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Vale and ThyssenKrupp celebrate shipment of the billionth ton of Carajas iron ore

Vale and ThyssenKrupp top executives celebrated the shipment of the billionth ton of iron ore from Carajás in Essen, Germany, Friday, November 14th. The billionth ton was shipped last June 26th. to ThyssenKrupp on board merchant vessel Berge Stahl, the world's largest iron ore carrier, which also celebrated in May this year its 200th trip from Ponta da Madeira port to Rotterdam.

Vale CEO Roger Agnelli, executive directors Jose Carlos Martins and Eduardo Bartolomeo and other senior Vale executives met with Ekkehard D. Schulz, Chairman of the Board of ThyssenKrupp AG, Karl-Ulrich Köhler, Chairman of the Board of ThyssenKrupp Steel AG and other board members and executives.

The landmark events illustrate the solid and longstanding partnership between Vale and ThyssenKrupp, a client of Vale's iron ore for several decades. Vale and ThyssenKrupp are also together developing a 5-million ton steel slab plant in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro, which is currently under construction and is expected to start production by the end of 2009.

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