. The maturity period is counted from each vessel delivery.
- (g) Gypsum storage in Uberaba plant.
- (h) Acquisition of domestic equipments.
- (i) Expansion of production capacity of phosphoric and sulfuric acids at Uberaba plant (Phase III).
- (j) Acquisition of domestic equipments.
- (k) Capacitação Logística Norte 150 Project (CLN 150).
- (l) Supplemental resources to expand production capacity of phosphoric and sulfuric acids at Uberaba plant (Phase III).
- (m) Acquisition of wagons by VLI Multimodal.

d) Guarantee

On December 31, 2012, R\$ 2,963 (US\$ 1,450 million) of the total aggregate outstanding debt was secured by property, plant and equipment and receivables.

e) Covenants

Our principal covenants require us to maintain certain ratios, such as debt to EBITDA and interest coverage. We have not identified any events of noncompliance as of December 31, 2012.

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Vale is a party to labor, civil, tax and other ongoing lawsuits and is discussing these issues both administratively and in court. When applicable, these lawsuits are supported by judicial deposits, where required. Provisions for losses resulting from these processes are estimated and updated by the Company, supported by the legal advice of the legal board of the Company and by its legal consultants.

	Consolidated Year ended				Total of litigation provision
	Tax litigation	Civil litigation	Labor litigation	Environmental litigation	
Balance as January 1, 2012	1,224	455	1,405	61	3,145
Additions	1,175	285	638	22	2,120
Reversals	(155)	(111)	(374)	(11)	(651)
Payments	(318)	(74)	(63)	(4)	(459)
Monetary update	113	20	(67)	2	68
Transfer to assets held for sale			(5)		(5)
Balance as December 31, 2012	2,039	575	1,534	70	4,218

	Consolidated Year ended				Total of litigation provision
	Tax litigation	Civil litigation	Labor litigation	Environmental litigation	
Balance as January 1, 2011	1,249	848	1,234	78	3,409
Additions	69	121	711	11	912
Reversals	(85)	(349)	(155)	(16)	(605)
Payments	(57)	(154)	(377)	(26)	(614)
Monetary update	48	(11)	(8)	14	43
Balance as December 31, 2011	1,224	455	1,405	61	3,145

	Parent Company Year ended				Total of litigation provision
	Tax litigation	Civil litigation	Labor litigation	Environmental litigation	
Non-current liabilities					
Balance as January 1, 2012	442	223	1,217	46	1,928
Additions	1,129	107	581	7	1,824
Reversals	(127)	(48)	(384)	(8)	(567)
Payments	(312)	(51)	(38)	(4)	(405)
Monetary update	81	16	(12)	2	87
Balance as December 31, 2012	1,213	247	1,364	43	2,867

	Parent Company Year ended				Total of litigation provision
	Tax litigation	Civil litigation	Labor litigation	Environmental litigation	
Non-current liabilities					

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Balance as January 1, 2011	325	680	1,072	31	2,108
Additions	37	57	660	11	765
Reversals	(2)	(349)	(145)		(496)
Payments	(7)	(143)	(347)	(15)	(512)
Monetary update	89	(22)	(23)	19	63
Balance as December 31, 2011	442	223	1,217	46	1,928

Provisions for tax litigation - The nature of Vale's tax contingencies the tax cases relate substantially to discussions about how to calculate the Financial Compensation for Exploiting Mineral Resources (CFEM) and the objectionsto compensation claims for credits in the settlement of federal taxes in Brazil, and mining taxes for our foreign subsidiaries. The other cases refer to claims for Additional Port Workers Compensation (AITP) and questions regarding the entity's location for the purpose of charging Service Tax (ISS).

In September 2012, we considered as loss related to the deductibility of transportation expenditures to be probable when arriving at the amount upon which the CFEM is calculated, resulting in an increase in the provision by R\$1.1 bilhão. At the fourth quarter of 2012, we paid R\$301 of CFEM. As at December 31, 2012 the total liability in relation to CFEM was R\$1,060.

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Provisions for civil litigation Consists of claims involving contracts between Vale group companies and certain service providers, challenging differences in values causing alleged losses due to various Brazilian government stabilization economic plans in the past. Other claims are related to accidents and actions for damages and monetary .

Provisions for labor and social security litigation - Consists of lawsuits filed by employees and service providers, questioning employment relationship. The most recurring objects are payment of overtime, travel health and safety issues. The social security contingencies included legal and administrative disputes between the INSS and the Vale/group companies.

Vale has judicial deposits in order to guarantees the actions required in court. They are inflation indexed/accrue interest and reported in the noncurrent assets until it the court's decision release these deposits to the other party or return them to Vale when its position prevails. Judicial deposits are as follows:

	Consolidated			Parent Company	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Tax contingencies	889	771	736	549	474
Civil contingencies	350	283	683	286	184
Labor contingencies	1,845	1,671	1,457	1,629	1,425
Environmental contingencies	11	10	8	10	8
Total	3,095	2,735	2,884	2,474	2,091

The Company is involved in administrative and judicial legal actions where the expectation of loss is considered possible, and accordingly, has recorded no provision. These possible contingent are classified as follows:

	Consolidated			Parent Company	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Tax contingencies	33,702	33,569	2,854	30,675	30,814
Civil contingencies	2,296	2,772	1,806	1,784	1,567
Labor contingencies	3,531	3,592	3,277	3,053	3,348
Environmental contingencies	3,417	2,010	38	3,388	2,009
Total	42,946	41,943	7,975	38,900	37,738

The increase tax contingencies for which risk of losses are deemed to be possible refers mainly to tax assessments relating to Income Tax and Social Contribution, on the equity results of foreign subsidiaries.

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The Brazilian federal tax authority (*Receita Federal do Brasil*) contends that Vale should pay income taxes on the earnings of its non-Brazilian subsidiaries and affiliates. The position of the tax authority is based on Article 74 of Brazilian Provisional Measure 2,158-35/2001. The tax authority has issued five tax assessments against us for the requiring the payment of R\$12 billion and R\$12 billion at December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, in taxes in accordance pursuant Article 74 for the tax years 1996 through 2008, plus interest and penalties of R\$18 billion as at December 31, 2012 and R\$ 18 billion at December 31, 2011, through December 31, 2012 and 2011, amounting to a total of R\$31 billion and R\$30 billion, respectively.

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The Company uses various judgments and assumptions when measuring its obligations related to the retirement of assets. The accrued amounts of these obligations are not deducted from the potential costs covered by insurance or indemnities, because their recovery is considered to be uncertain.

The long term interest rates used to discount these obligations to their present values and to update the provisions as at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 were 5.03% p.a. and 5.82% p.a., respectively. The liability is periodically updated based on these discount rates plus the inflation index (IGP-M) for the period in reference.

The changes in the provision for asset retirement obligation areas follows:

	Consolidated Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Balance on begin of exercise	3,563	2,528
Increase expense	333	211
Liquidation in the current exercise	(28)	(95)
Revisions in estimated cash flows	1,598	815
Cumulative translation adjustments	149	104
Balance on ended of exercise	5,615	3,563
Current	143	136
Non-current	5,472	3,427
	5,615	3,563

	Parent Company Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Balance on begin of exercise	1,116	805
Increase expense	154	102
Liquidation in the current exercise	(4)	(52)
Revisions in estimated cash flows	359	261
Balance on ended of exercise	1,625	1,116
Current		21
Non-current	1,625	1,095
	1,625	1,116

20 - Deferred Income Tax and Social Contribution

We analyzed the potential tax impact associated with the undistributed earnings of each of its subsidiaries and affiliates. For those subsidiaries in which undistributed earnings are intended to be reinvested indefinitely, no deferred tax is recognized. The undistributed earnings of foreign consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates for which no deferred income tax has been recognized for possible future remittances to the Parent company totaled R\$ 54,766 (US\$ 26,800 millions) as at December 31, 2012 and R\$ 49,140 (US\$26,300 millions) as at December 31, 2011. These amounts are considered to be indefinitely reinvested in the Company's international businesses. It is not practicable to determine the amount of the unrecognized deferred tax liability associated with these amounts. If at a future date the Company did determine to repatriate these earnings, there would be various methods available to us, each with different tax consequences. There would be also uncertainty as to the timings and amounts, of foreign tax credits that would be available, if any, as the calculation of the available foreign tax credits is dependent upon the timing of the repatriation and the projections of significant and uncertain future events. The wide range of potential outcomes that could result from these factors, among others, makes it impracticable to calculate the amount of tax that hypothetically, would be recognized on these earnings if they were repatriated.

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The deferred balances were as follows:

	December 31, 2012	Consolidated December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	Parent Company December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Recoverable income tax	2,604	1,709	1,266		
Temporary differences:					
Pension plan	922	891	1,223	93	134
Provision for litigation	1,173	872	945	1,062	708
Impairment of assets	1,727	1,478	946	853	748
Fair value of financial instruments	1,647	991	631	1,647	994
Allocated goodwill	(10,279)	(12,290)	(11,543)		
Impairment of assets	3,206			2,575	
Others	(620)	(726)	(459)	(672)	(475)
Total	380	(7,075)	(6,991)	5,558	2,109
Social contribution			(3,574)		
Total	380	(7,075)	(10,565)	5,558	2,109
Assets	8,134	3,539	2,263	5,558	2,109
Liabilities	(7,754)	(10,614)	(12,828)		
	380	(7,075)	(10,565)	5,558	2,109

Changes in deferred taxes are presented as follows:

	Assets	Consolidated Liabilities	Total	Parent Company Assets
Total amount in January 1, 2011	2,263	12,828	(10,565)	(1,785)
Net income effect	1,085	525	560	299
Subsidiary acquisition		128	(128)	
Cumulative translation adjustment	170	707	(537)	
Deferred social contribution		(3,574)	3,574	3,574
Other comprehensive Income	21		21	21
Total amount in December 31, 2011	3,539	10,614	(7,075)	2,109
Net income effect	1,238	(538)	1,776	816
Impairments	3,319		3,319	2,642
Subsidiary acquisition	(36)	(411)	375	
Cumulative translation adjustment	87	622	(535)	
Reversal of deferred tax		(2,533)	2,533	
Other comprehensive income	(13)		(13)	(9)
Total amount in December 31, 2012	8,134	7,754	380	5,558

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The deferred assets and liabilities for income tax and social contributions arising from tax losses and temporary differences are recognized taking into consideration the projections of future performance, based on economic and financial projections, prepared based on internal and macroeconomic assumptions, trade and tax scenarios that may be subject to changes in the future.

These temporary differences in the future:

	Consolidated			Parent Company	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011	January 1, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Deferred income tax and social contribution					
to be recovered within 12 months	727	581	433	466	316
to be recovered after than 12 months	(347)	(7,656)	(10,998)	5,092	1,793
	380	(7,075)	(10,565)	5,558	2,109

The nominal composite income tax and social contribution statutory rate applicable for the year presented is 34%. In other countries where we have operations, we are subject to various rates depending on the jurisdiction.

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The total income tax and social contributions in the Statement of Income reconciled with the nominal composite rates, as follows:

	Consolidated Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Income before tax and social contribution	6,592	45,922
(-) Impairment on investments	2,198	
Results of equity investments	(1,241)	(1,857)
Exchange variation - not taxable	346	43
	7,895	44,108
Income tax and social contribution at statutory rates - 34%	(2,684)	(14,997)
Adjustments that affects the basis of taxes:		
Income tax benefit from interest on stockholders equity	2,601	2,776
Tax incentive	393	1,195
Results of overseas companies taxed by different rates which differs from the parent company rate	352	2,315
Deductible Social Contribution paid		886
Reversal of deferred tax	(445)	(485)
Reversal of deferred tax (see note 6b)	2,533	
Deferred Income tax - impairment of assets		
Others	(109)	(204)
Income tax and social contribution on the profit for the year	2,641	(8,514)

	Parent Company Year ended	
	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Income before tax and social contribution	9,768	44,186
Results of equity investments	(576)	(9,996)
	9,192	34,190
Income tax and social contribution at statutory rates - 34%	(3,125)	(11,625)
Adjustments that affects the basis of taxes:		
Income tax benefit from interest on stockholders equity	2,601	2,755
Tax incentive	390	1,188
Deductible Social Contribution paid		886
Others	100	424
Income tax and social contribution on the profit for the year	(34)	(6,372)

In Brazil, Vale has a tax incentive which allows for a partial reduction of income tax from business results in the North and Northeast regions with iron, railroads, manganese, copper, bauxite, kaolin and potash. The incentive is calculated based on the taxable profit from the activity, which takes into consideration the allocation of operating profit according to incentives for production levels during the periods specified for each product as guarantee. Generally, these expire after 10 years and are in the case of Company prescribe in 2020. An amount equal to the tax incentive must be appropriated from retained earnings to a reserve account in Stockholders equity, and may not be distributed as dividends.

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Vale benefits from the allocation of portion of income tax to be reinvested in the purchase of equipment in incentive operation, subject to subsequent approval by the regulatory agency in the incentive area Superintendence for the Development of Amazonia (SUDAM) and the Northeast Development Superintendence (SUDENE). When the reinvestment is approved, the tax benefit is also appropriated from retained earnings to a non-distributable reserve.

Vale also has tax incentives related to the production of nickel from Vale New Caledonia (VNC). These incentives include temporary exemptions from the income tax during the construction phase of the project, and for a period of 15 years beginning in the first year of commercial production as defined by the applicable law, followed by five years of a refund of 50% . In addition, VNC is eligible for certain exemptions from indirect taxes such as import tax during the construction phase and throughout the commercial life of the project. Some of these tax benefits, including temporary tax incentives, are subject to an earlier interruption if the project achieves a specified cumulative rate of return. VNC is taxable for a portion of the profits starting in the first year in which commercial production commences, as defined by the applicable law. So far, there has been no taxable income realized in New Caledonia. Vale also benefits from tax incentives for projects in Mozambique, Oman and Malaysia.

Vale is subject to revision by local tax authorities for up to five years for its companies operating in Brazil, generally ten years for its operations in Indonesia and up to seven years for companies with operations in Canada.

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21. Employee Benefits Obligations

a) Retirement Benefits Obligations

The Company is the sponsor of pension plans mixed with characteristics of benefit and defined contribution (such as benefit plan Vale Mais), which includes retirement income and the risk benefits (death pension, retirement for disability and sickness benefit). These plans are calculated based on length of service, age, salary base and supplement to Social Security benefits. These plans are administered by Fundação Vale do Rio Doce de Seguridade Social - VALIA.

The Company also sponsors a pension plan with defined benefit characteristics. This plan was funded through monthly contributions made by the sponsor and employees, calculated on the basis of periodic actuarial estimates. With the creation of the plan Vale Mais in May 2000, more than 98% of active employees opted to transfer. The defined benefit is still there, covering almost exclusively retired participants and their beneficiaries. This plan is also administered by VALIA.

Additionally, a specific group of former employees are entitled to payments in addition to the normal benefits of Valia through a Supplemental Bonus plus a post-retirement benefit that covers medical, dental and pharmaceutical assistance to that specific group.

The Company also has defined benefit plans and other post-employment benefits administered by other foundations and social security entities which, together, benefiting all employees.

The following information details the status of defined benefit elements of all the plans, as well as costs related to them.

The results of the actuarial valuations were as follows:

i. Changes in the present value of obligations

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	Consolidated			Parent Company		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Present value of obligations on January 1, 2011	6,036	8,820	2,500	5,276	2,767	387
Initial liability recognized with new consolidation						
Current service cost	2	148	52		28	5
Interest cost	650	631	160	573	304	42
Benefits paid	(494)	(688)	(138)	(441)	(166)	(41)
Plan amendment		4				
Net transfers		26				
Alteration of hypotheses		(44)	(52)			
Actuarial loss (gain)	444	(210)	192	404	(4)	78
Exchange rates changes effects		561	200			
Present value of obligations on December 31, 2011	6,638	9,248	2,914	5,812	2,929	471
Initial liability recognized with new consolidation						
Current service cost		196	66		52	7
Interest cost	603	731	185	603	322	50
Benefits paid	(463)	(851)	(149)	(463)	(178)	(49)
Plan amendment		(6)	(68)		1	(52)
Net transfers	(826)	826				
Alteration of hypotheses		(228)	(48)			
Actuarial loss	1,338	1,560	310	1,338	1,002	223
Exchange rates changes effects		757	286			
Present value of obligations on December 31, 2012	7,290	12,233	3,496	7,290	4,128	650

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	Consolidated			Parent Company		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Fair value of assets on January 1, 2011	9,307	7,741	22	8,493	2,482	
Initial asset recognized with new consolidation						
Actual return on assets	1,097	388		994	279	
Sponsor contributions	4	964	138	1	242	41
Benefits paid	(494)	(690)	(138)	(441)	(166)	(41)
Actuarial loss (gain)	(242)	13		(331)	11	
Early termination of the plan		(44)	(18)			
Exchange rates changes effects		526	(1)			
Fair value of assets on December 31, 2011	9,672	8,898	3	8,716	2,848	
Initial asset recognized with new consolidation						
Transfers	(956)	956				
Actual return on assets	1,210	1,034		1,210	393	
Sponsor contributions	1	437	149	1	281	49
Benefits paid	(463)	(851)	(149)	(463)	(178)	(49)
Plan amendment		5			2	
Liquidação antecipada no plano		(208)				
Actuarial loss	(449)	460		(449)	467	
Exchange rates changes effects		727	(1)			
Fair value of assets on December 31, 2012	9,015	11,458	2	9,015	3,813	

A special contribution was made to the Vale Canada Limited defined underfunded benefit plans of R\$ 588 during the period of 2011. The contribution was made to provide suitable indexes to support the Vale Canada Limited with more appropriate financing requirements for 2011 to 2013

Administrative plan assets by Valia at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 include investments in a portfolio of our own stocks amounting to R\$613 and R\$636, investments in debentures amounting to R\$116 and R\$ 117 and investments in the equity of related parties in the amount of R\$4 and R\$157, respectively. They also included on December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, R\$7,953 and R\$6,637 of securities of the Federal Government. The assets of the pension plans of Vale Canada Limited are invested in securities of the Government of Canada and as at December 31, 2012 and 2011, amounted to R\$ 987 and R\$1,219, respectively. The plan assets linked to fertilizers assets, at December 31, 2012 and 2011 invested in securities of the Brazilian Federal Government amounted to R\$390 and R\$278, respectively.

iii. Reconciliation of assets and liabilities recognized in the balance sheet

	December 31, 2012			Consolidated December 31, 2011			1 de janeiro de 2011		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Present value of obligations in the year-end	(7,290)	(12,233)	(3,496)	(6,638)	(9,248)	(2,914)	(6,037)	(8,849)	(2,561)
Fair value of assets in the year-end	9,015	11,458	2	9,672	8,898	3	9,306	7,738	22
Net value of (gains) and losses not recorded in the balance sheet		500	194		(75)	174		(57)	57
Effect of limit of CPC 33, paragraph 65	(1,725)			(3,034)			(3,269)		
Total		(275)	(3,300)		(425)	(2,737)		(1,168)	(2,482)
Net actuarial asset/liability accrued									
Current assets		235							
Current liabilities		(238)	(182)		(172)	(144)		(163)	(150)
Non-current liabilities		(272)	(3,118)		(253)	(2,593)		(1,005)	(2,332)
Total		(275)	(3,300)		(425)	(2,737)		(1,168)	(2,482)

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	Parent Company					
	December 31, 2012			December 31, 2011		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Present value of obligations in the year-end	(7,290)	(4,128)	(650)	(5,812)	(2,929)	(471)
Fair value of assets in the year-end	9,015	3,813		8,716	2,848	
Net value of (gains) and losses not recorded in the balance sheet		371	65		(74)	79
Effect of limit of CPC 33, paragraph 65	(1,725)			(2,904)		
Total		56	(585)		(155)	(392)
Net actuarial asset/liability accrued						
Current assets		235				
Current Liabilities		(179)	(41)		(120)	(21)
Non-current liabilities			(544)		(35)	(371)
Total		56	(585)		(155)	(392)

iv. Recorded costs in the statement of income

	Consolidated					
	December 31, 2012			December 31, 2011		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Current service cost	39	157	66	2	147	50
Interest on actuarial liabilities	771	686	189	650	630	160
Expected return on assets	(1,423)	(825)		(1,097)	(640)	(2)
Amortization and (gains) / losses, net (paragraph65)	1,786	183	153	761	46	(11)
Transfers	(22)	22				
Effect of limit described in paragraph 65 in CPC 33	(1,151)			(314)		
Total costs, net		223	408	2	183	197

	Parent Company					
	December 31, 2012			December 31, 2011		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded

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			pension plans		pension plans	
Current service cost	39	13	7		28	5
Interest on actuarial liabilities	771	265	50	573	304	42
Expected return on assets	(1,423)	(319)		(994)	(277)	
Amortization and (gains) / losses, net (paragraph 58a)	1,786	89	185	735		48
Transfers	(22)	22				
Effect of limit described in paragraph 65 in CPC 33	(1,151)			(314)		
Total costs, net		70	242		55	95

v. **Actuarial and economic assumptions**

All of these calculations involve actuarial projections for certain parameters, such as: salaries, interest, inflation, the behavior of INSS benefits, mortality, disability, etc.

The economic actuarial assumptions adopted were based on the long-term securities and should therefore be considered on that basis. Therefore, in the short term, they may not necessarily be realized.

The evaluations adopted the following economic assumptions:

	December 31, 2012		Brazil (p.y.)		December 31, 2011	
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Discount rate to determine the actuarial liability	8.90% a.a.	9.04% a.a.	9.05% a.a.	10,78% a.a.	10,30% a.a.	10,30% a.a.
Discount rate to determine the expense / (income)	8.90% a.a.	9.45% a.a.	9.40% a.a.	10,78% a.a.	10,30% a.a.	10,30% a.a.
Expected return on assets	12.48% a.a.	12.55% a.a.	N/A	14.25% a.a.	13.79% a.a.	N/A
Growth rate of payroll and related charges - up to 47 years	8,15% a.a.	8,15% a.a.	N/A	8,15% a.a.	N/A	N/A
Growth rate of payroll and related charges - after 47 years	5,00% a.a.	5,00% a.a.	N/A	5,00% a.a.	5,00% a.a.	N/A
Inflation	5,00% a.a.	5,00% a.a.	5,00% a.a.	5,00% a.a.	5,00% a.a.	5,00% a.a.
Nominal growth rate of medical costs	N/A	N/A	8,15% a.a.	N/A	N/A	8,15% a.a.

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	Foreign (p.y.)			
	December 31, 2012		December 31, 2011	
	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Discount rate to determine the actuarial liability	4.16% a.a.	4.20% a.a.	5.43%	5.43%
Discount rate for determinate expenses\income)	5,08% a.a.	4.20% a.a.	5.43%	5.43%
Expected return on assets	6,21% a.a.	6,50% a.a.	6.51%	6.51%
Growth rate of payroll and related charges - up to 47 years	4,04% a.a.	3,00% a.a.	4.10%	4.10%
Growth rate of payroll and related charges - after 47 years	4,04% a.a.	3,00% a.a.	4.10%	4.10%
Inflation	2,00% a.a.	2,00% a.a.	2.00%	2.00%
Nominal growth rate of medical costs	N/A	7.01% a.a.	N/A	N/A

vi. Data from participants:

	Consolidated					
	December 31, 2012			December 31, 2011		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Number of actives participants	14	81,324	11,727	202	67,951	74,729
Average age	52	36	40	50	36	36
Average service length	28	7	7	27	7	8
Number of participants with deferred benefit (*)		6,519			5,815	
Average age		47			39	
Number of de retirees and pensioners	16,740	19,253	31,737	18,380	18,189	32,633
Average age	67	70	68	66	71	64

	Parent Company					
	December 31, 2012			December 31, 2011		
	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans	Overfunded pension plans	Underfunded pension plans	Others underfunded pension plans
Number of actives participants	14	63,735		14	54,179	65,047
Average age	52	34.5		51	35	35
Average service length	27.7	6.1		27	7	7

Number of participants with deferred benefit (*)		5,107			4,141	
Average age		47			35	
Number of de retirees and pensioners	16,740	3,267	7,144	16,901	3,167	7,516
Average age	67.4	64.8	60.7	67.0	65.0	45.0

(*) Employees dismissed from the Company retaining the right to plan.

vii. Assets of pension plans

Brazilian Plans

The Investment Policy Statements of the pension plans sponsored for Brazilian employees are based on a long term macroeconomic scenario and expected returns. An Investment Policy Statement was established for each obligation by following results of a strategic asset allocation study.

Plan asset allocations comply with local pension funds regulations issued by the Conselho Monetário Nacional (CMN Resolution 3,792/09). We are allowed to invest in the following six different asset classes, defined as Segments by the law, : Fixed Income, Equity, Structured Investments (Alternative Investments and Infra-Structure Projects), International Investments, Real Estate and Loans to Participants in compliance with pre-approved policies.

The investment policies aims to achieve adequate diversification, revenue and long-term value, through a combination of the asset classes described above to meet their obligations to each plans at the appropriate level of risk.

The pension fund has a risk management process with established policies intended to identify measure and control all , such as: market, liquidity, credit, operational, systemic and legal.

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The strategy for each of the pension plans sponsored by Vale Canada is based upon a combination of local practices and the specific characteristics of the pension plans in each country, including the structure of the liabilities, the risk versus reward trade-off between different asset classes and the liquidity required to meet benefit payments obligations.

viii. Overfunded pension plans**Brazilian Plans**

The Defined Benefit Plan (the Old Plan) has most of its assets allocated to fixed income, mainly in Brazilian government bonds (such as TIPS) and long term inflation linked corporate bonds with the objective of reducing the asset-liability volatility. The limit allocation for these investments indexed to inflation is of 55% assets total. This Liability Driven Investments (LDI) strategy, together with Loans to Participants segment, aims to hedge the plan's liabilities against inflation risk and volatility. This plan had an average nominal income of 20% per annum, over the past 12 years. The target allocations for each investment segment or asset class are as follow:

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Fixed income investments	56.00%	57.00%
Variable income investments	25.00%	24.00%
Structures investments	6.00%	6.00%
Foreing investments	1.00%	1.00%
Real Estate	8.00%	8.00%
Operations with participants (loans)	4.00%	4.00%

The Vale Mais Plan has obligations with the characteristics of defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans. Most investments are in fixed income. To reduce the volatility of assets and liabilities from the components with defined benefit characteristics, we used Brazilian government bonds indexed to inflation. The target allocation for this strategy is 55% of the total assets of this sub-plan. The following table shows the target allocations for each investment segment or asset class:

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Fixed income investments	55.00%	56.00%
Variable income investments	24.00%	24.00%
Structures investments	3.50%	3.50%

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Foreing investments	0.50%	0.50%
Real Estate	7.00%	6.00%
Operations with participants (loans)	0.00%	10.00%

The Defined Contribution Vale Mais component offers four asset class mix options that can be chosen by participants. The options are: 100% Fixed Income ; 80% Fixed Income and 20% Equities and 65% Fixed Income and 35% Equities, or 60% Fixed income and 40% Equities. Loans to participants are included in the fixed income options. Equities management is done through investment funds that target Ibovespa index.

Assets by category are as follows:

	December 31, 2012				Consolidated December 31, 2011				January 1, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Total
Assets by category												
Cash and cash equivalents									10			10
Accounts receivable	10			10	28			28	135			135
Equity securities net	2,305	1		2,306	2,391	146		2,537	2,201	125		2,326
Debt securities corporate bonds		557		557		832		832		700		700
Debt securities government bonds	4,037			4,037	3,442			3,442	3,522			3,522
Investment funds Fixed Income	3,430			3,430	2,879			2,879	2,683			2,683
Investment funds equity	516			516	538			538	855			855
Investment funds private equity	28			28	21			21	38			38
Investment funds not listed companies			393	393			331	331			213	213
Investment funds real state			17	17			37	37			32	32
Real estate			935	935			748	748			480	480
Loans from participants			398	398			343	343			303	303
Total	10,326	558	1,743	12,627	9,299	978	1,459	11,736	9,444	825	1,028	11,297
Funds not related to risk plans				(3,612)				(2,064)				(1,991)
Fair value of plan assets at year-end				9,015				9,672				9,306

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	Parent Company						
	December 31, 2012			Total	December 31, 2011		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2		Level 1	Level 2	Level 2
Assets by category							
Accounts receivable	10			10	28		28
Equity securities net	2,305	1		2,306	2,093	146	2,239
Debt securities							
corporate bonds		557		557		782	782
government bonds	4,037			4,037	3,246		3,246
Investment funds							
Fixed Income	3,430			3,430	2,636		2,636
equity	516			516	498		498
private equity	28			28	21		21
Investment funds not listed companies			393	393			258
Investment funds real state			17	17			32
Real estate			935	935			708
Loans from participants			398	398			332
Total	10,326	558	1,743	12,627	8,522	928	1,330
Funds not related to risk plans				(3,612)			(2,064)
Fair value of plan assets at year-end				9,015			8,716

Measurement of overfunded plan assets at fair value with no observable market variables - level 3

	Consolidated				
	Investments fund of not listed companies	Fund of real state	Real state	Loans from participants	Total
On January 1, 2011	213	32	480	303	1,028
Actual return on plan assets	(12)	1	133	39	161
Assets sold during the year	(2)		(36)	(119)	(157)
Assets purchased and settled	59		171	120	350
Transfers between levels	73	4			77
On December 31, 2011	331	37	748	343	1,459
Actual return on plan assets	25	(15)	235	50	295
Assets sold during the year	(36)		(61)	(165)	(262)
Assets purchased and settled	146		53	181	380
Transfers between levels	(73)	(5)	(40)	(11)	(129)

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On December 31, 2012	393	17	935	398	1,743
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	Parent Company					Total
	Investments fund of not listed companies	Fund of real state	Real state	Loans from participants		
On January 1, 2011	213	31	438	292	974	
Actual return on plan assets	(12)	1	132	40	161	
Assets sold during the year	(2)		(33)	(119)	(154)	
Assets purchased and settled	59		171	119	349	
On December 31, 2011	258	32	708	332	1,330	
Actual return on plan assets	25	(15)	235	50	295	
Assets sold during the year	(36)		(61)	(165)	(262)	
Assets purchased and settled	146		53	181	380	
On December 31, 2012	393	17	935	398	1,743	

The targeted return on private equity assets in 2013 is 11% p.a. for the Old Plan and 11% p.a. for the New Plan. The targeted allocation is 6% for the Old Plan and 3.5% for the New Plan, ranging between 2% and 10% for the Old Plan and ranging between 1% and 10% for the New Plan. These investments have a longer investment horizon and lower liquidity intended to profit from economic growth, especially in the infrastructure sector of the Brazilian economy. Usually the fair values of non-liquid assets are similar to their acquisition cost or book value. Some private equity funds, alternatively, apply the following methodologies: discounted cash flows analysis or analysis based on multiples.

The target return on loans to participants in 2013 was 12% p.a. The fair value pricing of these assets includes provisions for unpaid loans, according to the local pension fund regulations.

The target return on real estate assets in 2013 is 12% p.a. The fair values of these assets are near to their carrying values. The pension fund hires companies specialized in real estate valuation that do not act in the market as brokers. All valuation techniques follow the local regulations.

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The obligation is exclusively allocated to fixed income. A Liability Driven Investments(LDI) strategy was also used for this plan. Most of the resources were invested in long term Brazilian government bonds (similar to TIPS) and inflation linked corporate bonds with the objective of minimizing asset-liability volatility and reduce inflation risk. This obligation has had an average nominal return of 17% p.a. in local currency over the last seven years.

ii. Foreign plans

For all pension plans except that of PT International Nickel Indonésia Tbk, a target asset allocation was 60% in equity investments and 40% in fixed income investments, with all securities being traded in the public markets. Fixed income investments are in domestic bonds for each plan market and represent a mixture of government and corporate bonds. Equity investments are primarily global in nature and involve a mixture of large, mid and small capitalization companies with a modest explicit investment in domestic equities for each plan. The Canadian plans also use a currency hedging strategy (each currency exposure is 50% hedged) due to the large exposure to foreign securities. For PT International Nickel Indonésia Tbk, the target allocation is 20% equity investment and the remainder fixed income.

Assets by category are shown below:

	December 31, 2012				Consolidated December 31, 2011				January 1, 2011			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 2	Total
Assets by category												
Cash and cash equivalents	113	69		182	36	44		80	37	50		87
Accounts receivable	9			9	22			22	33			33
Equity securities net	3,200	39		3,239	2,571	113		2,684	2,704	8		2,712
Debt securities corporate bonds		1,043		1,043		594		594		292		292
Debt securities government bonds	1,041	989		2,030	605	1,171		1,776	616	693		1,309
Investment funds Fixed Income	3,258	871		4,129	2,225	1,061		3,286	1,798	1,200		2,998
Investment funds equity	1,042	842		1,884	610	703		1,313	512	577		1,089

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Investment funds	private								
equity		9	9	3	4	7	5	5	10