

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

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
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 announces plan to offer 40-year notes

Rio de Janeiro, October 13, 2005 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) announces that it plans to offer forty-year notes in the international capital markets through its wholly-owned subsidiary Vale Overseas Limited. The notes will be unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of Vale Overseas Limited and will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by CVRD. The guarantee will rank *pari passu* with all of CVRD's other unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations. The net proceeds of the offering will be used for CVRD's general corporate purposes. ABN AMRO Incorporated and HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. are acting as underwriters and joint bookrunners. The offering is being made pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement. A preliminary prospectus supplement related to the public offering will be filed with the Securities Exchange Commission (SEC). When available, copies of the preliminary prospectus supplement relating to the offering may be obtained from ABN AMRO Incorporated, 55 East 52nd Street, 6th floor, New York, NY 10055, and from HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., 452 Fifth Avenue, 3rd floor, New York, NY 10018.

This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

Further information about the proposed offering and the Company can be found in the preliminary prospectus supplement to be filed with the SEC.

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This press release may contain statements that express management's expectations about future events or results rather than historical facts. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements, and CVRD cannot give assurance that such statements will prove correct. These risks and uncertainties include factors: relating to the Brazilian economy and securities markets, which exhibit volatility and can be adversely affected by developments in other countries; relating to the iron ore business and its dependence on the global steel industry, which is cyclical in nature; and relating to the highly competitive industries in which CVRD operates. For additional information on factors that could cause CVRD's actual results to differ from expectations reflected in forward-looking statements, please see CVRD's reports filed with the Brazilian Comissão de Valores Mobiliários and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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 13, 2005

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