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Form 6-K  
June 30, 2006

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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 credit rating raised to BBB- by Fitch***

Rio de Janeiro, June 29, 2006 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that Fitch Ratings (Fitch) raised today its rating to BBB- from BB+. Hence, CVRD is now classified as investment grade by the four world's largest rating agencies.

Since July 2005, when it received the investment grade for the first time, CVRD has not only obtained the equivalent classification from other three rating agencies, but also improved its rating position in two of them. Currently, CVRD is rated BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services (S&P), BBB (high) by Dominion Bond Rating Service (DBRS), Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) and BBB- by Fitch.

The improvement in the market perception of CVRD's credit risk is the result of a continuous effort to implement a long-term strategy focused on value creation, responsible for the Company's powerful cash generation and supported by financial management excellence, contributing to obtain significant reductions in its cost of capital.

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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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**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 30, 2006

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco

Roberto Castello Branco  
Director of Investor Relations