

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

Form 6-K

October 27, 2005

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**United States
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 6-K
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the month of
October 2005
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce
Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
20005-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)**

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CVRD issues US\$300 million notes due 2034

Rio de Janeiro, October 26, 2005 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that it issued today US\$300 million notes due 2034.

The notes issuance was oversubscribed by more than twice its value. The notes were priced with a yield to maturity (YTM) of 7.65% per year, resulting in a spread over US-Treasury bonds with the same duration of 286 basis points (bps), 50 bps lower than the US\$500 million tranche issued in January 2005. The YTM is 70 bps lower than the one offered in the former transaction.

The notes form a single series with the US\$500,000,000 principal amount of Vale Overseas 8.25% Guaranteed Notes due 2034 (CVRD 2034) that were issued on January 15, 2004. The notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Vale Overseas Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of CVRD, and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by CVRD. The guarantee ranks pari passu with all of CVRD's other unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations. The net proceeds of the offer will be used for CVRD's general corporate purposes.

This issuance contributes both to enhance market liquidity of the CVRD 2034 and to lengthen the average debt maturity of CVRD, in line with the Company's strategic target of minimizing the risk of its debt portfolio, while reinforcing the positive perception of CVRD credit risk by the global capital markets.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE
(Registrant)

Date: October 27, 2005

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco
Roberto Castello Branco
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