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Converteam chosen by Vale as the electrical solution supplier for the Salobo project

Belo Horizonte, October 20, 2008 - Converteam has just signed a US\$22 million contract with Vale for the Salobo Project in the city of Marabà (PA), Brazil.

In addition to the provision of electrical equipment (power, control and lightning transformers, MV and LV switchgears, Motor Controls Center and drives, and mobile substations), this turnkey project includes, detailed engineering, erection, civil work supervision, commissioning, start-up, and technical assistance to the mine and to the 18 secondary substations.

At the first stage, 12 million tons of copper ore and 270 tons of copper concentrate will be processed per year. This project will contribute to the self-sufficiency of copper production in Brazil.

Rodrigo Carvalho, Mining Sales Manager of Converteam Brasil commented: "This project is essential to Converteam's consolidation in the mining market, one of its most important sectors, and confirms Converteam position as a partner of choice for the big players in this business".

About Converteam

Converteam Group is a world leader in power conversion engineering. Building on over a century of experience, it is firmly placed at the leading edge of technology and innovation with a global reputation for excellence in the conversion of electrical energy.

Converteam develops and provides solutions built around three core components: rotating machines, drives and process automation. Serving specialized sectors as well as its core markets in Marine, Oil & Gas and offshore, Energy and Industry, its 4600 staff members provide power conversion solutions worldwide. At year-end 07, the Converteam sales totalled 875,000,000 EUR.

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