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Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
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of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of  
November 2004

**Valley of the Rio Doce Company**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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

	<b>September 30, 2004</b>	<b>December 31, 2003</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,939	585
Accounts receivable		
Related parties	165	115
Unrelated parties	809	703
Loans and advances to related parties	48	56
Inventories	701	505
Deferred income tax	130	91
Others	454	419
	<u>4,246</u>	<u>2,474</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net and mining rights	<b>7,727</b>	<b>6,484</b>
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision for losses on equity investments	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,034</b>
Other assets		
Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries	455	451
Loans and advances		
Related parties	32	40
Unrelated parties	72	68
Prepaid pension cost	73	82
Deferred income tax	409	234
Judicial deposits	472	407
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments	1	5
Others	180	155
	<u>1,694</u>	<u>1,442</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>14,720</u></b>	<b><u>11,434</u></b>

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

(Continued)

	<b>September 30, 2004</b>	<b>December 31, 2003</b>
	<b>(unaudited)</b>	
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Suppliers	422	482
Payroll and related charges	118	78
Interest attributed to stockholders	287	118
Provision for income taxes	371	21
Current portion of long-term debt - unrelated parties	719	1,009
Short-term debt	201	129
Loans from related parties	62	119
Others	420	297
	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,253</b>
Long-term liabilities		
Employees post-retirement benefits	212	198
Long-term debt - unrelated parties	3,434	2,767
Loans from related parties	2	4
Provisions for contingencies (Note 11)	788	635
Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	165	96
Others	383	268
	<b>4,984</b>	<b>3,968</b>
Minority interests	<b>656</b>	<b>329</b>
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred class A stock - 1,800,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 415,727,739 issued	1,176	1,055
Common stock - 900,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 749,949,429 issued	2,121	1,902
Treasury stock - 11,967 (2003 - 12,549) preferred and 14,145,510 common shares	(88)	(88)
Additional paid-in capital	498	498

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Other cumulative comprehensive loss	(4,214)	(4,375)
Appropriated retained earnings	2,719	3,035
Unappropriated retained earnings	4,268	2,857
	<u>6,480</u>	<u>4,884</u>
TOTAL	<u>14,720</u>	<u>11,434</u>

*See notes to condensed consolidated financial information.*

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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)**

	Three-month periods ended			Nine months ended September 30	
	September 30, 2004	June 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	2004	2003
Operating revenues, net of discounts, returns and allowances					
Sales of ores and metals					
Iron ore and pellets	1,386	1,262	918	3,709	2,425
Kaolin	41	39	25	119	55
Manganese and ferroalloys	193	164	81	488	245
Potash	35	31	28	89	70
Copper	70	24		94	
Others			5		21
	<u>1,725</u>	<u>1,520</u>	<u>1,057</u>	<u>4,499</u>	<u>2,816</u>
Revenues from logistic services	232	220	159	643	412
Aluminum products	327	289	243	896	598
Other products and services	3	4	24	13	29
	<u>2,287</u>	<u>2,033</u>	<u>1,483</u>	<u>6,051</u>	<u>3,855</u>
Value-added tax	(114)	(113)	(51)	(302)	(143)
	<u>2,173</u>	<u>1,920</u>	<u>1,432</u>	<u>5,749</u>	<u>3,712</u>
Net operating revenues					
Operating costs and expenses					
Cost of ores and metals sold	(751)	(647)	(530)	(2,041)	(1,396)
Cost of logistic services	(126)	(117)	(89)	(358)	(232)
Cost of aluminum products	(174)	(143)	(185)	(464)	(484)
Others	(2)	(5)	(8)	(10)	(11)
	<u>(1,053)</u>	<u>(912)</u>	<u>(812)</u>	<u>(2,873)</u>	<u>(2,123)</u>
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(112)	(106)	(74)	(319)	(168)
Research and development	(36)	(27)	(22)	(86)	(45)
Employee profit sharing plan	(17)	(17)	(2)	(47)	(23)
Others	(69)	(26)	(21)	(123)	(101)

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	<u>(1,287)</u>	<u>(1,088)</u>	<u>(931)</u>	<u>(3,448)</u>	<u>(2,460)</u>
Operating income	<u>886</u>	<u>832</u>	<u>501</u>	<u>2,301</u>	<u>1,252</u>
Non-operating income (expenses)					
Financial income	10	19	27	41	84
Financial expenses	(165)	(106)	(83)	(413)	(229)
Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net	77	(245)	(57)	(210)	250
Gain on sale of investments	314			314	
	<u>236</u>	<u>(332)</u>	<u>(113)</u>	<u>(268)</u>	<u>105</u>
Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	<u>1,122</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>2,033</u>	<u>1,357</u>
Income taxes					
Current	(285)	(41)	41	(423)	(100)
Deferred	61	(23)	(41)	70	(131)
	<u>(224)</u>	<u>(64)</u>		<u>(353)</u>	<u>(231)</u>
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments	127	150	89	363	218
Minority interests	(82)	(82)	(9)	(191)	(56)
Income from continuing operations	<u>943</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>1,852</u>	<u>1,288</u>
Change in accounting practice for asset retirement obligations (Note 4)					(10)
Net income for the period	<u>943</u>	<u>504</u>	<u>468</u>	<u>1,852</u>	<u>1,278</u>
Basic earnings per Preferred Class A Share	<u>0.82</u>	<u>0.44</u>	<u>0.41</u>	<u>1.61</u>	<u>1.11</u>

Basic earnings per Common Share	<u>0.82</u>	<u>0.44</u>	<u>0.41</u>	<u>1.61</u>	<u>1.11</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (thousands of shares)					
Common shares	735,804	735,804	735,804	735,804	735,804
Preferred Class A shares	415,714	415,713	415,713	415,713	415,713

*See notes to condensed consolidated financial information.*

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

	Three-month periods ended			Nine months ended September 30	
	September 30, 2004	June 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	2004	2003
Cash flows from operating activities:					
Net income	943	504	468	1,852	1,278
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:					
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	102	79	63	280	160
Dividends received	19	60	66	140	138
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments	(127)	(150)	(89)	(363)	(218)
Deferred income taxes	(61)	23	41	(70)	131
Gain on sale of investment	(314)			(314)	
Impairment of property, plant and equipment					12
Change in accounting practice for asset retirement obligations (Note 4)					10
Pension plan	3	3	3	9	8
Foreign exchange and monetary losses (gains)	(118)	291	13	218	(386)
Net unrealized derivative losses (gains)	36	(22)	21	68	23
Minority interests	82	82	9	191	56
Interest payable, net	42	27	(6)	55	10
Others	64	24	(14)	67	(15)
Decrease (increase) in assets:					
Accounts receivable		(132)	(24)	(155)	105
Inventories	(39)	(67)	(27)	(121)	(30)
Others	(44)	67	(1)	(2)	21
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:					
Suppliers	26	(59)	(2)	(58)	(67)
Payroll and related charges	27	(18)	(15)	6	(8)
Income Taxes	370			370	
Others	96	(12)	(71)	231	25
	<u>1,107</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>435</u>	<u>2,404</u>	<u>1,253</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities					
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Loans and advances receivable					
Related parties					
Additions	(6)	(6)	(15)	(12)	(92)
Repayments		5	33	46	62

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Others	(3)	4	18	16	35
Guarantees and deposits	(48)	(18)	78	(90)	(86)
Additions to investments	(4)	(6)	(8)	(19)	(69)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(348)	(416)	(443)	(1,145)	(949)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	415		21	415	58
Cash used to acquire subsidiaries, net of cash acquired			(426)		(426)
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Net cash used in investing activities	<b>6</b>	<b>(437)</b>	<b>(742)</b>	<b>(789)</b>	<b>(1,467)</b>
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Cash flows from financing activities:					
Short-term debt, net issuances (repayments)	40	(44)	(4)	40	(37)
Loans					
Related parties					
Additions	15	3	48	21	48
Repayments	(2)	(1)	(2)	(9)	(24)
Issuances of long-term debt					
Related parties					2
Others	43	227	779	935	996
Repayments of long-term debt					
Related parties	(3)			(3)	(4)
Others	(222)	(201)	(139)	(893)	(415)
Interest attributed to stockholders		(269)	(33)	(269)	(248)
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<b>(129)</b>	<b>(285)</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>(178)</b>	<b>318</b>
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	984	(22)	342	1,437	104
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(104)	(2)	(14)	(109)	99
Initial cash in new consolidated subsidiary			46	26	46
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,059	1,083	966	585	1,091
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<b>1,939</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>1,939</b>	<b>1,340</b>
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>
Cash paid during the period for:					
Interest on short-term debt				(2)	(7)
Interest on long-term debt	(82)	(51)	(54)	(213)	(140)
Income tax			(6)		(39)
Non-cash transactions					
Conversion of loans receivable to investments			9		96



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

	Three-month periods ended			Nine months ended September 30	
	September 30, 2004	June 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	2004	2003
Preferred class A stock (including one special share)					
Beginning of the period	1,176	1,055	1,055	1,055	904
Transfer from appropriated retained earnings		121		121	151
End of the period	<b>1,176</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>1,055</b>
Common stock					
Beginning of the period	2,121	1,902	1,902	1,902	1,630
Transfer from appropriated retained earnings		219		219	272
End of the period	<b>2,121</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>1,902</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>1,902</b>
Treasury stock					
Beginning and end of the period	(88)	(88)	(88)	(88)	(88)
Additional paid-in capital					
Beginning and end of the period	<b>498</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>498</b>
Other cumulative comprehensive loss					
Cumulative translation adjustments					

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Beginning of the period	(4,757)	(4,480)	(4,406)	(4,449)	(5,185)
Change in the period	461	(277)	(67)	153	712
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
End of the period	<b>(4,296)</b>	<b>(4,757)</b>	<b>(4,473)</b>	<b>(4,296)</b>	<b>(4,473)</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities					
Beginning of the period	61	77	18	74	
Change in the period	21	(16)	(4)	8	14
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
End of the period	<b>82</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>14</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Adjustments relating to investments in affiliates					
Beginning and end of the period			<b>10</b>		<b>10</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total other cumulative comprehensive loss	<b>(4,214)</b>	<b>(4,696)</b>	<b>(4,449)</b>	<b>(4,214)</b>	<b>(4,449)</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Appropriated retained earnings					
Beginning of the period	2,501	3,016	2,292	3,035	2,230
Transfer (to) from retained earnings	218	(175)	(41)	24	444
Transfer to capital stock		(340)		(340)	(423)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
End of the period	<b>2,719</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>2,719</b>	<b>2,251</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Retained earnings					
Beginning of the period	3,667	3,119	3,281	2,857	3,288
Net income	943	504	468	1,852	1,278
Interest attributed to stockholders					
Preferred class A stock	(45)	(48)	(115)	(151)	(235)
Common stock	(79)	(83)	(203)	(266)	(415)
Appropriation (to) from reserves	(218)	175	41	(24)	(444)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
End of the period	<b>4,268</b>	<b>3,667</b>	<b>3,472</b>	<b>4,268</b>	<b>3,472</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>



Total stockholders equity	<b>6,480</b>	<b>5,179</b>	<b>4,641</b>	<b>6,480</b>	<b>4,641</b>
Comprehensive income is comprised as follows:					
Net income for the period	943	504	468	1,852	1,278
Cumulative translation adjustments	461	(277)	(67)	153	712
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	21	(16)	(4)	8	14
Total comprehensive income	<b>1,425</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>2,004</b>
<b>Shares</b>					
Preferred class A stock (including one special share)	<b>415,727,739</b>	<b>415,727,739</b>	<b>415,727,739</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>	<b>749,949,429</b>	<b>749,949,429</b>
Treasury stock (1)					
Beginning of the period	(14,158,059)	(14,158,059)	(14,158,707)	(14,158,059)	(14,158,953)
Change in the period	582		648	582	894
End of the period	<b>(14,157,477)</b>	<b>(14,158,059)</b>	<b>(14,158,059)</b>	<b>(14,157,477)</b>	<b>(14,158,059)</b>
	<b>1,151,519,691</b>	<b>1,151,519,109</b>	<b>1,151,519,109</b>	<b>1,151,519,691</b>	<b>1,151,519,109</b>
<b>Interest attributed to stockholders (per share)</b>					
Preferred class A stock (including one special share)	0.11	0.11	0.28	0.36	0.56
Common stock	0.11	0.11	0.28	0.36	0.56

(1) As of September 30, 2004, 14,145,510 common shares and 11,967 preferred shares were held in treasury in the amount of \$88. The 14,145,510 common shares guarantee a loan of our subsidiary Alunorte.

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

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**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Information**  
**Expressed in millions of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated (Unaudited)**

**1 The Company and its operations**

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 operations and those of our joint ventures and affiliates are described in Note 8.

The main operating subsidiaries we consolidate are as follows:

Subsidiary	% ownership	Head office location	Principal activity
Alumina do Norte do Brasil S.A. - Alunorte	57	Brazil	Aluminum
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. - Albras (8)	51	Brazil	Aluminum
CADAM S.A (CADAM) (2) (4)	37	Brazil	Kaolin
CELMAR S.A. - Indústria de Celulose e Papel (3)	100	Brazil	Forestry
CVRD Overseas Ltd.	100	Cayman Island	Trading
Ferrovias Centro-Atlântica S.A. (4)	100	Brazil	Logistics
Ferteco Mineração S.A. - FERTECO (3)	100	Brazil	Iron ore and Pellets
Itabira Rio Doce Company Ltd. - ITACO	100	Cayman Island	Trading
Mineração Serra do Sossego S.A. (5)	100	Brazil	Copper
Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S.A. - MBR (4) (7)	56	Brazil	Iron ore
Navegação Vale do Rio Doce S.A. - DOCENAVE	100	Brazil	Shipping
Pará Pigmentos S.A.	76	Brazil	Kaolin
Rio Doce International Finance Ltd. - RDIF	100	Bahamas	International finance
Rio Doce Manganês S.A. (6)	100	Brazil	Manganese and Ferroalloys
Rio Doce Manganês Europe - RDME	100	France	Ferroalloys
Rio Doce Manganese Norway - RDMN	100	Norway	Ferroalloys
Salobo Metais S.A. (1)	100	Brazil	Copper
Urucum Mineração S.A.	100	Brazil	Iron ore, Ferroalloys and Manganese

(1) Development stage companies

(2) Through Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. (CAEMI)

(3) Merged with CVRD on August 29, 2003

- (4) Consolidated as from September 2003
- (5) Merged with CVRD on December 30, 2003
- (6) Formerly Sibra-Eletrosiderúrgica Brasileira S.A.
- (7) Through Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. and Belém Administrações e Participações Ltda.
- (8) Consolidated as from January 1, 2004 (See Note 4)

## **2 Basis of consolidation**

All majority-owned subsidiaries where we have both share and management control are consolidated, with elimination of all significant intercompany accounts and transactions. Additionally Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. ALBRAS is consolidated as from January 1, 2004 under FIN 46R (note 4). 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 (see 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

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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 electrical energy projects, are proportionately consolidated.

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

Our condensed consolidated interim financial information for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 and June 30, 2004 and for the nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 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 nine month period ended September 30, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, we are required to use estimates to account for certain assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Our 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.

Exchange rates at September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 were R\$2.8586: US\$1.00 and R\$2.8892: US\$1.00, respectively.

### **4 Change in accounting practices**

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS 143 - Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations . We adopted SFAS 143 as from January 1, 2003, and as a consequence an additional \$26 for asset retirement obligations was recorded as Others - long-term liabilities , a net increase of \$11 in mine development costs was registered within Property, plant and equipment and a resulting charge of \$10 was registered as Change in Accounting Practice for Asset Retirement Obligations on the Statement of Income, net of income tax (\$15 gross of deferred income tax). Over time the liabilities will be accreted for the change in their present value and initial capitalized costs will be amortized over the useful lives of the related assets.

In December 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46R Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, (revised December 2003) . The primary objectives of FIN 46R are to provide guidance on the identification of entities for which control is achieved through means other than through voting rights (variable interest entities or VIEs) and how to determine when and which business enterprise should consolidate the VIE (the primary beneficiary). This new model for consolidation applies to an entity in which either (1) the equity investors (if any) do not have a controlling financial interest or (2) the equity investment at risk is insufficient to finance that entity's activities without receiving additional subordinated financial support from other parties. In addition, FIN 46R requires that both the primary beneficiary and all other enterprises with a significant variable interest in a VIE make additional disclosures regarding the nature, purpose, size and activities of the VIE and the enterprise's maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with the VIE. Alumínio Brasileiro S.A ALBRAS was identified as a VIE and was consolidated as from January 1, 2004.

**5 Recently-issued accounting pronouncements**

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Emerging Issue Task Force No. 04-03 (EITF 04-03), *Mining assets: Impairment and Business Combinations* and No. 03-01 (EITF 03-01), *The Meaning of Other Than Temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments* were issued in March, 2004.

The Company does not expect any significant impacts on its financial statements arising from these new pronouncements.

## 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:

	Three-month periods ended			Nine months ended September 30	
	September 30, 2004	June 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	2004	2003
Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	<u>1,122</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>2,033</u>	<u>1,357</u>
Federal income tax and social contribution expense at statutory enacted rates	(381)	(171)	(132)	(691)	(461)
Adjustments to derive effective tax rate:					
Tax benefit on interest attributed to stockholders	50	44	107	149	229
Exempt foreign income (expenses)	143	21	9	178	(33)
Difference on tax basis of equity investees	(75)	(16)		(105)	
Tax incentives	32	3	8	44	48
Valuation allowance reversal	19	52	4	71	13
Other non-taxable gains (losses)	(12)	3	4	1	(27)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Federal income tax and social contribution expense in consolidated statements of income	<u>(224)</u>	<u>(64)</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>(353)</u>	<u>(231)</u>

We have certain tax incentives relative to our iron ore and manganese operations in Carajás and relative to alumina in Barcarena. The incentives relative to iron ore and manganese comprise full income tax exemption on defined production levels up to 2005 and partial exemption up to 2013. Both incentives relative to alumina expire in 2010. 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**

	<b>September 30, 2004</b>	<b>December 31, 2003</b>
Finished products		
Iron ore and pellets	170	146
Manganese and ferroalloys	126	78
Alumina	18	20
Aluminum	53	
Copper	7	
Kaolin	16	16
Others	5	8
Spare parts and maintenance supplies	306	237
	<u>701</u>	<u>505</u>

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**8 Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures**

<b>September 30, 2004</b>				
	<b>Participation in capital (%)</b>		<b>Net equity</b>	<b>Net income (loss) for the period</b>
	<b>voting</b>	<b>total</b>		
<b>Steel</b>				
Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. - USIMINAS	22.99	11.46	634	453
Companhia Siderúrgica de Tubarão - CST (1)	20.51	7.91	742	393
California Steel Industries Inc. - CSI	50.00	50.00	264	74
SIDERAR (costs \$15) - available for sale investments	4.85	4.85		
<b>Aluminum and bauxite</b>				
Mineração Rio do Norte S.A. - MRN	40.00	40.00	419	102
Valesul Alumínio S.A. - VALESUL	54.51	54.51	94	19
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. - ALBRAS (5)				
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. - ALBRAS - change in provision for losses (5)				
<b>Ferrous</b>				
Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. (3)				
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização - NIBRASCO	51.11	51.00	50	19
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização - HISPANOBRÁS	51.00	50.89	43	12
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização - KOBRASCO	50.00	50.00	15	13
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização - KOBRASCO - change in provision for losses				
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização - ITABRASCO	51.00	50.90	30	9
Gulf Industrial Investment Company - GIIC	50.00	50.00	86	20
SAMARCO Mineração S.A. - SAMARCO (4)	50.00	50.00	394	159
Minas da Serra Geral S.A. - MSG	50.00	50.00	35	(4)
<b>Others</b>				
<b>Logistics</b>				
Ferrovia Centro-Atlântica S.A. - FCA - change in provision for losses (3)				
MRS Logística S.A.				
MRS Logística S.A. - change in provision for losses				
Others, mainly investments sold in 2003				
<b>Other affiliates and joint ventures</b>				
Fertilizantes Fosfatados S.A. - FOSFERTIL (2)				
Others				
<b>Total</b>				

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	Investments		Equity Adjustments				
	September 30, 2004	December 31, 2003	Three-month periods ended			Nine months ended September 30	
			September 30, 2004	June 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	2004	2003
<b>Steel</b>							
Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. - USIMINAS	73	31	18	16	14	52	34
Companhia Siderúrgica de Tubarão - CST (1)	59	86	9	61	14	87	26
California Steel Industries Inc. - CSI SIDERAR (costs \$15) - available for sale investments	132	103	23	15	(2)	37	1
	102	89					
	<b>366</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Aluminum and bauxite</b>							
Mineração Rio do Norte S.A. - MRN	168	168	16	14	11	41	21
Valesul Alumínio S.A. - VALESUL	51	49	4	4	2	11	7
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. - ALBRAS (5)		112			14		93
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. - ALBRAS - change in provision for losses (5)							1
	<b>219</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Ferrous</b>							
Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. (3)					3		15
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização - NIBRASCO	26	18	3	5	3	10	3
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização - HISPANOBRÁS	22	17	2	3	1	6	4
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização - KOBRASCO	7	1	4	1		6	
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização - KOBRASCO - change in provision for losses					1		10
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização - ITABRASCO	15	11	1	3	1	5	2
Gulf Industrial Investment Company - GIIC	43	40	4	2	3	10	9

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SAMARCO Mineração S.A. - SAMARCO (4)	235	221	35	20	17	80	59
Minas da Serra Geral S.A. - MSG	17	15		(2)	1	(2)	3
Others	22	21	1		5		7
	<u>387</u>	<u>344</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>112</u>
<b>Logistics</b>							
Ferrovia Centro-Atlântica S.A. - FCA - change in provision for losses (3)					(9)		(93)
MRS Logística S.A	63	39	8	8		22	
MRS Logística S.A. - change in provision for losses					4		8
Others, mainly investments sold in 2003	7	5			1		(2)
	<u>70</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>(87)</u>
<b>Other affiliates and joint ventures</b>							
Fertilizantes Fosfatados S.A. - FOSFERTIL (2)					5		10
Others	11	8	(1)			(2)	
	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>(1)</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>10</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,053</u></b>	<b><u>1,034</u></b>	<b><u>127</u></b>	<b><u>150</u></b>	<b><u>89</u></b>	<b><u>363</u></b>	<b><u>218</u></b>

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**Dividends received**

	Three-month periods ended		Nine months ended		Quoted market	
	September 30, 2004		September 30		September 30, 2004	
	September 30, 2004	June 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	2004		
<b>Steel</b>						
Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A. - USIMINAS			3	13	3	334
Companhia Siderúrgica de Tubarão - CST (1)			30		35	176

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California Steel Industries Inc. - CSI SIDERAR (costs \$15) - available for sale investments		2	2	2	5	
	—	—	—	—	—	102
		2	35	15	43	612
<b>Aluminum and bauxite</b>						
Mineração Rio do Norte S.A. - MRN		20	11	41	16	
Valesul Alumínio S.A. - VALESUL		7		9	3	
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. - ALBRAS (5)						
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. - ALBRAS - change in provision for losses (5)	—	—	—	—	—	—
		27	11	50	19	-
<b>Ferrous</b>						
Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. (3)						
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização - NIBRASCO						
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização - HISPANOBRÁS					2	
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização - KOBRASCO						
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de Pelotização - KOBRASCO - change in provision for losses						
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização - ITABRASCO					1	
Gulf Industrial Investment Company - GIIC		1	4	7	9	
SAMARCO Mineração S.A. - SAMARCO (4)	19	30	14	68	53	
Minas da Serra Geral S.A. - MSG					1	
Others	—	—	—	—	—	—
	19	31	18	75	66	-
<b>Logistics</b>						
Ferrovia Centro-Atlântica S.A. - FCA - change in provision for losses (3)						
MRS Logística S.A						
MRS Logística S.A. - change in provision for losses						
Others, mainly investments sold in 2003	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Other affiliates and joint ventures</b>						
Fertilizantes Fosfatados S.A. - FOSFERTIL (2)			2		9	
Others	—	—	—	—	1	—
			2		10	-

	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>612</b>
	—	—	—	—	—	—

- (1) During the quarter ended September 30, 2003 CVRD acquired an additional 4.42% of the voting shares and 5.64% of the preferred shares, representing 5.17% of CST's total capital for \$60. On July 30, 2004 we sold 4.42% of the voting shares and 20.11% of the preferred shares;
- (2) Investment sold in 2003;
- (3) Consolidated as from September, 2003, after acquisition of control;
- (4) Investment includes goodwill of \$38 in 2004 and \$ 37 in 2003;
- (5) Albras was consolidated as from January 1, 2004.

## 9 Stockholders equity

On August 18, 2004 the Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meeting approved the forward stock split. Each existing share, common and preferred, was split into three shares.

After the split the Company's capital comprises 1,165,677,168 shares, of which 749,949,429 common shares 415,727,739 class A preferred shares, including three special class shares without par value ( Golden Share ). The share/ADR proportion will be maintained at 1/1; therefore, each common and preferred share, will continue to be represented by one ADR supported by one common share (NYSE: RIO) or by one ADR supported by one class A preferred share (NYSE: RIOPR) respectively.

For comparative purposes we considered the effects of the split as it had occurred consistently in all periods presented.

## 10 Pension plans

	Three-Month period ended			Nine months ended September 30	
	September 30, 2004	June 30, 2004	September 30, 2003	2004	2003
Service cost - benefits earned during the period	1			2	1
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	42	36	37	116	104
Actual return on assets	(42)	(32)	(38)	(118)	(106)
Amortization of initial transitory obligation	3	2	3	7	7
Net deferral	(1)	(3)	1	2	2
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net periodic pension cost	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### Employer contributions

We previously disclosed in our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, that we expected to contribute \$14 to our pension plan in 2004. As of September 30, 2004, \$11 of contributions have been made. We do not expect any change in our previous estimate.

## 11 Commitments and contingencies

- (a) At September 30, 2004, we had extended guarantees for borrowings obtained by affiliates and joint ventures in the amount of \$7, of which \$6 is denominated in United States dollars and the remaining \$1 in local currency, as follows:

Affiliate or Joint Venture	Amount of guarantee	Denominated currency	Purpose	Final maturity	Counter guarantees

SAMARCO	6	US\$	Debt guarantee	2008	None
VALESUL	1	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 – Guarantor’s 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 made against contingent losses is sufficient to cover probable losses in connection with such actions.

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

	September 30, 2004		December 31, 2003	
	Provision for contingencies	Judicial deposits	Provision for contingencies	Judicial deposits
Labor claims	192	89	177	66
Civil claims	162	64	167	54
Tax related actions	427	315	285	279
Others	7	4	6	8
	<b>788</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>407</b>

Labor related actions principally comprise employee claims for (i) payment of time spent traveling from their residences to the work-place, (ii) additional payments for alleged dangerous or unhealthy working conditions and (iii) various other matters, often in connection with disputes about the amount of indemnities paid upon dismissal.

Civil actions principally relate 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.

Tax related actions principally comprise our challenges of certain revenue taxes, VAT and of the tax on financial movements CPMF.

We continue to vigorously pursue our interests in all the above actions but recognize that probably we 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 nine-month period ended September 30, 2004 and 2003, three-month period ended September 30, 2004, and 2003 and June 30, 2004 aggregated \$39, \$191, \$2, \$138 and \$14, respectively, and additional provisions aggregated \$63, \$114, \$11, \$66 and \$13, respectively.

In addition to the contingencies for which we have made provisions we have possible losses in connection with tax contingencies totaling \$320 at September 30, 2004, for which no provision is maintained.

- (c) We are defendants in two actions seeking substantial compensatory damages brought by the Municipality of



Itabira, State of Minas Gerais, which we believe are without merit. Due to the remote likelihood that any loss will arise there from no provision has been made in the financial statements with respect to these two actions.

- (d) We are committed under a take-or-pay agreement to purchase approximately 42,391 thousand metric tons of bauxite from Mineração Rio do Norte S.A. - MRN at a formula price, calculated based on the current London Metal Exchange (LME) quotation for aluminum. Based on a market price of US\$20.45 per metric ton as of September 30, 2004, it represents the following total commitment:

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2004 as from July	14,210
2005	56,840
2006	56,840
2007	56,840
2008	56,840
2009 and thereafter	625,326
	866,896

- (e) 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 are 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 each agreed to provide \$205, which represents half of the \$410 in expenditures estimated as necessary to complete geological exploration and mineral resource development projects in the region through to April 28, 2009. We will oversee these projects and BNDES will advance us half of our costs on a quarterly basis. Under the Mineral Risk Contract, as of September 30, 2004, the remaining contributions towards exploration and development activities totaled \$68. In the event that either of us wishes to conduct further exploration and development after having spent such \$205, the contract provides that each party may either choose to match the other party's contributions, or may choose to have its financial interest proportionally diluted. If a party's participation in the project is diluted to an amount lower than 40% of the amount invested in connection with exploration and development projects, then the Mineral Risk Contract provides that the diluted party will lose all the rights and benefits provided for in the Mineral Risk Contract and any amounts previously contributed to the project.

Under the Mineral Risk Contract, BNDES has agreed to compensate us through a finder's fee production royalty on their share of mineral resources that are discovered and placed into production. This finder's fee is equal to 3.5% of the revenues derived from the sale of gold, silver and platinum group metals and 1.5% of the revenues derived from the sale of other minerals, including copper, except for gold and other minerals discovered at Serra Leste, for which the finder's fee is equal to 6.5% of revenues.

- (f) 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 26, 2004 as a result of exploiting our mineral resources we declared a distribution on these debentures in the amount of \$2, payable as from April 1, 2004. There is no significant difference between the book value and quoted market price of these debentures.
- (g) 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:

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<b>Balance as of April 01, 2004</b>	<b>82</b>
Accretion expense	4
Cumulative translation adjustment	(4)
	—
<b>Balance as of June 30, 2004</b>	<b>82</b>
	—
Accretion expense	3
Cumulative translation adjustment	6
	—
<b>Balance as of September 30, 2004</b>	<b>91</b>
	—
<b>Balance as of January 01, 2004</b>	<b>81</b>
Accretion expense	9
Cumulative translation adjustment	1
	—
<b>Balance as of September 30, 2004</b>	<b>91</b>
	—

## 12 Segment and geographical information

In 1999 we adopted 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 kaolin, potash 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:

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

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 generally accepted 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 (Unaudited)**

**As of and for the three-month periods ended**

	<b>September 30, 2004</b>						
	<b>Holdings</b>						
	<b>Ferrous</b>	<b>Non ferrous</b>	<b>Logistics</b>	<b>(1) Aluminum</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Elimination</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Gross revenues - Export	2,041	150	24	419		(968)	1,666
Gross revenues - Domestic	376	55	234	53		(97)	621
Cost and expenses	(1,711)	(172)	(158)	(320)		1,065	(1,296)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(72)	(12)	(9)	(9)			(102)
Pension plan	(3)						(3)
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>143</b>			<b>886</b>
Financial income	39		5	6		(40)	10
Financial expenses	(150)		(4)	(52)	1	40	(165)
Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net	22	3	6	46			77
Gain on sale of investments					314		314
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments	50		8	20	49		127
Income taxes	(197)		(3)	(23)	(1)		(224)
Minority interests	(39)	(2)		(41)			(82)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>363</b>		<b>943</b>
Sales classified by geographic destination:							
Export market							
America, except United States	198		13	29		(102)	138
United States	132		9	64		(87)	118
Europe	871	80	2	205		(459)	699
Middle East/Africa/Oceania	132	63				(48)	147
Japan	164	2		81		(47)	200
China	401			40		(164)	277
Asia, other than Japan and China	143	5				(61)	87

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	<b>2,041</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>419</b>		<b>(968)</b>	<b>1,666</b>
Domestic market	376	55	234	53		(97)	621
	<b>2,417</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>472</b>		<b>(1,065)</b>	<b>2,287</b>
Assets:							
Property, plant and equipment, net	5,050	1,147	577	952	1		7,727
Additions to Property, plant and equipment	131	40	114	63			348
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision for losses	387		70	219	377		1,053
Capital employed	<b>4,557</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>6,885</b>

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**As of and for the three-month periods ended**

	<b>June 30, 2004</b>						
	<b>Holdings</b>						
	<b>Ferrous</b>	<b>Non ferrous</b>	<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Aluminum</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Elimination</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Gross revenues - Export	1,875	81	22	398		(923)	1,453
Gross revenues - Domestic	364	35	219	47		(85)	580
Cost and expenses	(1,588)	(89)	(142)	(308)		1,008	(1,119)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(57)	(6)	(8)	(8)			(79)
Pension plan	(3)						(3)
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>129</b>			<b>832</b>
Financial income	63		2	20	1	(67)	19
Financial expenses	(139)	(2)	(5)	(26)	(1)	67	(106)
Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net	(202)	(2)	(1)	(42)	2		(245)
Gain on sale of investments							
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments	32		8	18	92		150
Income taxes	(87)	(4)	(1)	31	(3)		(64)

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Minority interests	(31)	1		(52)			(82)
Net income	<b>227</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>91</b>		<b>504</b>
Sales classified by geographic destination:							
Export market							
America, except United States	172		18	41		(98)	133
United States	121			7		(70)	58
Europe	857	68	4	212		(435)	706
Middle East/Africa/Oceania	87	1				(19)	69
Japan	187	4		105		(99)	197
China	300	5		33		(135)	203
Asia, other than Japan and China	151	3				(67)	87
	<b>1,875</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>398</b>		<b>(923)</b>	<b>1,453</b>
Domestic market	364	35	219	47		(85)	580
	<b>2,239</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>445</b>		<b>(1,008)</b>	<b>2,033</b>
Assets:							
Property, plant and equipment, net	4,542	1,020	483	826	1		6,872
Additions to Property, plant and equipment	165	62	153	35	1		416
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision for losses	330		56	195	385		966
Capital employed	<b>4,307</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>816</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>6,277</b>

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As of and for the three-month periods ended

September 30, 2003

	Ferrous	Non ferrous	Holdings			Elimination	Consolidated
			Logistics	Aluminum	Others		
Gross revenues Export	1,411	28	14	218		(651)	1,020



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Gross revenues	Domestic	309	31	130	46	(53)	463
Cost and expenses		(1,282)	(38)	(91)	(210)	1	704
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		(50)	(6)	(3)	(4)		(63)
Pension plan		(3)					(3)
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>		<b>385</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>501</b>
Financial income		49	1	3	2	1	(29)
Financial expenses		(89)	(2)	(2)	(18)	(1)	29
Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net		(48)	(4)	3	(8)		(57)
Gain on sale of investments							
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments		35		(4)	27	31	89
Income taxes		(1)		(1)	(1)	3	
Minority interests		(3)			(6)		(9)
<b>Net income</b>		<b>328</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>468</b>
Sales classified by geographic destination:							
Export market							
America, except United States		142		10	44	(87)	109
United States		91	2		6	(46)	53
Europe		532	19	4	96	(236)	415
Middle East/Africa/Oceania		85				(20)	65
Japan		162	6		26	(79)	115
China		275	1		46	(132)	190
Asia, other than Japan and China		124				(51)	73
<b>Domestic market</b>		<b>1,411</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>(651)</b>	<b>1,020</b>
		309	31	130	46	(53)	463
		<b>1,720</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>(704)</b>	<b>1,483</b>
Assets:							
Property, plant and equipment, net		4,024	858	439	529	38	5,888
Additions to Property, plant and equipment		235	170	16	22		443
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision for losses		338		7	320	325	990
<b>Capital employed</b>		<b>3,818</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5,040</b>

- (1) Albras was consolidated as from January 1, 2004 and generated contribution to net revenues and operating income of \$39 and \$70 in the three-month periods ended September 30, 2004 (June 30, 2004, \$61 and \$74, respectively).

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## Operating income by product after eliminations (Unaudited)

For the three-month periods ended

September 30, 2004

	Revenues			Value added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Impairment/ Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	Depreciation, depletion and amortization	Operating income
	Export	Domestic	Total						
<b>Ferrous</b>									
Iron ore	880	213	1,093	(34)	1,059	(463)	596	(67)	529
Pellets	229	64	293	(12)	281	(239)	42	(2)	40
Manganese	16	4	20	(2)	18	(17)	1		1
Ferroalloys	113	60	173	(15)	158	(43)	115	(3)	112
	<b>1,238</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>(63)</b>	<b>1,516</b>	<b>(762)</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>(72)</b>	<b>682</b>
<b>Non ferrous</b>									
Gold									
Potash		35	35	(5)	30	(16)	14	(1)	13
Kaolin	36	5	41	(1)	40	(23)	17	(4)	13
Copper	56	14	70	(3)	67	(40)	27	(7)	20
	<b>92</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>(79)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Aluminum</b>									
Alumina	127	3	130	(4)	126	(102)	24	(5)	19
Aluminum	172	8	180	(1)	179	(54)	125	(4)	121
Bauxite	17		17		17	(14)	3		3
	<b>316</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>(170)</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>Logistics</b>									
Railroads		164	164	(27)	137	(88)	49	(9)	40
Ports		43	43	(8)	35	(20)	15	(1)	14
Ships	16	9	25	(2)	23	(25)	(2)	1	(1)
	<b>16</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>(133)</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>53</b>
Others	4	(1)	3		3	(41)	(38)		(38)

<b>1,666</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>2,287</b>	<b>(114)</b>	<b>2,173</b>	<b>(1,185)</b>	<b>988</b>		<b>(102)</b>	<b>886</b>
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**For the three-month periods ended****June 30, 2004**

	<b>Revenues</b>			<b>Value</b>		<b>Cost and expenses</b>	<b>Impairment/ Gain on sale of proper plant and equipment Depreciation, depletion and amortization and Operating income</b>		
	<b>Export</b>	<b>Domestic</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>added tax</b>	<b>Net revenues</b>		<b>Net equipment</b>		
<b>Ferrous</b>									
Iron ore	732	211	943	(38)	905	(394)	511	(55)	456
Pellets	251	68	319	(11)	308	(207)	101		101
Manganese	8	3	11	(2)	9	(7)	2		2
Ferroalloys	103	50	153	(13)	140	(72)	68	(3)	65
	<b>1,094</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>(64)</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>(680)</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>624</b>
<b>Non ferrous</b>									
Gold									
Potash		31	31	(6)	25	(13)	12	(1)	11
Kaolin	34	5	39	(1)	38	(21)	17	(4)	13
Copper	24		24		24	(4)	20	(2)	18
	<b>58</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>(38)</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Aluminum</b>									
Alumina	83		83	(4)	79	(66)	13	(5)	8
Aluminum	197	1	198	(1)	197	(67)	130	(3)	127
Bauxite	8		8		8	(8)			
	<b>288</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>(141)</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>(8)</b>	<b>135</b>

**Logistics**

Railroads		153	153	(25)	128	(81)	47	(4)	43
Ports		45	45	(3)	42	(21)	21	(1)	20
Ships	10	12	22	(7)	15	(25)	(10)	(1)	(11)
	<u>10</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>(35)</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>(127)</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>52</u>
Others	3	1	4	(2)	2	(23)	(21)		(21)
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>(23)</u>	<u>(21)</u>		<u>(21)</u>
	<b><u>1,453</u></b>	<b><u>580</u></b>	<b><u>2,033</u></b>	<b><u>(113)</u></b>	<b><u>1,920</u></b>	<b><u>(1,009)</u></b>	<b><u>911</u></b>	<b><u>(79)</u></b>	<b><u>832</u></b>

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**For the three-month periods ended****September 30, 2003**

	Revenues			Value added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Impairment/ Gain on sale of property Net	Depreciation, plant and equipment depletion and amortization	Operating income
	Export	Domestic	Total						
<b>Ferrous</b>									
Iron ore	554	147	701	(16)	685	(344)	341	(31)	310
Pellets	159	58	217	(7)	210	(151)	59	(2)	57
Manganese	7	4	11	(1)	10	(14)	(4)		(4)
Ferroalloys	46	24	70	(6)	64	(46)	18	(3)	15
	<u>766</u>	<u>233</u>	<u>999</u>	<u>(30)</u>	<u>969</u>	<u>(555)</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>(36)</u>	<u>378</u>
<b>Non ferrous</b>									
Gold	5		5		5	13	18		18
Potash		28	28	(4)	24	(12)	12	(1)	11
Kaolin	21	4	25		25	(24)	1	(3)	(2)
Copper									

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	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>(23)</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>(4)</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Aluminum</b>										
Alumina	107	42	149	(3)	146	(99)	47		(4)	43
Aluminum	77	4	81		81	(73)	8			8
Bauxite	12	1	13		13	(11)	2			2
	<u>196</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>(183)</u>	<u>57</u>		<u>(4)</u>	<u>53</u>
<b>Logistics</b>										
Railroads		101	101	(10)	91	(35)	56		(17)	39
Ports	1	39	40	(3)	37	(19)	18		(2)	16
Ships	10	8	18	(1)	17	(28)	(11)			(11)
	<u>11</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>(14)</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>(82)</u>	<u>63</u>		<u>(19)</u>	<u>44</u>
Others	21	3	24		24	(25)	(1)			(1)
	<u>1,020</u>	<u>463</u>	<u>1,483</u>	<u>(51)</u>	<u>1,432</u>	<u>(868)</u>	<u>564</u>		<u>(63)</u>	<u>501</u>

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**Results by segment before eliminations (Unaudited)****Nine-month periods ended September 30**

	<b>2004</b>						
	<b>Holdings</b>						
	<b>Ferrous</b>	<b>Non ferrous</b>	<b>Logistics</b>	<b>Aluminum</b>	<b>Others</b>	<b>Elimination</b>	<b>Consolidated</b>
Gross revenues Export	5,478	265	65	1,180		(2,626)	4,362
Gross revenues Domestic	1,027	118	637	159		(252)	1,689
Cost and expenses	(4,665)	(314)	(428)	(932)		2,878	(3,461)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(207)	(24)	(24)	(25)			(280)
Pension plan	(9)						(9)
<b>Operating (loss) income</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>382</b>			<b>2,301</b>
Financial income	146		11	9	2	(127)	41
Financial expenses	(405)	(3)	(13)	(119)		127	(413)
Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net	(212)	1		(2)	3		(210)
Gain on sale of investments					314		314
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments	115		22	52	174		363
Income taxes	(338)	(4)	(6)	(1)	(4)		(353)
Minority interests	(84)	(2)		(105)			(191)
<b>Income from continuing operations</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>489</b>		<b>1,852</b>
Change in accounting practice for asset retirement obligations (note 4)							
<b>Net income</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>489</b>		<b>1,852</b>
Sales classified by geographic destination:							
Export market							
America, except United States	528		46	140		(303)	411
United States	360		9	109		(223)	255
Europe	2,387	170	10	566		(1,206)	1,927
Middle East/Africa/Oceania	308	64				(93)	279
Japan	501	14		266		(213)	568
China	939	9		99		(396)	651

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Asia, other than Japan and China	455	8				(192)	271
	<u>5,478</u>	<u>265</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>1,180</u>		<u>(2,626)</u>	<u>4,362</u>
Domestic market	1,027	118	637	159		(252)	1,689
	<u>6,505</u>	<u>383</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>1,339</u>		<u>(2,878)</u>	<u>6,051</u>
Assets:							
Property, plant and equipment, net	5,050	1,147	577	952	1		7,727
Additions to Property, plant and equipment	453	173	399	120			1,145
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision for losses	387		70	219	377		1,053
	<u>4,557</u>	<u>913</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>819</u>	<u>31</u>		<u>6,885</u>

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Nine-month periods ended September 30

		2003						
		Holdings						
		Non						
		Ferrous	ferrous	Logistics	Aluminum	Others	Eliminations	Consolidated
Gross revenues	Export	3,606	69	53	525		(1,622)	2,631
Gross revenues	Domestic	846	77	316	124		(139)	1,224
Cost and expenses		(3,322)	(116)	(220)	(544)	6	1,761	(2,435)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization		(131)	(11)	(8)	(10)			(160)
Pension plan		(8)						(8)
<b>Operating (loss) income</b>		<b>991</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>1,252</b>
Financial income		145	1	11	8	4	(85)	84
Financial expenses		(270)	(4)	(5)	(30)	(5)	85	(229)
Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net		162	15	(12)	87	(2)		250
Gain on sale of investments		110		(85)	122	71		218



## Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments

Income taxes	(206)		(1)	(27)	3		(231)
Minority interests	(5)	(4)		(47)			(56)

Income from continuing operations	<b>927</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>77</b>		<b>1,288</b>
Change in accounting practice for asset retirement obligations (note 4)	(10)						(10)

Net income	<b>917</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>77</b>		<b>1,278</b>
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## Sales classified by geographic destination:

Export market							
America, except United States	379		28	111		(243)	275
United States	262	8		25		(143)	152
Europe	1,463	50	20	228		(591)	1,170
Middle East/Africa/Oceania	204		4			(50)	158
Japan	404	9		96		(188)	321
China	607	2		65		(284)	390
Asia, other than Japan and China	287		1			(123)	165

	<b>3,606</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>525</b>		<b>(1,622)</b>	<b>2,631</b>
Domestic market	846	77	316	124		(139)	1,224

	<b>4,452</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>649</b>		<b>(1,761)</b>	<b>3,855</b>
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## Assets:

Property, plant and equipment, net	4,024	858	439	529	38		5,888
Additions to Property, plant and equipment	503	315	65	65	1		949
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision for losses	338		(6)	320	338		990

Capital employed	<b>3,818</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>26</b>		<b>5,040</b>
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## Operating income by product after eliminations (Unaudited)

Nine-month periods ended September 30

2004

	Revenues			Value			Impairment/ Gain on sale of property, depreciation, plant depletion and amortization			Operating income
	Export	Domestic	Total	added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses	Net equipment	and	and	
<b>Ferrous</b>										
Iron ore	2,264	598	2,862	(95)	2,767	(1,242)	1,525		(192)	1,333
Pellets	663	184	847	(31)	816	(618)	198		(5)	193
Manganese	30	10	40	(5)	35	(31)	4			4
Ferroalloys	307	141	448	(36)	412	(201)	211		(10)	201
	<b>3,264</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>4,197</b>	<b>(167)</b>	<b>4,030</b>	<b>(2,092)</b>	<b>1,938</b>		<b>(207)</b>	<b>1,731</b>
<b>Non ferrous</b>										
Gold										
Potash		89	89	(14)	75	(38)	37		(4)	33
Kaolin	104	15	119	(4)	115	(66)	49		(11)	38
Copper	80	14	94	(3)	91	(44)	47		(9)	38
	<b>184</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>(148)</b>	<b>133</b>		<b>(24)</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Aluminum</b>										
Alumina	308	9	317	(13)	304	(258)	46		(14)	32
Aluminum	519	20	539	(2)	537	(175)	362		(11)	351
Bauxite	40		40		40	(35)	5			5
	<b>867</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>(15)</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>(468)</b>	<b>413</b>		<b>(25)</b>	<b>388</b>
<b>Logistics</b>										
Railroads		450	450	(71)	379	(235)	144		(21)	123
Ports		126	126	(21)	105	(64)	41		(3)	38
Ships	37	30	67	(5)	62	(77)	(15)			(15)
	<b>37</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>(376)</b>	<b>170</b>		<b>(24)</b>	<b>146</b>
Others	10	3	13	(2)	11	(84)	(73)			(73)

<b>4,362</b>	<b>1,689</b>	<b>6,051</b>	<b>(302)</b>	<b>5,749</b>	<b>(3,168)</b>	<b>2,581</b>		<b>(280)</b>	<b>2,301</b>
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**Nine-month periods ended September 30****2003**

	<b>Revenues</b>			<b>Value</b>		<b>Cost and expenses</b>	<b>Impairment/ Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>Depreciation, depletion and amortization</b>	<b>Operating income</b>	
	<b>Export</b>	<b>Domestic</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>added tax</b>	<b>Net revenues</b>					<b>Net</b>
<b>Ferrous</b>										
Iron ore	1,433	408	1,841	(52)	1,789	(876)	913	(69)	844	
Pellets	429	155	584	(19)	565	(448)	117	(12)	96	
Manganese	30	8	38	(3)	35	(20)	15	(1)	14	
Ferroalloys	139	68	207	(15)	192	(142)	50	(7)	43	
	<b>2,031</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>2,670</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>(1,486)</b>	<b>1,095</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>(86)</b>	<b>997</b>
<b>Non ferrous</b>										
Gold	21		21		21	(2)	19	(2)	17	
Potash		70	70	(9)	61	(31)	30	(3)	27	
Kaolin	47	8	55	(1)	54	(43)	11	(4)	7	
Copper										
	<b>68</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>(76)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>51</b>	
<b>Aluminum</b>										
Alumina	231	115	346	(7)	339	(256)	83	(10)	73	
Aluminum	221	8	229		229	(207)	22		22	
Bauxite	22	1	23		23	(21)	2		2	
	<b>474</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>(484)</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>97</b>	
<b>Logistics</b>										

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Railroads		246	246	(25)	221	(69)	152		(47)	105
Ports	1	105	106	(9)	97	(54)	43		(6)	37
Ships	36	24	60	(3)	57	(86)	(29)			(29)
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>37</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>(209)</b>	<b>166</b>		<b>(53)</b>	<b>113</b>
Others	21	8	29		29	(33)	(4)		(2)	(6)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<b>2,631</b>	<b>1,224</b>	<b>3,855</b>	<b>(143)</b>	<b>3,712</b>	<b>(2,288)</b>	<b>1,424</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>(160)</b>	<b>1,252</b>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

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**13 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 use derivatives for speculation 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 movement in fair value of derivative financial instruments is as follows (the quarterly information is unaudited):

	<b>Gold</b>	<b>Interest rates (LIBOR)</b>	<b>Currencies</b>	<b>Alumina</b>	<b>Aluminum</b>	<b>Total</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) at April 1, 2004	(37)	(48)	1	(36)	(43)	(163)
Financial settlement	1	11				12
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	9	5		4	4	22
Effect of exchange rate changes	2	2		2	2	8
<b>Unrealized gains (losses) at June 30, 2004</b>	<b>(25)</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>(121)</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) at July 1, 2004	(25)	(30)	1	(30)	(37)	(121)
Financial settlement		3				3
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	(5)	(1)		(5)	(25)	(36)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(2)	(3)		(2)	(3)	(10)
<b>Unrealized gains (losses) at September 30, 2004</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>(65)</b>	<b>(164)</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) at July 1, 2003	(11)	(65)	(1)	1		(76)
Financial settlement	5	4				9
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	(17)	(1)	3	(6)		(21)
Effect of exchange rate changes	1	2				3
<b>Unrealized gains (losses) at September 30, 2003</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(5)</b>		<b>(85)</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) at January 1, 2004	(32)	(46)	5	(18)		(91)

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Initial consolidation of Albras					(20)	(20)
Financial settlement	1	17	(2)			16
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	(1)	(2)	(2)	(19)	(44)	(68)
Effect of exchange rate changes	—	—	—	—	(1)	(1)
<b>Unrealized gains (losses) at September 30, 2004</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>(65)</b>	<b>(164)</b>
Unrealized gains (losses) at January 1, 2003	(15)	(60)	(1)	3		(73)
Financial settlement	5	18				23
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period	(12)	(5)	3	(9)		(23)
Effect of exchange rate changes	—	(13)	—	1	—	(12)
<b>Unrealized gains (losses) at September 30, 2003</b>	<b>(22)</b>	<b>(60)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(5)</b>		<b>(85)</b>

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

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Final maturity dates for the above instruments are as follows:

Gold	Dec 2008
Interest rates (LIBOR)	Oct 2007
Currencies	Dec 2011
Alumina	Dec 2008
Aluminum	Dec 2006

Albras entered into a 20 years contract to purchase power from Eletronorte to provide power for its industrial activities which became effective as from June 1, 2004. The contract includes a price adjustment related to LME aluminum prices.

The price adjustment related to LME is an embedded derivative as defined by SFAS 133, which is valued at fair value with variations recorded in the income statement. The fair value variation for the period up to September 30, 2004 was \$22.

#### 14 Subsequent Event

Additional dividend payment on October 29

On October 13, 2004 the Board of Directors of CVRD, approved the payment of an additional dividend in the amount of \$250 to be paid on October 29, 2004, \$150 of which in the form of interest shareholders equity and \$100 in the form of dividends.

Therefore, on October 29, 2004, a total amount of \$525 was distributed to shareholders, which includes the second installment of the minimum dividend announced on January 28, of \$275 and the additional dividend of \$250.

CVRD sells its stake in PPSA

On October 20, 2004 CVRD announces that it has transferred its stake in Pará Pigmentos S.A. (PPSA) to its subsidiary Caemi. CVRD owned 82.0% of the total capital of PPSA and 60.2% of the total capital of Caemi. The objective of this sale is the consolidation of CVRD's kaolin business in Caemi which is already a player in the global kaolin market through its subsidiary CADAM.

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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.

Date: November 12, 2004

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE  
(Registrant)

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