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June 19, 2007

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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 2007
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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(Check One) Yes No

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

(Check One) Yes No

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CVRD signs long-term DR pellet contracts

Rio de Janeiro, June 18, 2007 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) hereby announces that it has signed a long-term contract with Emirates Steel Industries of Abu Dhabi (ESI), the U.A.E. s largest manufacturer of steel long products, to supply direct reduction (DR) iron ore pellets.

The contract with ESI involves shipments of 500,000 metric tons of DR iron ore pellets per year, for seven years, from 2008 onwards.

This agreement highlights our support and long term commitment to serve the Middle East market with high quality products.

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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 and Canadian economy and securities markets, which exhibit volatility and can be adversely affected by developments in other countries; relating to the iron ore and nickel 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 18, 2007

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco

Roberto Castello Branco
Director of Investor Relations