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Katerina Barton
National Public Radio
1111 North Capitol Street NE, Washington, D.C.

Subject : **Response to Media Inquiry – Indonesia Pomalaa Industrial Park (IPIP)**

Dear Ms. Barton,

PT Vale Indonesia Tbk. ("PT Vale") appreciates the opportunity to provide clarification and values the role of responsible journalism in ensuring transparency and accountability in the development of Indonesia's critical minerals sector. PT Vale is an investor in PT Kolaka Nickel Indonesia (KNI), which is developing a High Pressure Acid Leach (HPAL) processing facility in Pomalaa as part of Indonesia's broader strategy to strengthen the global supply of responsibly produced nickel for the energy transition. As a company that operates in close partnership with communities and government stakeholders across Indonesia, PT Vale takes any concerns raised by local communities seriously.

With regard to the specific allegations referenced in your inquiry, PT Vale understands that the matters mentioned relate to activities involving PT Rimau New World, which is not an entity under PT Vale's operational control. Land acquisition processes associated with infrastructure development in the broader Indonesia Pomalaa Industrial Park (IPIP) area are managed by the respective project developers and relevant authorities in accordance with Indonesian regulatory frameworks.

At the same time, as a shareholder in KNI, PT Vale maintains an active dialogue with our partners to ensure that the development of the project upholds responsible mining practices, sound environmental management, and constructive community engagement, consistent with applicable regulations and recognized sustainability principles.

That said, PT Vale maintains a clear commitment to responsible investment and environmental and social standards, including respect for community rights, transparent engagement, and fair resolution of grievances.

PT Vale also supports the availability of open dialogue and grievance mechanisms that allow communities to raise concerns through appropriate channels so that issues can be addressed constructively and transparently by the relevant parties.

More broadly, PT Vale remains committed to ensuring that the development of Indonesia's critical minerals industry delivers long-term value for local communities, environmental stewardship, and responsible supply chains aligned with global sustainability expectations.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,
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