



Brazilian miner agrees 1.5 billion reais restructuring with creditors

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Donelli, Abreu Sodré e Martins Advogados has helped Brazilian mining company Zamin Amapá Mineração agree a restructuring plan with creditors worth 1.5 billion reais (US\$362 million).

A restructuring court in São Paulo approved the plan on 29 August, after Zamin had reached an agreement with creditors a week earlier. More than 150 creditors were involved.

The plan involves the company's owner, Zamin Group, transferring all its shares to a joint venture between UK mining investor Cadence Minerals and Indo Sino, a Singaporean commodity trader. Indo Sino held some US\$50 million of Zamin's debt. The joint venture will subsequently inject US\$110 million in Zamin to strengthen its solvency.

UK metals trader Gerald Metals was the largest creditor, holding some US\$135 million of Zamin's debt. It relied on [Nasser Advogados](#) for the deal.

[Pinheiro Neto Advogados](#) helped a syndicate of banks as the second-biggest creditor, while Ayres Catelino Pimentel Advogados advised Cadence and Indo Sino.

In addition to the capital injection by Cadence and Indo Sino, the plan calls for Zamin to repay all small creditors once certain conditions are met. These include an agreement with the state of Amapá to renew licences and transport concessions related to the mining operations. Zamin will also repay creditors holding unsecured debt using its free cash flow, which it will do from seven to 14 years from the plan's approval.

Zamin operates an iron ore mine in the northern state of Amapá, which includes port, railroad and mining facilities.

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