

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce
Form 6-K
March 24, 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
March 2006
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce
Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
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(Address of principal executive office)

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Press Release

CVRD Board of Directors approves stock split

Rio de Janeiro, March 23, 2006 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that its Board of Directors approved a forward-stock split proposal.

The proposal has to be approved by an Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting to be called soon and involves the exchange of each share, common or preferred class A, by two post-split shares.

The proposal also involves the maintenance of the current American Depositary Receipt ratio at 1/1. Each ADR (NYSE: RIO or NYSE: RIOPR) will continue to have one underlying share, common or preferred class A, respectively.

After a significant appreciation since the last forward-stock split in August 2004, CVRD intends to position the price of its shares in a range consistent with good liquidity conditions for its shareholders.

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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: March 24, 2006

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco
Roberto Castello Branco
Director of Investor Relations