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Press Release

CVRD Announces Capex Budget for 2003

Rio de Janeiro, 22 January 2003 - The Board of Directors of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) has approved the Company's Capex budget of US\$ 1.8 billion for 2003.

In line with strategic guidelines, US\$ 1.1 billion will be allocated on ongoing projects, US\$ 642.5 million on current expenses (maintenance, operational improvements, information technology, environmental protection and others) and US\$ 72.0 million on mineral exploration. The largest share of project expenditure will be spent on the Non-ferrous Minerals businesses (US\$ 315.0 million), Logistics (US\$ 289.8 million), Ferrous Minerals (US\$ 244.3 million) and Aluminum (US\$ 160.3 million).

The development of the Sossego copper project, whose completion is forecast for the first quarter of 2004, will account for US\$ 253.1 million worth of investment. At the same time, US\$ 29.4 million will be spent in 2003 on expanding capacity at the Taquari potassium mine in Vassouras, from 600,000 to 850,000 tons a year.

Investment in logistics projects in 2003 will be focused on the purchase of rolling stock and locomotives for the transport of general freight, principally of agricultural products, fuel, steel products and building materials.

The largest projects in the Ferrous Minerals division involve efforts for the enlargement of iron ore production capacity, as well as its logistics, such as the investment on the construction of Pier III at the port of Ponta da Madeira

In the Aluminum business, most of the investments are related to the development of bauxite mines and Alunorte's capacity expansion.

In 2003, US\$ 72 million will be spent on exploration of ferrous minerals, bauxite, copper, gold, nickel, among others. This amount involves joint investments with BNDES under the Mineral Risk Contract.

CVRD will continue to invest in its power generation projects. In 2003, US\$ 15.2 million and US\$ 16.7 million will be allocated in the construction of the Candonga and Aimores power plants, respectively. Candonga, with 140 MW of installed capacity, should be commissioned in November of this year, while Aimores, with a capacity 330 MW, is expected to come on stream in December.

This Capex does not include provisions for acquisition opportunities that may arise. New investments in projects still under study can be approved, while those already approved might be changed.

Investment Schedule

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Capital	Correntes	Exploracao Mineral	Total
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Ferrous Minerals	244.3	331.6	-	575.9
Logistics	289.8	144.1	-	433.9
Non Ferrous Minerals	315.0	38.4	-	353.4
Aluminum	160.3	21.7	-	182.0
Power Generation	71.3	1.3	-	72.6
Metallic and Semi-finished	48.3	-	-	48.3
Corporate Areas	-	105.4*	72.0	177.4
Total	1,129.0	642.5	72.0	1,843.5

* Includes information technology investment, human resources and environmental protection.

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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 22, 2003

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa

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