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787-BR-6 First stripping is carried out by 50-ton trucks and P-H mining shovels at the Aguas Claras iron ore mine at Belo Horizonte in Brazil.

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787-BR-7 Equipment repair building goes up at the Aguas Claras mine. All scrapers, shovels, bulldozers, trucks, etc. will be repaired here.

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