

**Cosipa acquired the 49% participation in Dufer S.A**

## **USINAS SIDERÚRGICAS DE MINAS GERAIS – USIMINAS**

### **Publicly Traded Company**

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### **MATERIAL FACT**

Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais – USIMINAS (“USIMINAS”), under the terms of article 157, paragraph 4 of Law number 6,404/76 and of CVM Instruction number 358/02, states that its subsidiary, Companhia Siderúrgica Paulista – COSIPA, acquired the 49% participation in Dufer S.A. from the German group Thyssen, becoming the sole shareholder of Dufer. Dufer operates in the São Paulo State, acting in the distribution and transformation of coil into plates, rolls, strips and blanks. This acquisition, in the amount of R\$ 92,418,000.00, aligns to Usiminas’s commercial strategy and reinforces the group’s presence in the distribution and services center segment.

USIMINAS informs that this acquisition is aligned to its long term plan.

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