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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  
May 2006

**Companhia Vale do Rio Doce**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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**This report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Vale Overseas Limited, File No. 333-110867-01 and the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, File No. 333-110867 and shall be deemed to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is furnished, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.**

**Table of Contents****Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets  
Expressed in millions of United States dollars**

	<b>March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,644	1,041
Accounts receivable		
Related parties	209	159
Unrelated parties	1,377	1,490
Loans and advances to related parties	27	22
Inventories	1,313	1,142
Deferred income tax	273	186
Recoverable taxes	410	362
Others	394	373
	<b>5,647</b>	<b>4,775</b>
Property, plant and equipment, net	<b>17,949</b>	<b>14,166</b>
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision for losses on equity investments	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,672</b>
Other assets		
Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries	591	548
Loans and advances		
Related parties	11	4
Unrelated parties	65	61
Prepaid pension cost	362	308
Judicial deposits	634	568
Advances to suppliers - energy	366	311
Others	316	231
	<b>2,345</b>	<b>2,031</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,761</b>	<b>22,644</b>

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**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
**Expressed in millions of United States dollars**  
**(Except number of shares)**

**(Continued)**

	<b>March 31, 2006 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Suppliers	789	1,110
Payroll and related charges	128	229
Current portion of long-term debt - unrelated parties	1,217	1,218
Short-term debt	67	15
Loans from related parties	38	62
Provision for income taxes	116	244
Taxes payable	56	53
Others	420	394
	<b>2,831</b>	<b>3,325</b>
Long-term liabilities		
Employees post-retirement benefits	251	241
Long-term debt - unrelated parties	4,740	3,714
Loans from related parties	1	1
Provisions for contingencies (Note 10 (b))	1,218	1,286
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	297	260
Deferred income tax	266	2
Provisions for environmental liabilities	248	225
Others	430	395
	<b>7,451</b>	<b>6,124</b>
Minority interests	<b>924</b>	<b>1,218</b>
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred class A stock - 1,800,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 479,879,100 issued	4,702	2,150
Common stock - 900,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 749,949,429 issued	3,806	3,806
Treasury stock - 11,458 preferred and 14,145,510 common shares	(88)	(88)
Additional paid-in capital	498	498
Other cumulative comprehensive deficit	(1,874)	(2,729)
Appropriated retained earnings	4,687	4,357
Unappropriated retained earnings	4,824	3,983
	<b>16,555</b>	<b>11,977</b>

TOTAL		<b>27,761</b>	<b>22,644</b>
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*See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.*

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**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income**  
**Expressed in millions of United States dollars (Unaudited)**  
**(except number of shares and per-share amounts)**

	<b>March</b>	<b>Three-month periods ended</b>	
	<b>31,</b>	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>December</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>31,</b>
			<b>2005</b>
Operating revenues, net of discounts, returns and allowances			
Sales of ores and metals	2,760	1,748	3,055
Revenues from logistic services	289	232	309
Aluminum products	429	346	377
Other products and services	12	2	5
	<b>3,490</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>3,746</b>
Taxes on revenues	(150)	(115)	(148)
Net operating revenues	<b>3,340</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>3,598</b>
Operating costs and expenses			
Cost of ores and metals sold	(1,256)	(912)	(1,372)
Cost of logistic services	(174)	(143)	(205)
Cost of aluminum products	(257)	(191)	(250)
Others	(8)	(1)	(2)
	<b>(1,695)</b>	<b>(1,247)</b>	<b>(1,829)</b>
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(168)	(113)	(175)
Research and development	(71)	(34)	(85)
Employee profit sharing plan	(28)	(17)	(32)
Others	(42)	(7)	(16)
	<b>(2,004)</b>	<b>(1,418)</b>	<b>(2,137)</b>
Operating income	<b>1,336</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>1,461</b>
Non-operating income (expenses)			
Financial income	42	29	31
Financial expenses	(213)	(92)	(201)
Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net	259	(2)	(166)
Gain on sale of investments	9		
	<b>97</b>	<b>(65)</b>	<b>(336)</b>
Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	<b>1,433</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>1,125</b>
Income taxes			
Current	(242)	(160)	(92)
Deferred	(53)	47	36

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	<b>(295)</b>	<b>(113)</b>	<b>(56)</b>
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments	156	133	213
Minority interests	(123)	(52)	(86)
Net income	<b>1,171</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>1,196</b>
Basic and diluted earnings per Preferred Class A Share	<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>1.04</b>
Basic and diluted earnings per Common Share	<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>1.04</b>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (thousands of shares)			
Common shares	735,804	735,804	735,804
Preferred Class A shares	415,724	415,716	415,716

*See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.*

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**Table of Contents****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Expressed in millions of United States dollars (Unaudited)**

	<b>Three-month periods ended</b>		
	<b>March 31, 2006</b>	<b>March 31, 2005</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	1,171	698	1,196
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	181	129	183
Dividends received	112	69	136
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments	(156)	(133)	(213)
Deferred income taxes	53	(47)	(36)
Provisions for contingencies	13	2	18
Gain on sale of investments	(9)		
Foreign exchange and monetary losses (gains)	(291)	27	235
Unrealized derivative losses, net	44	(5)	126
Minority interests	123	52	86
Interest payable, net	(28)	(2)	14
Others	46	(18)	(62)
Decrease (increase) in assets:			
Accounts receivable	162	(92)	(133)
Inventories	(17)	(20)	(24)
Others	(108)	(74)	63
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:			
Suppliers	(367)	45	113
Payroll and related charges	(108)	(35)	40
Income taxes	(178)	(79)	(229)
Others	(172)	(86)	3
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>1,516</b>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Loans and advances receivable			
Related parties			
Additions	(7)		1
Repayments	3	3	62
Others	48	1	
Guarantees and deposits	(23)	(17)	(7)
Additions to investments	(2)	(1)	(12)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(855)	(661)	(1,237)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	14		
Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment	9	2	12
Cash used to acquire subsidiaries, net of cash acquired			(737)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(813)</b>	<b>(673)</b>	<b>(1,918)</b>

Cash flows from financing activities:			
Short-term debt, net issuances (repayments)	50	21	(129)
Loans			
Related parties			
Additions	10	4	3
Repayments	(40)	(17)	
Issuances of long-term debt			
Related parties		4	
Others	1,347	235	1,386
Repayments of long-term debt	(321)	(156)	(140)
Interest attributed to stockholders			(800)
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>1,046</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>320</b>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	704	(151)	(82)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(101)	24	(112)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,041	1,249	1,235
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>1,041</b>
Cash paid during the period for:			
Interest on short-term debt	(1)		(8)
Interest on long-term debt	(94)	(82)	(55)
Income tax	(187)	(79)	(29)
Non-cash transactions			
Income tax paid with credits	(30)	(27)	(65)
Interest capitalized	(31)	(15)	(52)

*See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.*

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**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders Equity**  
**Expressed in millions of United States dollars (Unaudited)**  
**(except number of shares and per-share amounts)**

	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>Three-month periods ended</b>	
	<b>2006</b>	<b>March 31, 2005</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
			<b>2005</b>
Preferred class A stock (including three special shares)			
Beginning of the period	2,150	1,176	2,150
Capital increase (Note 5)	2,552		
End of the period	<b>4,702</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>2,150</b>
Common stock			
Balance March 31, 2006, 2005 and December 31, 2005	<b>3,806</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>3,806</b>
Treasury stock			
Beginning and end of the period	<b>(88)</b>	<b>(88)</b>	<b>(88)</b>
Additional paid-in capital			
Beginning and end of the period	<b>498</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>498</b>
Other cumulative comprehensive deficit			
Cumulative translation adjustments			
Beginning of the period	(2,856)	(3,869)	(2,269)
Change in the period	850	(22)	(587)
End of the period	<b>(2,006)</b>	<b>(3,891)</b>	<b>(2,856)</b>
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities			
Beginning of the period	127	95	164
Change in the period	5	21	(37)
End of the period	<b>132</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>127</b>
Total other cumulative comprehensive deficit	<b>(1,874)</b>	<b>(3,775)</b>	<b>(2,729)</b>
Appropriated retained earnings			
Beginning of the period	4,357	4,143	1,936
Transfer from retained earnings	330	(17)	2,421
End of the period	<b>4,687</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>4,357</b>
Unappropriated retained earnings			
Beginning of the period	3,983	3,315	6,008

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Net income	1,171	698	1,196
Dividends and interest attributed to stockholders			
Preferred class A stock			(289)
Common stock			(511)
Appropriation to reserves	(330)	17	(2,421)
End of the period	<b>4,824</b>	<b>4,030</b>	<b>3,983</b>
Total stockholders' equity	<b>16,555</b>	<b>8,088</b>	<b>11,977</b>
Comprehensive income is comprised as follows:			
Net income	1,171	698	1,196
Cumulative translation adjustments	850	(22)	(587)
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	5	21	(37)
Total comprehensive income	<b>2,026</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>572</b>

**Shares**

Preferred class A stock (including three special shares)			
(1)	<b>479,879,100</b>	<b>415,727,739</b>	<b>415,727,739</b>
Common stock	<b>749,949,429</b>	<b>749,949,429</b>	<b>749,949,429</b>
Treasury stock (2)			
Beginning of the period	(14,156,968)	(14,157,461)	(14,157,313)
Sales		136	345
End of the period	<b>(14,156,968)</b>	<b>(14,157,325)</b>	<b>(14,156,968)</b>
	<b>1,215,671,561</b>	<b>1,151,519,843</b>	<b>1,151,520,200</b>

**Dividends and interest attributed to stockholders  
(per share)**

Preferred class A stock (including three special shares)	0.70
Common stock	0.70
(1) Increase of 64,151,361 preferred shares due to merger of shares from Caemi.	
(2) As of March 31, 2006, 14,145,510 common shares and 11,458 preferred shares were held in treasury in the amount of US\$88. The	

14,145,510  
common shares  
are provided as  
collateral to  
secure a loan of  
our subsidiary  
Alunorte.

**See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.**

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**Table of Contents****Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements****Expressed in millions of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated****1 The Company and its operation**

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) is a limited liability company, duly organized and existing under the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil. Our operations are carried out through CVRD and its subsidiary companies, joint ventures and affiliates, and mainly consist of mining, non-ferrous metal production and logistics, as well as energy, aluminum and steel activities. Further details of our joint ventures and affiliates are described in Note 8.

The main operating subsidiaries we consolidate are as follows:

<b>Subsidiary</b>	<b>% ownership</b>	<b>% voting capital</b>	<b>Head office location</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>
Alumina do Norte do Brasil S.A. Alunorte ( Alunorte )	57	61	Brazil	Alumina
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. Albras ( Albras )	51	51	Brazil	Aluminum
CADAM S.A (CADAM) (1) (3)	61 (37)	100	Brazil	Kaolin
CVRD Overseas Ltd.	100	100	Cayman Islands	Trading
Ferrovias Centro-Atlântica S. A.	100	100	Brazil	Logistics
CVRD International S.A. (4)	100	100	Swiss	Trading
Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S.A. MBR (2) (3)	90 (56)	90	Brazil	Iron ore
Mineração Onça Puma Ltda	99	99	Brazil	Nickel
Navegação Vale do Rio Doce S.A. DOCENAVE	100	100	Brazil	Shipping
Pará Pigmentos S.A. (1) (3)	82 (76)	86	Brazil	Kaolin
Rio Doce International Finance Ltd. RDIF	100	100	Bahamas	International finance
Rio Doce Manganês S.A.	100	100	Brazil	Manganese and Ferroalloys
Rio Doce Manganês Europe RDME	100	100	France	Ferroalloys
Rio Doce Manganese Norway RDMN	100	100	Norway	Ferroalloys
Salobo Metais S.A.	100	100	Brazil	Copper
Urucum Mineração S.A.	100	100	Brazil	Iron ore, Ferroalloys and Manganese

(1) Through Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A.. CVRD holds 100% of the voting and total capital.

(2) Through Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. and Belém Administrações e Participações Ltda.

(3)

The participation in parenthesis refers to the interest before the merger of shares from Caemi on March, 2006.

- (4) Previously known as Itabira Rio Doce Company Ltd. ITACO

## **2 Basis of consolidation**

All majority-owned subsidiaries in which we have both share and management control are consolidated. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions are eliminated. As from January 1, 2004, our variable interest entities in which we are the primary beneficiary are consolidated. Investments in unconsolidated affiliates and joint ventures are reported at cost plus our equity in undistributed earnings or losses. Included in this category are certain joint ventures in which we have majority ownership but, by force of shareholders' agreements, do not have effective management control. We provide for losses on equity investments with negative stockholders' equity where applicable (Note 8).

We evaluate the carrying value of our listed investments relative to publicly available quoted market prices. If the quoted market price is below book value, and such decline is considered other than temporary, we write-down our equity investments to quoted market value.

We define joint ventures as businesses in which we and a small group of other partners each participate actively in the overall entity management, based on a shareholders agreement. We define affiliates as businesses in which we participate as a minority stockholder but with significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the investee.

Investments in unincorporated joint ventures, formed for the purpose of investing in hydroelectric power projects, are proportionately consolidated.

## **3 Summary of significant accounting policies**

Our condensed consolidated interim financial information for the three-month periods ended March

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31, 2006, December 31, 2005 and March 31, 2005 is unaudited. However, in our opinion, such condensed consolidated financial information includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for interim periods. The results of operations for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

In preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, we are required to use estimates to account for certain assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Our condensed consolidated financial statements therefore include various estimates concerning the selection of useful lives of property, plant and equipment, provisions necessary for contingent liabilities, fair values assigned to assets and liabilities acquired in business combinations, income tax valuation allowances, employee post-retirement benefits and other similar evaluations, actual results may vary from our estimates.

We have remeasured all assets and liabilities into U.S. dollars at the current exchange rate at each balance sheet date (R\$2.1724 and R\$2.3370 at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively to US\$1.00 or the first available exchange rate if exchange on December 31, was not available), and all accounts in the statements of income (including amounts relative to local currency indexation and exchange variances on assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency) at the average rates prevailing during the period. The translation gain or loss resulting from this remeasurement process is included in the cumulative translation adjustments account in stockholders' equity.

### **4 Recently-issued accounting pronouncements**

In April 2006, the FASB issued FIN 46R-(6), *Determining the variability to be considered in applying FASB Interpretation No. 46(R)*, which addresses how a reporting enterprise should determine the variability to be considered in applying FASB Interpretation No. 46. We will apply this statement as applicable in fiscal periods beginning after July 15, 2006.

In March 2006, the FASB issued FAS 156, *Accounting for servicing of financial assets*, which amends FASB Statements No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities*. This Statement addresses the accounting for separately recognized servicing assets and servicing liabilities. We will apply this statement as applicable in fiscal periods beginning after September 15, 2006.

In February 2006, the FASB issued FAS 155, *Accounting for certain hybrid financial instruments*, which amends FASB Statements No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, and No. 140, *Accounting for Transfers and Servicing of Financial Assets and Extinguishments of Liabilities*. This Statement resolves issues addressed in Statement 133 Implementation Issue No. D1, *Application of Statement 133 to Beneficial Interests in Securitized Financial Assets*. We will apply this statement as applicable in fiscal periods beginning after September 15, 2006.

### **5 Major acquisitions and disposals during the years presented**

At an Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting on March 31, 2006, the Capital Stock increased by US\$2,552, corresponding to 64,151,361 preferred shares, due to the issuance of shares in relation to the acquisition of the outstanding minority interest in Caemi.

Pro forma information with respect to our acquisition of the 39.77% preferred shares of Caemi, totaling 100% of total interest, in March 2006 is shown:



	March 31, 2006			March 31, 2005			Three-month periods ended December 31, 2005		
	Caemi			Caemi			Caemi		
	-		-		-		-		
	Merger	Pro Forma	Merger	Pro Forma	Merger	Pro Forma	Merger	Pro Forma	
	(89.77%)(unaudited)		(89.77%)(unaudited)		(89.77%)(unaudited)		(89.77%)(unaudited)		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Income before minority interests	1,323	1,323	750	750	1,282	1,282			
Minority interests	(123) 54	(69)	(52) 22	(30)	(86) 86	0			
Net income	<b>1,200 54</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>698 22</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>1,196 86</b>	<b>1,282</b>			
Outstanding shares (thousands)	1,151,520	1,215,672	1,151,520	1,215,672	1,151,520	1,215,672			
Basic and diluted earnings per share	1.04	1.03	0.61	0.59	1.04	1.05			

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In November 2005, we acquired 93.0% of the voting capital of Canico Resource Corp. (Canico) a Canadian-based junior resource company focused on the development of the Onça-Puma nickel laterite, for US\$750. In December 2005, we acquired an additional 6.20% of the voting capital of Canico for US\$50. Canico's only significant asset other than US\$63 of cash and cash equivalents was US\$794 of mining rights.

On February 10, 2006, we concluded the acquisition of the outstanding common shares of Canico, acquiring the remaining voting capital of Canico, 0.8% of its total capital for US\$6, which is now a wholly-owned subsidiary.

During the first quarter of 2006, we sold our total interest in Nova Era Silicon (49%) to JFE Steel Corporation, resulting in a net gain of US\$9.

**6 Income taxes**

Income taxes in Brazil comprise federal income tax and social contribution, which is an additional federal tax. The statutory composite enacted tax rate applicable in the periods presented is 34% represented by a 25% federal income tax rate plus a 9% social contribution rate.

The amount reported as income tax expense in our consolidated financial statements is reconciled to the statutory rates as follows:

	<b>Three-month periods ended</b>		
	<b>March</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>December</b>
	<b>31,</b>	<b>31,</b>	<b>31, 2005</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>
Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	<b>1,433</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>1,125</b>
Federal income tax and social contribution expense at statutory enacted rates	(487)	(248)	(383)
Adjustments to derive effective tax rate:			
Tax benefit on interest attributed to stockholders	91	54	72
Exempt foreign income (loss)	114	46	346
Difference on tax basis of equity investees	(66)	(4)	(28)
Tax incentives	32	22	(26)
Other non-taxable gains (losses)	21	17	(37)
Federal income tax and social contribution expense in consolidated statements of income	<b>(295)</b>	<b>(113)</b>	<b>(56)</b>

We have certain tax incentives relative to our manganese operations in Carajás, our potash operations in Rosario do Catete, our alumina and aluminum operations in Barcarena and our kaolin operations in Ipixuna and Mazagão. The incentives relative to manganese comprise partial exemption up to 2013. The incentive relating to alumina and potash comprise full income tax exemption on defined production levels which expires in 2009 and 2013, respectively, while the partial exemption incentives relative to aluminum and kaolin expire in 2013. An amount equal to the tax saving must be appropriated to a reserve account within stockholders' equity and may not be distributed in the form of cash dividends.

**7 Inventories**

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	<b>March 31, 2006</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
Finished products		
Iron ore and pellets	329	271
Manganese and ferroalloys	136	151
Alumina	30	22
Aluminum	59	52
Kaolin	20	18
Others	52	28
Spare parts and maintenance supplies	687	600
	<b>1,313</b>	<b>1,142</b>

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	March 31, 2006		Net income (loss) for the period		Investments		Equity Adjustments Three-month periods ended			Dividends received Three-month periods ended		
					March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005	March 31, 2006	December 31, 2005
	Participation in capital (%) voting	in total	Net equity									
<b>Ferrous</b>												
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização NIBRASCO (1)	51.11	51.00	101	18	52	60	9	2	13	22		16
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização HISPANOBRÁS (1)	51.00	50.89	62	10	31	37	5	2	4	13	1	
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização KOBRASCO	50.00	50.00	63	19	31	41	9	3	6			
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização ITABRASCO (1)	51.00	50.90	55	8	28	33	4	1	2	12		
Gulf Industrial Investment Company GIIC	50.00	50.00	151	28	76	62	14	12	18			20
SAMARCO Mineração S.A. SAMARCO (2)	50.00	50.00	694	78	374	335	39	34	85	25	20	95
Minas da Serra Geral S.A. MSG	50.00	50.00	46		23	21						
Others					20	25	(2)	(2)				
					<b>635</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Logistics</b>												
MRS Logística S.A	37.23	40.45	424	45	183	109	14	10	15			5
					<b>183</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>			<b>5</b>

**Holdings****Steel**

Usinas

Siderúrgicas de

Minas Gerais S.A.

USIMINAS (4)

22.99 11.46 2,858 228 328 281 26 42 41

California Steel

Industries Inc. CSI 50.00 50.00 344 30 172 161 15 11 6 3 20

SIDERAR (cost

\$15) available for

sale investments

(4) 4.85 4.85 147 142

**647 584 41 53 47 3 20****Aluminum and****bauxite**

Mineração Rio do

Norte S.A. MRN 40.00 40.00 378 29 151 178 12 15 15 37 28

Valesul Alumínio

S.A. VALESUL 54.51 54.51 123 8 67 58 4 3 (1)

**218 236 16 18 14 37 28****Coal**

Henan Longyu

Resources Co. Ltd 25.00 25.00 411 27 103 96 7 9

Shandong

Yankuang

International

Company Ltd(3) 25.00 25.00 86 22 22

**125 118 7 9****Other affiliates  
and joint ventures**

Others

**12 11****12 11****1,002 949 64 71 70 40 48****Total****1,820 1,672 156 133 213 112 69 136**

(1) CVRD held a majority of the voting interest of several entities that were accounted for under the

equity method,  
in accordance  
with EITF  
96-16, due to  
veto rights held  
by minority  
shareholders  
under  
shareholders  
agreements;

- (2) Investment includes goodwill of US\$49 and US\$46 in 2006 and 2005, respectively;
- (3) Preoperating investment;
- (4) The quoted market value of Usiminas is equal to US\$996 and Siderar is equal to US\$147.

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	<b>Three-month periods ended</b>		
	<b>March 31, 2006</b>	<b>March 31, 2005</b>	<b>December 31, 2005</b>
Service cost – benefits earned during the period	1		
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	46	56	61
Expected return on assets	(66)	(69)	(75)
Amortization of initial transitory obligation	2	3	3
Net deferral	(4)	(4)	(5)
<b>Net periodic pension cost</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>(16)</b>

In addition to benefits provided under the Pension Plan, accruals have been made relative to supplementary health care benefits extended in previous periods as part of early-retirement programs. Such accruals included in long-term liabilities totaled US\$74, US\$57 and US\$68, at March 31, 2006, March 31, 2005 and December 31, 2005, respectively, plus US\$5, US\$4 and US\$5, respectively, in current liabilities.

The cost recognized for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006, March 31, 2005, and December 31, 2005 relative to the defined contribution element of the New Plan was US\$2, US\$2 and US\$3, respectively.

We previously disclosed in our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2005, that we expected to contribute US\$59 to our defined benefit pension plan in 2006. As of March 31, 2006, US\$10 of our contributions have been made. We do not expect any significant change in our previous estimate.

**10 Commitments and contingencies**

- (a) At March 31, 2006, we had extended guarantees for borrowings obtained by affiliates and joint ventures in the amount of US\$4, as follows:

<b>Affiliate or Joint Venture</b>	<b>Amount of guarantee</b>	<b>Denominated currency</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Final maturity</b>	<b>Counter guarantees</b>
SAMARCO	4	US\$	Debt guarantee	2008	None
VALESUL	less than 1 million	R\$	Debt guarantee	2007	None

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We expect no losses to arise as a result of the above guarantees. We charge commission for extending these guarantees in the case of Samarco.

We have not provided any significant guarantees since January 1, 2003 which would require fair value adjustments under FIN 45 – Guarantors Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others .

- (b) CVRD and its subsidiaries are defendants in numerous legal actions in the normal course of business. Based on the advice of our legal counsel, management believes that the provision for contingent losses is sufficient to cover

probable losses in connection with such actions.

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The provision for contingencies and the related judicial deposits are composed as follows:

	<b>March 31, 2006</b>		<b>December 31, 2005</b>	
	<b>Provision for contingencies</b>	<b>Judicial deposits</b>	<b>Provision for contingencies</b>	<b>Judicial deposits</b>
Labor and social security claims	247	153	229	138
Civil claims	239	111	210	98
Tax related actions	705	367	816	329
Others	27	3	31	3
	<b>1,218</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>568</b>

Labor and social security related actions principally comprise claims for (i) payment of time spent traveling from their residences to the work-place, (ii) additional health and safety related payments and (iii) various other matters, often in connection with disputes about the amount of indemnities paid upon dismissal and the one-third extra holiday pay.

Civil actions principally related to claims made against us by contractors in connection with losses alleged to have been incurred by them as a result of various past government economic plans during which full indexation of contracts for inflation was not permitted and accidents.

Tax related actions principally comprise our challenges of certain revenue taxes, value added tax and income tax.

We continue to vigorously pursue our interests in all the above actions but recognize that we probably will incur some losses in the final instance, for which we have made provisions.

Our judicial deposits are made as required by the courts for us to be able to enter or continue a legal action. When judgment is favorable to us, we receive the deposits back; when unfavorable, the deposits are delivered to the prevailing party.

Contingencies settled in the three-month periods ended March 31, 2006 and 2005 and December 31, 2005 aggregated US\$603, US\$4 and US\$114, respectively, and additional provisions aggregated US\$416, US\$14 and US\$141, respectively.

In addition to the contingencies for which we have made provisions we are defending claims which in our opinion, and based on the advice of our legal counsel, the likelihood of loss is possible losses which total US\$1,110 at March 31, 2006, for which no provision has been made.

- (c) We and BNDES entered into a contract, known as the Mineral Risk Contract, in March 1997, relating to prospecting authorizations for mining regions where drilling and exploration were still in their early stages. The Mineral Risk Contract provides for the joint development of certain unexplored mineral deposits in approximately two million identified hectares of land in the Carajás region, as well as proportional participation in any financial benefits earned from the development of such resources. Iron ore and manganese deposits already identified and subject to development are specifically excluded from the Mineral Risk Contract.

Pursuant to the Mineral Risk Contract, we and BNDES agreed to provide US\$205, which represents half of the US\$410 in expenditures estimated as necessary to complete geological exploration and mineral resource development projects in the region. Under the Mineral Risk Contract, as of March 31, 2006, the remaining

contributions towards exploration and development activities totaled \$5.

The mineral contract risk in force will probably end during 2006. However, the related exploitation activities are not concluded and therefore we are negotiating with BNDES a renewal of the contract.

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- (d) At the time of our privatization in 1997, we issued shareholder revenue interests known in Brazil as debentures to our then-existing shareholders, including the Brazilian Government.

The terms of the debentures, were set to ensure that our pre-privatization shareholders, including the Brazilian Government, would participate alongside us in potential future financial benefits that we are able to derive from exploiting our mineral resources.

On March 27, 2006 we declared a distribution on these debentures in the amount of \$2, payable as from April 2, 2006.

- (e) We use various judgments and assumptions when measuring our environmental liabilities and asset retirement obligations. Changes in circumstances, law or technology may affect our estimates and we periodically review the amounts accrued and adjust them as necessary. Our accruals do not reflect unasserted claims because we are currently not aware of any such issues. Also the amounts provided are not reduced by any potential recoveries under cost sharing, insurance or indemnification arrangements because such recoveries are considered uncertain. The changes are demonstrated as follows:

	<b>Three-month periods ended</b>		
	<b>March</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>December</b>
	<b>31,</b>	<b>31,</b>	<b>31, 2005</b>
	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Environmental liabilities beginning of period</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>166</b>
Accretion expense	6	4	4
Liabilities settled in the current period			(3)
Revisions in estimated cash flows			67
Cumulative translation adjustment	17	(1)	(9)
<b>Environmental liabilities end of period</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>225</b>

**11 Segment and geographical information**

We adopt SFAS 131 Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information with respect to the information we present about our operating segments. SFAS 131 introduced a management approach concept for reporting segment information, whereby such information is required to be reported on the basis that the chief decision-maker uses internally for evaluating segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources to segments. Our business segments are currently organized as follows:

Ferrous products comprises iron ore mining and pellet production, as well as the Northern and Southern transportation systems, including railroads, ports and terminals, as they pertain to mining operations. Manganese mining and ferroalloys are also included in this segment.

Non-ferrous products comprises the production of non-ferrous minerals, including potash, kaolin and copper.

Logistics comprises our transportation systems as they pertain to the operation of our ships, ports and railroads for third-party cargos.

Holdings divided into the following sub-groups:

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Aluminum comprises aluminum trading activities, alumina refining and aluminum metal smelting and investments in joint ventures and affiliates engaged in bauxite mining.

Steel comprises our investments in joint ventures and affiliates operating in the steel industry.

Others comprises our investments in joint ventures and affiliates engaged in other businesses.

Information presented to top management with respect to the performance of each segment is generally derived directly from the accounting records maintained in accordance with accounting practices adopted in Brazil together with certain minor inter-segment allocations.

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Consolidated net income and principal assets are reconciled as follows:

**Results by segment before eliminations**

	March 31, 2006					March 31, 2005										
	Holdings					Holdings					Non					
	Non	Aluminum	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	Non	Aluminum	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	Non	Aluminum	Other	Eliminations	Consolidated	
	Ferrous	Isogisa	Aluminum	Other	Eliminations	Ferrous	Isogisa	Aluminum	Other	Eliminations	Ferrous	Isogisa	Aluminum	Other	Eliminations	
3	180	16	590		(1,449)	2,640	2,059	153	20	445	(1,001)	1,676	3,670	262	21	4
5	55	294	89	7	(131)	850	386	49	228	93	(104)	652	546	52	316	8
7	(161)	(230)	(510)	(4)	1,580	(1,902)	(1,775)	(146)	(158)	(396)	1,105	(1,370)	(2,751)	(235)	(263)	(4)
2	(25)	(1)		(23)		(71)	(17)	(16)		(1)		(34)	(38)	(16)	(3)	
4	(19)	(14)	(14)			(181)	(97)	(13)	(9)	(10)		(129)	(134)	(21)	(17)	(1)
6	<b>30</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>(20)</b>		<b>1,336</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>131</b>		<b>795</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1</b>
1		8	2	4	(133)	42	69	1	8	2	(51)	29	133		8	
5	(2)	(2)	(62)	(4)	133	(213)	(129)	(1)	(3)	(10)	51	(92)	(195)	(2)	2	(1)
6	58	(11)	86			259	(5)	3				(2)	(63)	(51)	3	(3)
9						9										
8		14	16	48		156	52		10	18	53	133	128		15	
5		(3)	(46)			(295)	(67)	(2)	(5)	(39)		(113)	(103)		(2)	
7			(56)			(123)	(24)			(28)		(52)	(104)			
1	<b>86</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>1,171</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1</b>
1	1	6	131		(172)	237	216		11	106	(145)	188	350		13	6
4	3		3		(41)	69	126		3	78	(109)	98	116	4		4
0	95	6	288		(580)	959	824	50	6	132	(359)	653	1,202	192	4	2

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3	4		32		(68)	151	124	38		6	(51)	117	219	16	
2	29		126		(144)	373	192	6		97	(79)	216	371	12	10
5	10	3			(316)	653	399	28		26	(174)	279	1,120	24	4
7	38	1	10		(128)	198	178	31			(84)	125	292	14	
<b>3</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>590</b>		<b>(1,449)</b>	<b>2,640</b>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>(1,001)</b>	<b>1,676</b>	<b>3,670</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>21</b>
5	55	294	89	7	(131)	850	386	49	228	93	(104)	652	546	52	316
<b>9</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>(1,580)</b>	<b>3,490</b>	<b>2,445</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>(1,105)</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>4,216</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>337</b>

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March 31, 2006

	Revenues			Value added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Depreciation, depletion and amortization	Operating income	Addition to Property, Plant and Equipment, Net	Property, Plant and Equipment, Investments		
	Export	Domestic	Total									
<b>Ferrous</b>												
Iron ore	1,633	367	2,000	(57)	1,943	(860)	1,083	(113)	970	11,404	591	43
Pellets	375	87	462	(19)	443	(295)	148	(12)	136	480	7	592
Manganese	8	3	11	(1)	10	(7)	3	(1)	2	60	8	
Ferroalloys	71	35	106	(9)	97	(84)	13	(4)	9	198		
	<b>2,087</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>2,579</b>	<b>(86)</b>	<b>2,493</b>	<b>(1,246)</b>	<b>1,247</b>	<b>(130)</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>12,142</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>635</b>
<b>Non ferrous</b>												
Potash		22	22	(1)	21	(14)	7	(2)	5	178	6	
Kaolin	41	7	48	(3)	45	(41)	4	(6)	(2)	242		
Copper	90	21	111	(5)	106	(53)	53	(8)	45	1,286	35	
	<b>131</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>(108)</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>41</b>	
<b>Aluminum</b>												
Alumina	150	10	160	(2)	158	(138)	20	(8)	12	1,428	61	
Aluminum	247	13	260	(2)	258	(112)	146	(6)	140	382	1	67
Bauxite	9		9		9	(9)				356	48	151
	<b>406</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>(259)</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2,166</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Logistics</b>												
Railroads		214	214	(39)	175	(114)	61	(16)	45	674	26	183
Ports		54	54	(9)	45	(31)	14	(3)	11	237	1	
Ships	14	7	21	(1)	20	(25)	(5)	(1)	(6)	3		
	<b>14</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>(49)</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>(170)</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>183</b>
Others	2	10	12	(2)	10	(40)	(30)	(1)	(31)	1,021	71	784
	<b>2,640</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>3,490</b>	<b>(150)</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>(1,823)</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>(181)</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>17,949</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>1,820</b>

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## Operating income by product after eliminations (continued)

As of and for the three-month periods ended  
March 31, 2005

	Revenues		Total	Value added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Depreciation, depletion and amortization	Operating income	Addition to Property, Plant and Equipment, and Investments	Property, Plant and Equipment Investments		
	Export	Domestic										
<b>Ferrous</b>												
Iron ore	865	225	1,090	(30)	1,060	(529)	531	(84)	447	5,768	461	41
Pellets	267	74	341	(11)	330	(237)	93	(3)	90	362	12	425
Manganese	16	4	20	(2)	18	(9)	9		9	25	1	
Ferroalloys	102	51	153	(14)	139	(82)	57	(3)	54	156	7	
	<b>1,250</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>1,604</b>	<b>(57)</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>(857)</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>(90)</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>6,311</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>466</b>
<b>Non ferrous</b>												
Potash		30	30	(3)	27	(14)	13	(2)	11	124	3	
Kaolin	34	5	39	(2)	37	(20)	17	(10)	7	206		
Copper	61	14	75	(3)	72	(40)	32	(8)	24	949	26	
	<b>95</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>(74)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>(20)</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>Aluminum</b>												
Alumina	114	22	136	(8)	128	(98)	30	(6)	24	862	85	
Aluminum	191	9	200	(1)	199	(90)	109	(4)	105	314	4	58
Bauxite	10		10		10	(9)	1		1	79	20	159
	<b>315</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>(197)</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>217</b>
<b>Logistics</b>												
Railroads		159	159	(27)	132	(91)	41	(8)	33	377	35	66
Ports		46	46	(9)	37	(26)	11	(1)	10	191	7	
Ships	15	12	27	(2)	25	(25)				3		
	<b>15</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>(38)</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>(142)</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>66</b>
Others	1	1	2	(3)	(1)	(19)	(20)		(20)	125		473
	<b>1,676</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>2,328</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>(1,289)</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>(129)</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>9,541</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>1,222</b>

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As of and for the three-month periods ended December 31, 2005																				
Revenues																				
	Expenses		Domestic		Total		Value added tax		Net revenues		Cost and expenses		Depreciation, depletion and amortization		Operating income		Addition to Property, Plant and Equipment, Net		Property, Plant and Investments	
<b>Ferrous</b>																				
Iron ore	1,682	393	2,075	(57)	2,018	(768)	1,250	(128)	1,122	8,157	830	46								
Pellets	555	89	644	(18)	626	(404)	222	(9)	213	461	39	568								
Manganese	12	6	18	(1)	17	(33)	(16)		(16)	52	17									
Ferroalloys	57	38	95	(10)	85	(79)	6	(7)	(1)	208	27									
	<b>2,306</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>2,832</b>	<b>(86)</b>	<b>2,746</b>	<b>(1,284)</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>(144)</b>	<b>1,318</b>	<b>8,878</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>614</b>								
<b>Non ferrous</b>																				
Potash		41	41	(2)	39	(25)	14	(3)	11	166	7									
Kaolin	42	9	51	(2)	49	(62)	(13)	(1)	(14)	231										
Copper	129	2	131	(3)	128	(60)	68	(8)	60	1,180	58									
	<b>171</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>(147)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>1,577</b>	<b>65</b>									
<b>Aluminum</b>																				
Alumina	131	8	139	(1)	138	(122)	16	(6)	10	1,288	69									
Aluminum	208	9	217	(1)	216	(109)	107	(5)	102	361	9	58								
Bauxite	21		21		21	(18)	3		3	281	83	178								
	<b>360</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>(249)</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>236</b>								
<b>Logistics</b>																				
Railroads		223	223	(43)	180	(152)	28	(13)	15	612	82	109								
Ports		57	57	(9)	48	(35)	13	(2)	11	244	15									
Ships	15	14	29	(1)	28	(31)	(3)	(1)	(4)	3	1									
	<b>15</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>(53)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>(218)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>109</b>								
Others		5	5		5	(56)	(51)		(51)	922		713								
	<b>2,852</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>3,746</b>	<b>(148)</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>(1,954)</b>	<b>1,644</b>	<b>(183)</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>14,166</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>1,672</b>								

**Table of Contents****12 Derivative financial instruments**

Volatility of interest rates, exchange rates and commodity prices are the main market risks to which we are exposed all three are managed through derivative operations. These have the exclusive aim of reducing exposure to risk. We do not contract derivatives for speculative purposes.

We monitor and evaluate our derivative positions on a regular basis and adjust our strategy in response to market conditions. We also periodically review the credit limits and credit worthiness of our counter-parties in these transactions. In view of the policies and practices established for operations with derivatives, management considers the occurrence of non-measurable risk situations as unlikely.

The asset (liability) balances and the change in fair value of derivative financial instruments are as follows (the quarterly information is unaudited):

	<b>Interest rates (LIBOR)</b>	<b>Currencies</b>	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Alumina</b>	<b>Aluminum</b>	<b>Total</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) at January 1, 2006	(4)	1	(46)	(53)	(157)	(259)
Financial settlement			4	14	14	32
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	1		(12)	(29)	(4)	(44)
Effect of exchange rate changes			(4)	(5)	(16)	(25)
<b>Unrealized gains (losses) at March 31, 2006</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(* 1)</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>(73)</b>	<b>(163)</b>	<b>(296)</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) at January 1, 2005	(37)	(17)	4	(55)	(127)	(232)
Financial settlement	2	3		8	10	23
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	3	2	(1)	(3)	4	5
Effect of exchange rate changes	1					1
<b>Unrealized gains (losses) at March 31, 2005</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>(113)</b>	<b>(203)</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) at October 1, 2005	(7)	1	(37)	(30)	(99)	(172)
Financial settlement	1		4	11	10	26
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	2		(16)	(36)	(76)	(126)
Effect of exchange rate changes			3	2	8	13

**Unrealized gains (losses) at  
December 31, 2005** (4) (\*) 1 (46) (53) (157) (259)

(\*) Included as  
others in Other  
assets.

Unrealized gains (losses) in the period are included in our income statement under the caption of financial expenses.

Final maturity dates for the above instruments are as follows:

Gold	Dec 2008
Interest rates(LIBOR)	Oct 2007
Currencies	Dec 2011
Alumina	Dec 2008
Alumínio	Dec 2008

**13 Subsequent events**

- (a) On April 2006 we paid the first installment of the minimum mandatory dividend for 2006 of US\$650. The distribution was made in the form of interest on stockholders' equity and dividends.
- (b) On April 2006 at an Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting it was approved a forward-stock split that involves the exchange of each share, common or preferred class A, by two post-split shares, starting on May 22, 2006. After giving effect the capital will be composed of 2,459,657,056 shares and represented by 1,499,898,858 common shares and 959,758,198 preferred class A shares.

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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: May 18, 2006

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa  
Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa  
Chief Financial Officer

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