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United States
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 2012

Vale S.A.

Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26

20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

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Press Release

Vale to sell fertilizers asset

Rio de Janeiro, December 18, 2012 Vale S.A. (Vale) informs that it has signed with Petróleo Brasileiro S.A (Petrobras) an agreement to sell Araucária, operation for production of nitrogens, located in Araucária, in the Brazilian state of Paraná, for US\$ 234 million. The purchase price will be paid by Petrobras through installments accrued quarterly, adjusted by 100% of the Brazilian interbank interest rate (CDI), in amounts equivalent to the royalties due by Vale related to the leasing of potash assets and mining rights of Taquari-Vassouras and of the Carnalita project.

The sale is subject to the fulfillment of precedent conditions, including the approval by the *Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica* (CADE), the Brazilian anti-trust authority.

Araucária has annual production capacity of approximately 1.1 million tons of ammonia and urea.

The divestment of assets such as Araucária, which does not have synergies with the rest of our portfolio, is consistent with our efforts to improve capital allocation and resources to generate additional funding for investments in priority projects with high potential for value creation. The sale of Araucária also contributes to an annual reduction of investments in sustaining operations of approximately US\$ 50 million.

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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 18, 2012

By:

/s/ Roberto Castello Branco
Roberto Castello Branco
Director of Investor Relations