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## Your letter regarding the dam rupture in Brumadinho, Brazil

Dear Madams and Sirs,

Thank you for your letter regarding the dam rupture in Brumadinho, Brazil.

We are deeply shocked by the catastrophe that occurred on January 25 in Brumadinho. thyssenkrupp has deepest sympathy for those affected by the dam rupture at the Córrego do Feijão mine. Our thoughts are with the victims, their families and friends.

At thyssenkrupp, we consider sustainability to be an essential element of our business processes. As a technology group with high materials competency, we purchase raw materials, commodities and services from suppliers worldwide to secure the sustainable success of our customers by providing innovative solutions for products and services.

This requires responsible management that strives for a long term, value-added business model. For this reason, supplier relations are an integral part of our sustainability strategy. In all our procurement activities, we carefully take into consideration a set of economic, process-driven and technical criteria as well as essential social and ecological factors such as human rights, labor conditions, anti-corruption concerns and environmental protection.

At thyssenkrupp, we expect that our suppliers comply with applicable national statutes, with the principles of the United Nations Global Compact, and with the thyssenkrupp Supplier Code of Conduct. Furthermore, we expect our suppliers to introduce suitable processes within their organizations that support compliance with all applicable statutes which are relevant for their business activities and that drive continuous improvements with regard to the principles and requirements laid out in the thyssenkrupp Supplier Code of Conduct.

Our suppliers are expected to establish and maintain a suitable environmental management system (e.g., in accordance with ISO 14001, or national equivalent) to minimize environmental impact and hazards, and to improve environmental protection in their everyday operations. We also expect our suppliers to minimize any possible adverse effects by taking into account all relevant international standards.

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We audit our suppliers for compliance with the sustainability principles of our Supplier Code of Conduct in a systematic way by a supplier risk assessment based on country and sector risks. Please note that thyssenkrupp has not purchased any iron ore from the Córrego de Feijão mine – thus, the mine was not part of our risk assessments.

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thyssenkrupp currently is in talks with Vale related to the dam rupture and its causes. Please understand that we cannot share any details, as we generally do not disclose any information from meetings with our suppliers.

thyssenkrupp is continuously adjusting its sustainability approach on supply management to assure that it remains effective. As part of this process we will also make sure that any learnings from the terrible catastrophe in Brumadinho will be reflected.

Yours sincerely,

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