

Vale reaches significant milestone with reduction of Forquilha III dam emergency level 3

Rio de Janeiro, August 18, 2025 – Vale S.A. (“Vale” or the “Company”) announces that the emergency level of the Forquilha III dam, located at the Fábrica mine in the municipality of Ouro Preto (MG), has been reduced from level 3 to level 2 as of today, in accordance with a decision by the Brazilian National Mining Agency¹. With this reduction, Vale no longer has any dams classified at emergency level 3 in its portfolio.

“We have fulfilled our commitment to have no dams at emergency level 3 in 2025, reinforcing the safety of people and the environment. We have also successfully implemented, within the scheduled timeframe, the Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM) for all our tailings dams. We will continue to advance the implementation of the Upstream Dam Decharacterization Program and the continuous improvement of our dam management”, said Gustavo Pimenta, Vale’s CEO.

The reduction in the emergency level was made possible by the obtention of new field and laboratory data, studies, and improvements in instrumentation, which enabled a better understanding of the structure and resulted in safety factors that meet the criteria required for lowering the emergency level.

“The Forquilha III Dam is part of Vale’s Upstream Dam Decharacterization Program and is currently undergoing preparatory works for the start of its decharacterization process, scheduled to begin in 2026. Since 2019, 17 of the 30 structures included in the Decharacterization Program have already been decharacterized. The Company has made significant investments in governance and technology, which allow for safer and more accurate information about the condition of each structure”, said Rafael Bittar, Vale’s Technical Executive Vice-President.

Vale maintains permanent control and monitoring measures for its dams, operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, through Vale’s Geotechnical Monitoring Center.

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¹ As recorded in the Integrated Mining Dam Management System (SIGBM, acronym in Portuguese) of the Brazilian National Mining Agency.