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Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16

of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of

December 2017

Vale S.A.

**Avenida das Américas, No. 700 Bloco 8, Sala 218
22640-100 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil**

(Address of principal executive office)

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Vale informs about short-term facilities to Samarco

Rio de Janeiro, December 21st, 2017 Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it intends to make available short-term facilities of up to US\$ 48 million to Samarco to support its operations (US\$ 42 million) in the first half of 2018 (1H18) and the expenses related to the experts named pursuant to the Preliminary Agreement with the Public Prosecutors (about US\$ 6 million), signed in January, 2017, without undertaking an obligation from Vale to Samarco. Funds will be released on an as-needed basis. Likewise, BHP Billiton Brasil Ltda. intends to make available to Samarco short-term facilities with similar terms and conditions as mentioned above.

In addition, given Samarco's current cash flow projections, it is likely that shareholders will be called upon to fulfill its obligations, according to their stake in Samarco (50% each), under the Agreement signed on the March 2nd, 2016 for the restoration of the environment and communities affected by the Samarco dam failure. Therefore, Vale expects to contribute about R\$ 432 million in 1H18, with this amount offsetting the R\$ 3.7 billion provision recorded in the second quarter of 2016 (2Q16).

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Signatures

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

Vale S.A.
(Registrant)

Date: December 21, 2017

By:

/s/ André Figueiredo
Director of Investor Relations