

USINAS SIDERÚRGICAS DE MINAS GERAIS S.A. - USIMINAS

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Publicly Traded Company

NOTICE TO THE MARKET

Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. – USIMINAS (“Usiminas” or “Company”), in attention to the clarification request sent by *BM&FBovespa S.A. – Bolsa de Valores Mercadorias e Futuros* (“BM&FBovespa”), hereby informs the following:

Initially, we make reference to the Notice 372/2016-SAE, received on February 16th, 2016, which is transcribed below:

*February 16th, 2016
372/2016-SAE*

*Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A.
Sr. Ronald Seckelmann
Investors Relations Officer*

Ref: Request of clarification about article published in the press

Dear Sirs,

In an article published by Valor Econômico newspaper, on 02/16/2016, it is stated that this company needs a capital injection of R\$900 million for surviving this year, while it negotiates debts with commercial banks of R\$ 4,3 billion which are due until 2018.

We have not identified such information in the documents sent by the company through the Empresas.NET system. In case of contradiction, please inform the document and the pages containing the information and the date and time in which they were sent.

It is noteworthy that the company should disclose periodic, occasional, and any other information of interest to the market through the Empresas.NET system, ensuring its full and immediate disclosure and fair treatment of investors and other market participants.

We request clarifications, until 02/17/2016, regarding the above mentioned items, notwithstanding the provisions of the sole paragraph of art. 6 of CVM Instruction 358/02, with its confirmation or not, as well as other information deemed important.

We emphasize the obligation, expressed on the sole paragraph of art. 4 of CVM Instruction 358/02, to inquire the management and controlling shareholders of the company, in order to ascertain whether they have knowledge of information that should be disclosed to the market.

In the file to be sent should be transcribed the content of the inquiry above before the reply of this company.

This request is inserted in the Cooperation Agreement, executed by CVM and BM&FBOVESPA on 12/13/2011, and its non-compliance may subject the company to a possible imposition of penalty fees by the Superintendence of Corporate Relations - SEP of CVM, subject to the provisions of CVM Instruction No. 452/07.

Regards,

*Nelson Barroso Ortega
Company Monitoring Management*

*c.c. CVM - Comissão de Valores Mobiliários
Mr. Fernando Soares Vieira – Company Relations Superintendent
Mr. Waldir de Jesus Nobre – Market Relations and Intermediates Superintendent”*

In this regard, the Company hereby clarifies that its management, as part of its strategic plan for 2016, is analyzing all available alternatives to increase the cash resources and to improve its debt profile in order to strengthen its capital structure, with more detailed information in this regard contained in the Financial Statements and Management Report for the fiscal year ended on 12/31/2015, which will be released on the morning of 02/18/2016. So far, however, there is no decision to be disclosed to the market on the possible implementation of any of these alternatives.

The Company will keep its shareholders and the market duly informed about the subject matter of this Notice, and will proceed with the disclosure of information as set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law and the regulations issued by CVM.

Belo Horizonte, February 17th, 2016

Ronald Seckelmann

Vice President of Finances and Investors Relations