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A Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher team led by partners Christopher Joralemon, David Kusnetz and Brad Hubbard secured a ruling from an intermediate Texas appellate court for mining giant Vale S.A. in a \$500 million lawsuit brought by Itabirçu Nacional de Pesquisa Mineral over mineral rights in an area of Brazil known as the Polygonal. Itabirçu sued appellant Vale S.A. in Nueces County, claiming that Vale wrongfully appropriated iron ore from the area and sold some of it in Texas. Earlier this month, the Thirteenth District Court of Appeals held that the trial court wrongfully denied Vale's special appearance in the case and dismissed all claims against the company for lack of personal jurisdiction. The Gibson Dunn team included partner Sydney Scott, of counsel Benjamin Wilson and associates Michael Klurfeld, Jack DiSorbo, Arjun Ogale, Hayato Watanabe, John Ito, Warren Bloom, Jon Greenberg and Michelle Gery.

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