

Vale S.A.  
Form 6-K  
January 27, 2010

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**United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
FORM 6-K  
Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
For the month of**

**January 2010**

**Vale S.A.**

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

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**Vale acquires Fertifos shares**

Rio de Janeiro, January 27, 2010 Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it has entered, through its subsidiary Mineração Naque S.A., into options contracts, giving it the right to buy shares of Fertifos Administração e Participações S.A. (Fertifos). These contracts are part of the process of acquiring 100% stake in Bunge Participações e Investimentos S.A. (BPI), publicly announced by Vale today, January 27, 2010.

Fertifos is a privately owned company, which holds 56.73% of Fertilizantes Fosfatados S.A. Fosfertil (Fosfertil) equity.

The counterparts in the contracts are Fertilizantes Heringer S.A. (Heringer) and Fertilizantes do Paraná Ltda. (Fertipar), and the exercise of the options is subject to certain conditions, among which, the effective acquisition of the fertilizer assets of Bunge Group in Brazil. The options give Vale's subsidiary the right to acquire up to 1.46% of the shares issued by Fertifos.

The strike price of the contract with Fertipar is US\$ 39,553,130.99, while the strike price of contract with Heringer is US\$ 2,390,396.79, totaling US\$ 41,943,527.77.

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This press release may include declarations about Vale's expectations regarding future events or results. All declarations based upon future expectations, rather than historical facts, are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Vale cannot guarantee that such declarations will prove to be correct. These risks and uncertainties include factors related to the following: (a) the countries where Vale operates, mainly Brazil and Canada; (b) the global economy; (c) capital markets; (d) the mining and metals businesses and their dependence upon global industrial production, which is cyclical by nature; and (e) the high degree of global competition in the markets in which Vale operates. To obtain further information on factors that may give rise to results different from those forecast by Vale, please consult the reports filed with the Brazilian Comissão de Valores Mobiliários (CVM), the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), and with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including Vale's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F and its reports on Form 6-K.

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**Signatures**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Vale S.A.  
(Registrant)

Date: January 27, 2010

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