

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

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CVRD sells Foz do Chapecó

Rio de Janeiro, February 10, 2006 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that it entered into a sale agreement with Furnas Centrais Elétricas (Furnas) to sell for R\$ 9 million its 40% stake in the consortium to build and operate the Foz do Chapecó hydroelectric power plant.

The closing of this transaction is subject to the satisfaction of some precedent conditions.

Foz do Chapecó is located in the Uruguay river, which borders the Brazilian southern states of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catarina. The total installed capacity of the power plant will be 855 megawatts (MW).

CVRD invests in power generation to meet its consumption needs, given the importance of this input for the Company's operations and its permanent focus on cost reduction.

CVRD owns stakes in five hydroelectric power plants: Igarapava, Porto Estrela, Funil, Candonga and Aimorés, all of them located in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. Its take in the electricity generated by these plants is allocated to meet the consumption of its Southern System operations. Currently, the Company is investing in the construction of two new hydroelectric power plants in the state of Minas Gerais, Capim Branco I and Capim Branco II, in the Araguari river, which are expected to start up in 2006 and 2007, respectively.

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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.

Date: February 13, 2006

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco
Roberto Castello Branco
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