



MANABI S.A.

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Material Fact

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT FOR PILAR HILL PROJECT ISSUED BY COPAM

MANABI S.A. (“Manabi” or the “Company”), a Brazilian mining company focused on the development of a high-grade iron ore project and integrated logistics, informs to its shareholders and to the market in general that the Minas Gerais State Council for Environmental Policy (*Conselho Estadual de Política Ambiental* or “COPAM”) has issued the preliminary environmental permit (*licença prévia* or “LP”) that had been approved on November 6, 2014, for the iron ore mine, processing plant and related facilities of its Pilar Hill project in and around the municipality of Morro do Pilar, state of Minas Gerais.

The LP attests the environmental and social feasibility of the Pilar Hill project following a comprehensive and in-depth review process undertaken by the environmental authority that included public hearing with local communities and other stakeholders, consultation with several authorities at the federal, state and municipal levels and other entities. The LP also establishes the conditions precedent that the company must meet to apply for the construction permit (*licença de instalação* or “LI”) and thus be able to start construction.

The Pilar Hill project has a nominal production capacity of up to 25.5 million metric tons per annum (Mtpa) of iron ore based on 1.33 billion tons of measured and indicated resources and 312 million tons of inferred resources certified pursuant to CIM Guideline (National Instrument 43-101). The Company expects to consistently produce pellet feed with an average iron content of 68.0% to 68.5% and low impurities at a low processing cost.

Rio de Janeiro, November 12, 2014.

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