This is another step in the licensing process aiming at the resumption of operations

Samarco has filed, this afternoon, June 23rd, at the Secretary for the Environment and Sustainable Development of Minas Gerais (SEMAD), the Environmental Impact Study and the Environmental Impact Report (EIA/RIMA).

These studies are part of the licensing regarding the use of confined mining pits. This process is required for the partial resumption of its operations and was initiated on February 24th, when the company filed the first document (FCE - Enterprise Characterization Form) at SEMAD.

It is worth noting that Samarco has been periodically conducting technical meetings with the environmental agency’s staff about the licensing process for the resumption of operations, besides two technical field surveys carried out by the environmental agency.

The company expects to resume its activities with 60% of its capacity and employing a new operations model that will use confined pits (Alegria Sul) for tailings deposition.

The study indicates that a volume of 22.3 million m3 of tailings will be disposed of in the site.

"This is an internal pit, located within Samarco’s grounds, in which the waste will be safely deposited, without any contact with other areas used for the deposition of materials", explains Márcio Perdigão, the company's general licensing manager.

The structure will be located at the Germano-Alegria Industrial Complex, covering the municipalities of Mariana and Ouro Preto/MG. The Alegria Sul pit is located over 4 km away from Germano and Fundão dams, where the accident occurred last November.
The company awaits consideration by SEMAD in order to proceed with the process and remains open to debate with the environmental agencies.