

TWO VALE MINE EMPLOYEES FATALLY INJURED

SUDBURY, June 9, 2011 – Vale regrettably announces that two employees were fatally injured late last evening while working underground at the 3,000-foot level of the company’s Stobie Mine in Sudbury. Mine rescue was dispatched, however both individuals were pronounced dead at the scene.

The immediate families have been notified, however, the names of the employees are being withheld pending completion of the notification process.

“This is a devastating loss and our thoughts and prayers go out to the families, friends and co-workers of these employees,” said Jon Treen, General Manager, Mining & Milling (Ontario Operations) and General Manager, Ontario Operations. “We are concentrating our efforts on supporting the families and our employees at the mine site, and on investigating the incident to understand exactly what occurred.”

The matter is being investigated by the Greater Sudbury Police Services, the Ministry of Labour, and representatives of Vale and the United Steelworkers Local 6500.

Editor’s Note

Vale will release more details to the media at a press conference that is being organized at Vale’s Copper Cliff Club at 29 Creighton Road in Copper Cliff at 11:00 a.m.

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