

## Vale completes decharacterization works at Área IX Dam

Rio de Janeiro, December 20, 2024 – Vale S.A. (“Vale” or “Company”) informs that it has completed the decharacterization works at the Área IX dam, located in Ouro Preto (MG). This is the 17<sup>th</sup> upstream structure eliminated by Vale, completing 57% of the Upstream Dam Decharacterization Program<sup>1</sup>. Once the work is completed, the decharacterization will go through the assessment and validation process by the authorities, in compliance with applicable legislation. Actions outlined in the area’s environmental recovery plan are underway.

### Upstream Dam Decharacterization Program

Since 2019, Vale has been consistently advancing in its commitment to eliminate all of its upstream tailing’s dams in Brazil. To execute the program, Vale has already invested more than R\$ 10 billion. The structures are inactive and under permanent monitoring, 24 hours a day, by the Company’s Geotechnical Monitoring Centers (CMG).

The solutions applied are compatible with the unique characteristics of each structure and prioritize the safety of people and the environment. Actions are continuously evaluated and monitored by independent audits and by the competent authorities. More information about Vale’s dam management is available at [www.vale.com/dams](http://www.vale.com/dams).

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<sup>1</sup> Considering the total of 30 structures included in the program.