

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce  
Form 6-K  
December 29, 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**

**December 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 sells its stake in Siderar**

Rio de Janeiro, December 28, 2006 – Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that it entered into a stock sale and purchase agreement with Ternium S.A. (Ternium) to sell its stake in Siderar-S.A.I.C. (Siderar), steel company located in Argentina. According to the contract terms, Ternium, the controlling group of Siderar, will acquire for US\$ 107.5 million the totality of Siderar shares held by CVRD, which represents 4.85% of its total capital.

The settled sales price was ARS\$ 19.57 per Siderar share, equivalent to US\$ 6.376 per share.

The sale of its stake in Siderar is aligned with CVRD's strategy for steel holdings, which prioritizes the reallocation of its resources to new or expansion projects that increase the demand for the Company's iron ore and pellets. Moreover, this divestiture will provide more funds for payment of the US\$ 14.6 billion bridge loan taken to finance the Inco Limited (Inco) acquisition.

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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: December 28, 2006

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