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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
July 2007
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce
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(Address of principal executive office)**

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Press Release

CVRD signs agreement to develop a new alumina refinery

Rio de Janeiro, July 23, 2007 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) announces that it has signed a memorandum of understanding to develop a new alumina refinery in northern Brazil with Hydro, a leading Norwegian producer of aluminum.

The new refinery will be located in Barcarena, in the Brazilian state of Pará, Brazil. The plant is to be developed in four stages, each one with 1.85 million metric tons per year (Mtpy) of alumina production and with a final total output of 7.4 Mtpy.

Construction is expected to begin mid 2008, following Board approval. Hydro will hold a 20% stake in the project and will have the right to participate in further expansions.

CVRD will supply the bauxite for the new refinery from its wholly owned Paragominas mine. Currently Paragominas supplies part of Alunorte bauxite needs through a 244 Km pipeline linking the mine to the refinery. CVRD (57%) and Hydro (34%) are shareholders of Alunorte, the world's largest alumina refinery.

This initiative is consistent with CVRD's strategic focus on bauxite and alumina. The strategic focus on the upstream of the aluminum production chain is strongly supported by CVRD's competitive advantages derived from the development of large reserves of high quality bauxite, world class alumina operations and a highly efficient logistics network.

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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: July 23, 2007

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco
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