



## **MATERIAL INFORMATION**

*(Translated from the Portuguese Original)*

Following the preliminary announcement, on December 18, 2009, of a general and voluntary takeover bid on CIMPOR – Cimentos de Portugal, SGPS, S.A. (CIMPOR) by the Brazilian company Companhia Siderúrgica Nacional (CSN), CIMPOR informs, within the terms of article no.3, paragraph d) of the Regulation no. 5/2008 of the Portuguese Securities Market Commission, that Standard & Poor's has decided to place CIMPOR's corporate credit rating on CreditWatch with negative implications, considering that this agency would likely cap CIMPOR's rating by the lower rating of CSN in case the offer is successful.

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