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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 ARCELOR and NUCOR

Rio de Janeiro, June 7, 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 Acindar Indústria Argentina de Aceros SA, a subsidiary of Arcelor, the largest steelmaker in Europe and South America, and NU-Iron Unlimited (NU-iron), a subsidiary of Nucor Corporation, a leading North American steelmaker. CVRD and Acindar agreed on a 3% price reduction for Tubarão DR pellets relatively to the 2005 price. At the same time, CVRD and NU-Iron agreed on a 3% price decrease for Tubarão and São Luís DR pellets. 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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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 7, 2006

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco

Roberto Castello Branco
Director of Investor Relations