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CVRD restructures its investment in Usiminas

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that its Board of Directors approved the restructuring of its stake in Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S/A - USIMINAS (Usiminas), involving its entry into the control group of Usiminas and the partial sale of the common shares owned by CVRD.

CVRD currently owns 25,810,728 Usiminas common shares, which represents 22.99% of total common shares and 11.46% of its total capital.

The Company will keep 6,608,608 Usiminas common shares, which will be tied to the new 15-year shareholders agreement of Usiminas, signed today.

Meanwhile, CVRD will sell, at the price of R\$ 70.59 per Usiminas common share, 2,104,988 shares to Nippon Steel, 1,628,970 shares to Votorantim Participações S/A and 1,628,970 shares to Camargo Correa S/A, totaling 5,362,928 common shares, or R\$ 378.6 million. The price of R\$ 70.59 per common share is the average price for Usiminas's preferred shares traded on São Paulo stock exchange (Bovespa) in the last 90 days prior to April 15, 2006.

Therefore, the remaining 13,839,192 Usiminas common shares that CVRD currently owns will be sold through a public offer that will be announced soon.

Such movement is aligned with CVRD's strategy of promoting the expansion of the Brazilian steel industry and, simultaneously, allows the reallocation of capital to invest in its core business. Moreover, this restructuring is associated with the decision of the Usiminas controlling shareholders to realize a feasibility study regarding the construction of a slab plant, maximizing the company's potential to lead the repositioning of the Brazilian steel industry in the global scenario.

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