

**USINAS SIDERÚRGICAS DE MINAS GERAIS S.A. - USIMINAS**  
**CNPJ/MF 60.894.730/0001-05**  
**NIRE 313.000.1360-0**  
**Publicly Traded Company**

**NOTICE TO MARKET**

Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. – USIMINAS (Bovespa: USIM3, USIM5, USIM6; OTC: USNZY; Latibex: XUSI, XUSIO) announces, according to CVM Instruction no. 358/02, amended by CVM Instruction 369 of 2002 and 449 of 2007, that it received on December 16, 2009 information from BlackRock Inc. in the following terms: *“1- The undersigned BlackRock, Inc. (“BlackRock”), hereby, in the name of a few of its clients, in the capacity of investment manager, informs that, due to the merger of BlackRock and Barclays Global Investors, on December 1, 2009, the equity interest of BlackRock in Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. – USIMINAS (“Usiminas”) reached a total of 14,785,560 preferred class A shares, representing approximately 5.84% of the preferred class A shares issued by Usiminas. In order to comply with the provisions of Article 12 of Instruction no. 358 of the Brazilian Securities & Exchange Commission (“CVM”), dated January 3, 2002, as amended, BlackRock, hereby, requests Usiminas’ Investor Relations Executive Officer to disclose the following information to CVM and other relevant entities: (i) BlackRock’s headquarter is at 40 East 52nd Street, New York 10022-5911, United States of America; (ii) the equity interest held by BlackRock reached a total of 14,785,560 preferred class A shares issued by Usiminas, as specified in item 1 above; (iii) the purpose of the equity interest mentioned above is strictly for investment and is not aimed at changing Usiminas’ controlling interest or its administrative structure; (iv) BlackRock does not hold debentures convertible into shares issued by Usiminas; and (v) BlackRock has not entered into any contracts or agreements that regulate voting rights or the purchase and sale of securities issued by Usiminas.”*

Belo Horizonte, December 17, 2009.

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