

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce  
Form 6-K  
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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

June 2006

**Companhia Vale do Rio Doce**

Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26  
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil  
(Address of principal executive office)

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**Press Release**

**CVRD settles 2006 DR pellet prices with Middle East, Asia and Africa**

Rio de Janeiro, June 14, 2006 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD), the world's largest iron ore and pellets producer, concluded the negotiations for the 2006 direct reduction (DR) pellets price with Hadeed Saudi Iron & Steel Company, a steel maker located in Saudi Arabia, with Amsteel Mills SDN BHD, situated in Malaysia, and with Al Ezz Dekheila Steel, former Alexandria National Iron & Steel Company, located in Egypt.

After several rounds of negotiation, CVRD and the companies mentioned above agreed on a 3% price reduction for Tubarão and São Luís DR pellets relatively to the 2005 price.

CVRD reinforces its long-term commitment with its clients, investing a significant amount of resources, despite of rising investment costs, in the production and logistics of iron ore and pellets. CVRD capex budget for 2006 allocated US\$ 2.1 billion to investments in the ferrous minerals division. Currently, CVRD is developing seven projects for iron ore and pellet production capacity expansion, which will come on stream between 2006 and 2008.

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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: June 15, 2006

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco  
Roberto Castello Branco  
Director of Investor Relations