## **New Doce River Basin Agreement**

Samarco's Fundão dam failure



A definitive and substantive agreement has been finalised in Brazil that provides reparation for the impacts of Samarco's Fundão dam failure and builds on existing remediation and compensation work.

The agreement is between the Federal Government of Brazil, the states of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo, public prosecutors and public defenders (collectively, the Public Authorities) and Samarco, BHP Brasil and Vale (collectively, the Companies).

## The agreement in detail

The total agreement value is **R\$ 170 billion¹ (US\$ 31.7 billion²)** which incorporates amounts already invested to date plus future payments and obligations³.



Remediation and compensation activities to date

## R\$ 38 billion<sup>1</sup> (US\$ 7.9 billion<sup>2</sup>)

The Renova Foundation has already paid approximately US\$3.5 billion in compensation and financial assistance to approximately 432,000 impacted people through its compensation systems and approximately 91 per cent of resettlement cases have been completed.



Programs to support people, communities and the environment

## R\$ 100 billion<sup>1</sup> (US\$ 18 billion<sup>2</sup>)

Instalments over 20 years to the Public Authorities, the relevant municipalities and Indigenous Peoples and traditional



Ongoing performance obligations

# Approximately R\$ 32 billion<sup>1</sup> (Approximately US\$ 5.8 billion<sup>2</sup>)

Programs to be carried out by Samarco which will provide benefits to the people, communities and environment affected by the dam failure.

This is the next important step in our commitment to do the right thing following Samarco's Fundão dam failure in November 2015. This was a tragedy in which 19 lives were lost. As one of Samarco's shareholders in a non-operated joint venture, we will continue to support the reparation and compensation efforts in Brazil.



The agreement is a result of extensive consultation and engagement by the Companies, federal and states governments and other public authorities, including public defenders and prosecutors, over an extended period to address the requirements of those affected.

## **Funding for new community** programs

Providing benefits to people, communities and environment in the affected regions through programs and initiatives in recovery, income assistance and

### Compensation for **Indigenous Peoples and** traditional communities

R\$ 8 billion in funding for eligible communities will be made available following a consultation process led by the Federal Government.

## A further compensation and indemnification system

Designed with the collaboration and endorsement of the public defenders and prosecutors, the new **Definitive Indemnification Program** (PID) has a low eligibility threshold in order to capture those unable to meet the criteria of the previously established systems. It is estimated that approximately 500,000 people will be eligible for individual compensation benefits.

## **Timeline**

#### November 2015:

Samarco begins a series of humanitarian and emergency actions related to the collapse of the Fundão dam

March 2016: Signing of the Transaction and Conduct Adjustment Agreement (TTAC) by the Federal Government of Brazil and the governments of Minas Gerais and Espírito Santo as well as Samarco and its shareholders BHP Brasil and Vale, which resulted in the creation of the Renova Foundation

June 2018: Signing of the TAC Governance with governments, **Public Prosecutors** and Public Defenders' Offices to ensure further participation of affected parties in the process

September 2021: Under the mediation of the CNJ, the first round of in-person discussions took place to continue the Renegotiation Agreement negotiations

#### October 2024:

Agreement reached between Public Authorities and the Companies, which replaces the TTAC and other previous agreements



2015: Samarco Fundão dam failure in Mariana, Minas Gerais, Brazil

December 2015: All families from the affected districts who were staying in hotels paid for by Samarco are transferred to housing rented by the company

August 2016: The Renova Foundation begins its work

April 2021: Mediated by the National Council of Justice (CNJ), negotiations to define a definitive solution for the programs that make up the TTAC.

April 2023: The renegotiation table led by the Regional Federal Court of the 6th Region (TRF-6)

opens

## Renova Foundation progress and transition



Renova Foundation to provide immediate support to those affected, relocated and rebuilt their environmental support

## **Before**

## **After**

## **Novo Bento Rodrigues**





#### **Paracatu**





### **Gualaxo do Norte river (Mariana)**





- <sup>1</sup>All financial obligations are presented on a real, undiscounted basis and will accrue inflation at IPCA inflation rate. Payments will be made in Brazilian Reais. <sup>2</sup> All USD amounts throughout are calculated based on actual transactional (historical) exchange rates related to funding provided to Fundação Renova (Renova Foundation) for investment to date and future spend is calculated using 28 June 2024 BRL/USD exchange rate of 5.56.
- <sup>3</sup> Under the Settlement Agreement, Samarco is the primary obligor for the settlement obligations and BHP Brasil and Vale are each secondary obligors of any obligation that Samarco cannot fund or perform in proportion to their shareholding at the time of the dam failure, which is 50% each.

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