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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

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Dated: January 09, 2002

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Press Release

CVRD Iron Ore Exports Set a New Record in 2001

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Rio de Janeiro, January 8, 2001 - Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that its iron ore and pellets exports reached an all time high in 2001. Despite the global recession, CVRD group exports, computed as the external sales of the parent company, Socoimex, Samitri, the pelletizing joint ventures (Nibrasco, Itabrasco, Hispanobras and Kobrasco) and Urucum, totaled 103.2 million tonnes last year against 101.6 million tonnes in 2000, a 1.6% increase. Socoimex was consolidated into CVRD on August 2000, while Samitri was consolidated on October 2001.

This result reflects CVRD ability to weather the downcycle, thanks to its diversified portfolio of high quality products and to the effectiveness of its client oriented policy.

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