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# Vale

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## 4Q14 results: stronger volumes offset by lower prices

Despite the strong (and record) iron ore, nickel and copper production volumes, Vale showed its 4Q14 results pressured by lower prices in the ferrous minerals, coal and base metals business, similar as reported in the previous quarter. Thus, in order to suit the more challenging outlook for the upcoming years for Vale, we have updated our VALE5 target price to BRL 29.00 for YE2015, with Outperform recommendation.

**Ferrous Minerals: lower prices and higher expenses.** Vale reported gross revenue of iron ore + pellets 4.3% lower QoQ, because despite higher sales by 16.4%, iron ore and pellets realized prices declined respectively by 9.5% and 12.5% in the same comparison. The increase in sales volumes came on the back of company's production record, after the ramp up of Plant 2 and Serra Leste in 4Q14 in the Northern System, and also due to the rise in acquisition of iron ore from third parties. We highlight the lower drop in iron ore realized price (-9.5%) versus the spot price (-17.7%) as a result of higher CFR sales (64% of total).

Without considering effects from superior volumes QoQ, COGS were affected by higher maintenance and personnel costs and SG&A damaged by one-off effects of provisions for environmental obligations and write-down of ICMS tax credits. Hence, the adjusted EBITDA of USD 1,702 million in the Ferrous Minerals unit was 29.4% lower QoQ.

**Base Metals: weak performance.** While copper sold volumes came at 95kt (-2.4% QoQ) with realized price 1.6% lower QoQ, nickel volumes at 69kt were down by 2.8%, with a 15.0% decline in realized price. As a result, the Base Metals unit ended the quarter with an adjusted EBITDA of BRL 582 million, with margin of 29.8% (-7.0 pp QoQ). In relation to the Fertilizers business, Vale reported a decrease in sales volumes and realized prices, resulting in a gross revenue 18.8% lower QoQ and in an adjusted EBITDA of USD 75 million (-21.9% QoQ).

*Financial Results.* After a loss of USD 2.8 billion in the net financial results, mainly influenced by foreign exchange and monetary losses and losses on derivatives (non-cash), Vale ended 4Q14 with a net loss of USD 1.8 billion.

**Considerations: leverage to increase.** Despite strong production numbers, Vale's results were marked by (i) a drop in prices, (ii) weak nickel and copper volumes sold and (iii) higher COGS and SG&A expenses QoQ. Thus, Vale ended 2014 with an adjusted EBITDA of USD 13,353 billion and margin of 35.6% (-12.7 pp YoY). Since Capex reached USD 12 billion, company's Net Debt/EBITDA increased to 1.9x, from 1.1x in the 3Q14.

For the upcoming months, we believe Vale's results will continually being affected by the low level of commodity prices, and the main concern is the fact that these level of prices has been offsetting cost cutting initiatives, as we saw in 2014. Considering the amount of USD 10.2 billion of Capex estimated for this year, Vale's leverage could exceed 3.0x of Net Debt/EBITDA.

We expect both Iron Ore and Base Metals units results to remain pressured but, on the other hand, the increasing production volumes with the ramp up of some projects in Carajás, Salobo II and VNC should improve operational performance on volumes and costs.

| USD million                | 4Q14   | QoQ       | YoY        | 2014   | YoY        |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------|------------|--------|------------|
| Net Revenue                | 9,072  | 0.1%      | -30.9%     | 37,539 | -19.7%     |
| Gross Profit               | 2,180  | -14.9%    | -66.3%     | 12,475 | -44.6%     |
| Gross Margin (%)           | 24.0%  | -4.2 p.p. | -25.2 p.p. | 33.2%  | -14.9 p.p. |
| Adjusted EBITDA            | 2,187  | -27.2%    | -67.1%     | 13,353 | -40.8%     |
| EBITDA Margin (%)          | 24.1%  | -9.0 p.p. | -26.5 p.p. | 35.6%  | -12.7 p.p. |
| Net Income                 | -1,849 | 28.7%     | -71.3%     | 657    | 12.5%      |
| Net Margin (%)             | -20.4% | -4.5 p.p. | 28.8 p.p.  | 1.8%   | 0.5 p.p.   |
| Indebtedness (USD million) | 4Q14   | QoQ       | YoY        |        |            |
| Gross Debt                 | 28,807 | -1.9%     | -2.9%      |        |            |
| Net Debt                   | 24,685 | 17.4%     | 1.5%       |        |            |
| Net Debt / EBITDA          | 1.9x   | 0.7x      | 0.8x       |        |            |

Source: Vale and BB Investimentos

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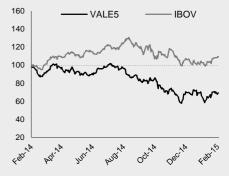
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| VALE5                       | Outperform |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Last Price 02/25/2015 (BRL) | 19.14      |
| Target Price 12/2015 (BRL)  | 29.00      |
| Upside                      | 51.5%      |
| Market Cap (BRL million)    | 108,193    |
| 1 Month Change              | 4.5%       |
| LTM Change                  | -29.0%     |
| YTD Change                  | -36.8%     |
| 52w Low (BRL)               | 15.50      |
| 52w High (BRL)              | 28.72      |

| Valuation                | USD Million |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Firm Value 2015e         | 76,982      |
| Net Debt 2015e           | (21,404)    |
| Equity Value 2015e       | 55,578      |
| Shares (# million)       | 5,568       |
| WACC                     | 10.1%       |
| Growth in Perpetuity (g) | 2.0%        |

| Multiples | 2015e | 2016e | 2017e |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| EV/EBITDA | 5.8x  | 5.1x  | 4.7x  |
| P/E       | 14.2x | 13.6x | 10.1x |
| EPS (BRL) | 0.47  | 0.49  | 0.67  |



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| Volume Sold (kt)    | 4Q14   | QoQ    | YoY    | 2014    | YoY    |
|---------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| Iron ore fines      | 74,603 | 18.4%  | 7.6%   | 255,877 | 1.9%   |
| ROM                 | 3,552  | 0.2%   | -16.3% | 14,075  | 3.5%   |
| Pellets             | 12,686 | 10.3%  | 13.6%  | 43,682  | 6.6%   |
| Manganese ore       | 828    | 92.1%  | 27.6%  | 1,879   | -11.2% |
| Ferroalloys         | 36     | 9.1%   | -26.5% | 150     | -18.0% |
| Metallurgical coal  | 1,815  | -0.2%  | -26.8% | 6,330   | -13.9% |
| Thermal coal        | 310    | 5.8%   | -20.7% | 1,152   | 58.7%  |
| Nickel              | 69     | -2.8%  | 0.0%   | 272     | 4.2%   |
| Copper              | 95     | -2.4%  | -4.3%  | 353     | 0.2%   |
| Gold ('000 oz)      | 97     | -9.7%  | 2.4%   | 351     | 18.1%  |
| Silver ('000 oz)    | 757    | 182.4% | 21.1%  | 1,889   | -12.3% |
| PGMs ('000 oz)      | 168    | 31.3%  | 16.7%  | 577     | 13.1%  |
| Cobalt (metric ton) | 1,311  | 105.8% | 83.6%  | 3,188   | 8.5%   |
| Potash              | 121    | -8.3%  | -14.2% | 475     | -10.5% |
| Phosphates          | 1,852  | -14.3% | 0.6%   | 7,903   | 4.3%   |
| Nitrogen            | 172    | -4.4%  | 0.0%   | 680     | -23.6% |

| Gross Revenue (USD million) | 4Q14  | QoQ     | YoY    | 2014   | YoY    |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Iron ore fines              | 4,593 | 7.1%    | -44.2% | 19,439 | -30.9% |
| ROM                         | 42    | -22.2%  | -45.8% | 233    | -22.3% |
| Pellets                     | 1,308 | -3.5%   | -22.0% | 5,424  | -11.9% |
| Manganese ore               | 92    | 84.0%   | -7.1%  | 226    | -32.1% |
| Ferroalloys                 | 51    | 8.5%    | -17.7% | 218    | -8.6%  |
| Metallurgical coal          | 181   | -1.6%   | -40.5% | 661    | -30.5% |
| Thermal coal                | 20    | 17.6%   | -31.5% | 78     | 32.2%  |
| Nickel                      | 1,064 | -17.4%  | 11.2%  | 4,468  | 14.9%  |
| Copper                      | 556   | -4.0%   | -14.1% | 2,122  | -10.4% |
| Gold ('000 oz)              | 115   | -0.6%   | -3.0%  | 418    | 5.1%   |
| Silver ('000 oz)            | 11    | 166.3%  | -6.7%  | 37     | -14.9% |
| PGMs ('000 oz)              | 152   | 7.5%    | 15.2%  | 564    | 18.2%  |
| Cobalt (metric ton)         | 50    | 4900.0% | 56.3%  | 85     | -32.0% |
| Potash                      | 45    | -4.3%   | -10.0% | 169    | -23.7% |
| Phosphates                  | 432   | -22.9%  | 2.1%   | 1,904  | -10.2% |
| Nitrogen                    | 108   | -0.9%   | 13.7%  | 411    | -24.4% |

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**Company update.** Our analysis is based on the method of discounted cash flow in nominal terms. We forecasted the company's performance for the next 10 years, with a growth of 2.0% in perpetuity and WACC of 10.1% (USD). We have considered an increase in volume sales and investments according to the projects determined by the company and their expected ramp ups. Our iron ore price for 2015 is USD 69.5/t and USD 75.0/t in the long term.

| Economic Indexes (USD million) | 2013   | 2014   | 2015 (E) | 2016 (E) | 2017 (E) |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net Revenue                    | 46,767 | 37,539 | 32,328   | 35,382   | 37,395   |
| EBIT                           | 17,576 | 8,497  | 5,918    | 6,980    | 7,828    |
| EBITDA                         | 22,560 | 13,353 | 10,265   | 11,636   | 12,727   |
| Gross Debt                     | 29,445 | 28,807 | 31,665   | 32,425   | 33,025   |
| Net Debt                       | 23,923 | 24,685 | 28,548   | 29,353   | 28,692   |
| Gross Margin (%)               | 48.2%  | 33.2%  | 28.3%    | 29.5%    | 30.6%    |
| EBITDA Margin (%)              | 48.2%  | 35.6%  | 31.8%    | 32.9%    | 34.0%    |
| Net Margin (%)                 | 1.2%   | 1.8%   | 12.3%    | 12.2%    | 14.8%    |
| EV / EBITDA                    | 2.6    | 4.4    | 5.8      | 5.1      | 4.7      |

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| Income Statement               | 2013     | 2014     | 2015 (E) | 2016 (E) | 2017 (E) |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Net Revenue                    | 46,767   | 37,539   | 32,328   | 35,382   | 37,395   |
| (-) COGS                       | (24,245) | (25,064) | (23,189) | (24,929) | (25,954) |
| Gross Profit                   | 22,522   | 12,475   | 9,139    | 10,453   | 11,441   |
| SG&A                           |          |          |          |          |          |
| (-) Administrative and Selling | (1,318)  | (1,099)  | (1,011)  | (1,088)  | (1,132)  |
| (-) R&D                        | (804)    | (734)    | (660)    | (687)    | (688)    |
| (-) Pre-operating expenses     | (1,859)  | (1,088)  | (906)    | (992)    | (1,048)  |
| (-) Others                     | (965)    | (2,376)  | (644)    | (705)    | (745)    |
| EBIT                           | 17,576   | 7,178    | 5,918    | 6,980    | 7,828    |
| (+) Financial Results          | (7,822)  | (5,625)  | (99)     | (657)    | 249      |
| EBT                            | 7,241    | 1,553    | 5,820    | 6,323    | 8,077    |
| (-) Taxes                      | (6,833)  | (1,200)  | (1,979)  | (2,150)  | (2,746)  |
| (+) Minority Interest          | 176      | 304      | 141      | 154      | 196      |
| Net Income                     | 584      | 657      | 3,982    | 4,327    | 5,527    |
| Balance Sheet                  | 2013     | 2014     | 2015 (E) | 2016 (E) | 2017 (E  |
| ASSETS                         | 124,597  | 116,489  | 130,782  | 135,144  | 138,584  |
| Current Assets                 | 24,377   | 20,234   | 15,491   | 16,522   | 18,466   |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents      | 5,522    | 4,288    | 3,117    | 3,072    | 4,333    |
| Accounts Receivable            | 5,703    | 3,275    | 3,592    | 3,931    | 4,155    |
| Inventories                    | 4,125    | 4,501    | 4,831    | 5,194    | 5,407    |
| Recoverable Taxes              | 3,954    | 3,281    | 2,604    | 2,850    | 3,012    |
| Others                         | 5,073    | 4,889    | 1,347    | 1,474    | 1,558    |
| Non-current Assets             | 8,100    | 7,180    | 9,251    | 9,637    | 10,033   |
| Others LT                      | 8,100    | 7,180    | 9,251    | 9,637    | 10,033   |
| Investments                    | 92,120   | 89,075   | 106,040  | 108,985  | 110,085  |
| Investments                    | 3,584    | 4,133    | 3,584    | 3,584    | 3,584    |
| Intangible Assets, net         | 6,871    | 6,820    | 6,871    | 6,871    | 6,871    |
| Property, plant and equipment  | 81,665   | 78,122   | 95,585   | 98,530   | 99,630   |
| LIABILITIES                    | 124,597  | 116,489  | 130,782  | 135,144  | 138,584  |
| Current Liabilities            | 9,612    | 10,737   | 10,741   | 11,481   | 11,955   |
| Suppliers and contractors      | 3,772    | 4,354    | 4,118    | 4,427    | 4,609    |
| Payroll and related charges    | 1,386    | 1,163    | 979      | 1,072    | 1,133    |
| Loans and Financing            | 1,775    | 1,419    | 2,770    | 2,836    | 2,889    |
| Taxes and royalties payable    | 1,175    | 1,360    | 1,347    | 1,474    | 1,558    |
| Others                         | 1,504    | 2,441    | 1,527    | 1,671    | 1,766    |
| Non-current Liabilities        | 50,049   | 49,431   | 54,454   | 56,215   | 57,855   |
| Loans and Financing            | 27,670   | 27,388   | 28,895   | 29,589   | 30,136   |
| Others LT                      | 22,379   | 22,043   | 25,559   | 26,627   | 27,718   |
| Shareholders' Equity           | 64,936   | 56,321   | 65,587   | 67,448   | 68,774   |

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