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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
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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CVRD increases supply of iron ore fines

Rio de Janeiro, March 27, 2006 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that the operation of its São Luis pellet plant, in the state of Maranhão, northern Brazil, was temporarily stopped.

The temporary stoppage of São Luis allows to anticipate its maintenance and to reallocate the volume of iron ore fines which should be dedicated to pellet-making to be shipped directly to clients, meeting at least partially their strong demand for iron ore fines.

Simultaneously to a persistent global excess demand for iron ore fines and lumps, which expansion continues to be mainly driven by China, the seaborne demand for pellets, which is more concentrated in North America and the European Union, has softened. The current level of inventories and the growing production of CVRD pellet plant in the Southern System will guarantee its supply to clients until São Luís resumes operation.

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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 28, 2006

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