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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
January 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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Press Release

CVRD settles 2007 pellet prices with Lucchini

Rio de Janeiro, January 12, 2007 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD), the world's largest iron ore producer, has concluded the blast furnace pellet price negotiations for 2007 with Lucchini S.p.A (Lucchini), an Italian steelmaker, following the price settlement in Europe.

As an outcome of these negotiations with Lucchini, one of our largest clients in the pellet business, the blast furnace pellet prices Fob Tubarão and Ponta da Madeira increased by 5.28% relatively to the 2006 reference prices. Therefore, the new reference prices, on a metric ton (mt) basis, are US\$ 1.1796 per fe unit for the Tubarão pellets and US\$ 1.2108 per fe unit for the São Luis pellets, Fob Ponta da Madeira.

Despite the sharp rise in costs, CVRD continues to invest a substantial amount of resources to add new capacity of high quality pellets to meet client needs in the near future, consistently with its strong long-term commitment.

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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: January 12, 2007

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