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For the month of

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Valley of the Rio Doce Company

(Translation of Registrant s name into English)

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Explanatory Note

This report on Form 6-K/A amends and restates in its entirety the Company's report on Form 6-K filed on May 14, 2004 (the Original 6-K). The Company has restated its US GAAP financial statements for the first quarter of 2004 for the reasons described in Note 5 to the financial statements included as a part of this report on Form 6-K/A. The Company's Brazilian GAAP financial statements are not affected by the restatement. In addition, this report on Form 6-K/A does not purport to provide an update or a discussion of any other developments subsequent to May 14, 2004. For a discussion of events after that date, you should consult the Company's reports on Form 6-K filed subsequent to May 14, 2004.

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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets Expressed in millions of United States dollars

	March	
	31, 2004 Restated	December 31, 2003
	(unaudited)	
Assets		
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents	1,083	585
Accounts receivable	110	115
Related parties	113	115
Unrelated parties	711 14	703 56
Loans and advances to related parties Inventories	574	505
Deferred income tax	145	91
Others	477	419
	3,117	2,474
Property, plant and equipment, net	7,017	6,484
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of		4.024
provision for losses on equity investments	954	1,034
Other assets Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries	448	451
Loans and advances		
Related parties	40	40
Unrelated parties	66	68
Prepaid pension cost	78	82
Deferred income tax	344	234
Judicial deposits	428	407
Unrealized gain on derivative instruments Others	1 169	5 155
	1,574	1,442
TOTAL	12,662	11,434

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets Expressed in millions of United States dollars (Except number of shares)

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	March 31, 2004 Restated	December 31, 2003
	(unaudited)	
Liabilities and stockholders equity		
Current liabilities	452	492
Suppliers Payroll and related charges	452 109	482 78
Interest attributed to stockholders	276	118
Current portion of long-term debt unrelated parties	844	1,009
Short-term debt	171	1,009
Loans from related parties	50	119
Others	399	318
	2,301	2,253
Long-term liabilities Employees post-retirement benefits Long-term debt unrelated parties Loans from related parties Provisions for contingencies (Note 10) Unrealized loss on derivative instruments	199 3,458 3 655 164	198 2,767 4 635 96
Others		
	4,798	3,968
Minority interests	464	329
Stockholders equity Preferred class A stock - 600,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 138,575,913 issued Common stock - 300,000,000 no-par-value shares authorized and 249,983,143	1,055	1,055
issued	1,902	1,902
Treasury stock - 4,183 (2003 - 4,183) preferred and 4,715,170 common shares	(88)	(88)
Additional paid-in capital	498	498
Other cumulative comprehensive income	(4,403)	(4,375)
out this at to comprehensive modile	(1,105)	(1,575)

Appropriated retained earnings	3,034	3,035
Unappropriated retained earnings	3,101	2,857
	5,099	4,884
TOTAL	12,662	11,434

See notes to condensed consolidated financial information.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Expressed in millions of United States dollars (Unaudited) (except number of shares and per-share amounts)

Three months ended		
March 31, 2004 Restated	March 31, 2003	December 31, 2003
1.061	746	1,075
•		41
		104
		24
	9	
1,254	867	1,244
191	115	192
280	167	254
6	4	
	•	1,690
(75)	(43)	(52)
1,656	1,110	1,638
(643)	(428)	(670)
· · ·		(138)
· · ·		(194)
(3)	(1)	(3)
		,,
` '		(1,005)
· · ·		(97)
		(37)
		(9)
		(98)
(1,073)	(747)	(1,246)
	March 31, 2004 Restated 1,061 39 131 23 1,254 191 280 6 1,731 (75) 1,656 (643) (115) (147) (3) (908) (101) (23) (13) (28)	March 31, 2004 Restated March 31, 2003 1,061 39 16 131 75 23 21 9 1,254 867 191 115 280 167 6 4 6 44 1,731 (75) (43) 1,656 1,110 (643) (428) (115) (70) (147) (142) (3) (1) (101) (49) (23) (11) (13) (12) (28) (34)

Operating income	583	363	392
Non-operating income (expenses) Financial income Financial expenses Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net Gain on sale of investments	12 (142) (42)	28 (82) 50	18 (122) (8) 17
	(172)	(4)	(95)
Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	411	359	297
Income taxes Current Deferred	(97) 32	(6) (65)	10 (76)
	(65)	<u>(71)</u>	(66)
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investments Minority interests	86 (27)	94 (18)	88 (49)
Income from continuing operations	405	364	270
Change in accounting pratice for asset retirement obligations (Note 4)		(10)	
Net income	405	354	270
Basic earnings per Preferred Class A Share	1.06	0.92	0.70
Basic earnings per Common Share	1.06	0.92	0.70
Weighted average number of shares outstanding (thousands of shares) Common shares Preferred Class A shares	245,268 138,571	245,268 138,571	245,268 138,571

See notes to condensed consolidated financial information.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Expressed in millions of United States dollars (Unaudited)

	Three months ended		ded
	March 31, 2004 Restated	March 31, 2003	December 31, 2003
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	405	354	270
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating			
activities:			
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	99	43	78 73
Dividends received	61	36	59
Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision	(96)	(0.4)	(00)
for losses on equity investments Deferred income taxes	(86)	(94)	(88)
Provisions for other contingencies	(32)	65 9	76
Impairment of property, plant and equipment		9	39
Gain on sale of investments			(17)
Change in accounting pratice for asset retirement obligations (Note 4)		10	(17)
Pension plan	3	3	4
Foreign exchange and monetary losses (gains)	45	(142)	5
Net unrealized derivative losses (gains)	54	3	20
Minority interests	27	18	49
Others	(35)	6	6
Decrease (increase) in assets:			
Accounts receivable	(23)	64	(68)
Inventories	(15)	24	6
Others	(25)	(1)	(36)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	(2.5)	(0.2)	~ 0
Suppliers	(25)	(93)	59
Payroll and related charges	(3)	(6)	(17)
Others	<u>147</u>		<u>69</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	597	356	514
Cash flows from investing activities: Loans and advances receivable			
Related parties		,·	
Additions	4.4	(23)	(65)
Repayments	41	29	9
Others	15	16	(12)
Guarantees and deposits	(24)	(12)	(13)
Additions to investments Additions to property, plant and equipment	(9) (381)	(198)	1 (594)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(301)	(170)	(J9 4)

Proceeds from disposal of investments			83
Net cash used in investing activities	(358)	(188)	(579)
Cash flows from financing activities: Short-term debt, net issuances (repayments) Loans	44	(93)	(1)
Related parties Additions Repayments Issuances of long-term debt	3 (6)	(16)	24 (2)
Related parties Others Repayments of long-term debt	665	2 177	12 29
Others Interest attributed to stockholders	(470)	(101)	(351) (427)
Net cash used in financing activities	236	(31)	(716)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents Initial cash in new consolidated subsidiary	475 (3) 26	137 56	(781) 26
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	1,083	1,091 1,284	1,340 ————————————————————————————————————
Cash paid during the period for:			
Interest on short-term debt Interest on long-term debt Income tax Non-cash transactions	(2) (80)	(6) (53) (6)	(38) (16)
Conversion of loans receivable to investments		(11)	(91)

See notes to condensed consolidated financial information.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders Equity Expressed in millions of United States dollars (Unaudited) (except number of shares and per-share amounts)

		Three mon	ths ended
	March 31, 2004	March 31, 2003	December 31, 2003
Preferred class A stock (including one special share)			
End of the period	1,055	904	1,055
Common stock End of the period	1,902	1,630	1,902
Treasury stock End of the period	(88)	(88)	(88)
End of the period			
Additional paid-in capital End of the period	498	498	498
Other cumulative comprehensive income Cumulative translation adjustments			
Beginning of the period Change in the period	(4,449)	(5,185) 186	(4,473)
End of the period	(4,480)	(4,999)	(4,449)
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale securities			
Beginning of the period Change in the period	74 3	13	60
End of the period	77	13	74
Adjustments relating to investments in affiliates Beginning of the period Transfer to retained earnings		10	10 (10)

End of the period		10	-
Total other cumulative comprehensive income	(4,403)	(4,976)	(4,375)
Appropriated retained earnings Beginning of the period Transfer (to) from retained earnings	3,035 (19)	2,230 121	2,251 784
End of the period	3,016	2,351	3,035
Retained earnings Beginning of the period Net income Interest attributed to stockholders Preferred class A stock Common stock Appropriation (to) from reserves	2,857 405 (58) (104) 19	3,288 354 (72) (128) (121)	3,472 270 (40) (71) (774)
End of the period	3,119	3,321	2,857
Total stockholders equity	5,099	3,640	4,884
Comprehensive income is comprised as follows: Net income Cumulative translation adjustments Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities	405 (31) 3	354 186 13	270 24 60
Total comprehensive income	377	553	354
Shares Preferred class A stock (including one special share)	138,575,913	138,575,913	138,575,913
Common stock	249,983,143	249,983,143	249,983,143
Treasury stock (1) Beginning of the period Sales	(4,719,353)	(4,719,651) 16	(4,719,353)

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End of the period	(4,719,353)	(4,719,635)	(4,719,353) 383,839,703
Interest attributed to stockholders (per share) Preferred class A stock (including one special share) Common stock	0.42	0.52	0.29
	0.42	0.52	0.29

⁽¹⁾ As of March 31, 2004, 4,715,170 common shares and 4,183 preferred shares were held in treasury in the amount of \$88. The 4,715,170 common shares guarantee a loan of to our subsidiary Alunorte.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial information.

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Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Information Expressed in millions of United States dollars, unless otherwise stated (Unaudited)

1 The Company and its operations

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) is a limited liability company, duly organized and existing under the laws of the Federative Republic of Brazil. Our operations are carried out through CVRD and its subsidiary companies, joint ventures and affiliates, and mainly consist of mining, non-ferrous metal production and logistics, as well as energy, aluminum and steel activities. Further details of our operations and those of our joint ventures and affiliates are described in Note 8.

The main operating subsidiaries we consolidate are as follows:

		Head office	Principal
Subsidiary	% ownership	location	activity
Alumina do Norte do Brasil S.A.		Brazil	Aluminum
Alunorte	57		
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. Albras (8)	51	Brazil	Aluminum
CADAM S.A. (2) (4)	37	Brazil	Kaolin
CELMAR S.A. Indústria de Celulose e		Brazil	Forestry
Papel (3)	100		
CVRD Overseas Ltd.		Cayman	Trading
	100	Island	
Ferrovia Centro-Atlântica S.A. (4)	100	Brazil	Logistics
Ferteco Mineração S.A. FERTECO (3)	100	Brazil	Iron ore and Pellets
Itabira Rio Doce Company Ltd. ITACO		Cayman	Trading
	100	Island	
Mineração Serra do Sossego S.A. (1) (5)	100	Brazil	Copper
Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S.A.		Brazil	Iron ore
MBR (4) (7)	56		
Navegação Vale do Rio Doce S.A.		Brazil	Shipping
DOCENAVE	100		
Pará Pigmentos S.A.	76	Brazil	Kaolin
Rio Doce International Finance Ltd.		Bahamas	International finance
RDIF	100		
Rio Doce Manganèse Europe RDME	100	France	Ferroalloys
Rio Doce Manganese Norway RDMN	100	Norway	Ferroalloys
Salobo Metais S.A. (1)	100	Brazil	Copper
Rio Doce Manganês S.A. (6)		Brazil	Manganese and
	100		Ferroalloys
Urucum Mineração S.A.		Brazil	Iron ore, Ferroalloys
	100		and
			Manganese
Vale do Rio Doce Alumínio S.A.		Brazil	Aluminum
ALUVALE (5)	100		

(1) Development stage companies

- (2) Through Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A.
- (3) Merged with CVRD on August 29, 2003
- (4) Consolidated as from September 2003
- (5) Merged with CVRD on December 30, 2003
- (6) Formerly Sibra-Eletrosiderúrgica Brasileira S.A.
- (7) Through Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. and Belém Administrações e Participações Ltda.
- (8) Consolidated as from January 1, 2004 (See Note 5)

2 Basis of consolidation

All majority-owned subsidiaries where we have both share and management control are consolidated, with elimination of all significant intercompany accounts and transactions. Investments in unconsolidated affiliates and joint ventures are reported at cost plus our equity in undistributed earnings or losses. Included in this category are certain joint ventures in which we have majority ownership but, by force of shareholders—agreements, do not have effective management control. We provide for losses on equity investments with negative stockholders—equity where applicable (see Note 8).

We evaluate the carrying value of our listed investments relative to publicly available quoted market prices. If the quoted market price is below book value, and such decline is considered other than temporary, we write-down our equity investments to quoted market value.

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We define joint ventures as businesses in which we and a small group of other partners each participate actively in the overall entity management, based on a shareholders agreement. We define affiliates as businesses in which we participate as a minority stockholder but with significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the investee

Investments in unincorporated joint ventures, formed for the purpose of investing in electrical energy projects, as proportionately consolidated.

3 Summary of significant accounting policies

Our condensed consolidated interim financial information for the three-month periods ended March 31, 2004, December 31, 2003 and March 31, 2003 is unaudited. However, in our opinion, such condensed consolidated financial information includes all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for interim periods. The results of operations for the three month period ended March 31, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year ending December 31, 2004.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, we are required to use estimates to account for certain assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Our consolidated financial statements therefore include various estimates concerning the selection of useful lives of property, plant and equipment, provisions necessary for contingent liabilities, fair values assigned to assets and liabilities acquired in business combinations, income tax valuation allowances, employee post-retirement benefits and other similar evaluations, actual results may vary from our estimates.

4 Change in accounting policy in 2003

In June 2001, the FASB issued SFAS 143 — Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations . We adopted SFAS 143 as from January 1, 2003, and as a consequence an additional \$26 for asset retirement obligations was recorded as Others—long-term liabilities—, a net increase of \$11 in mine development costs was registered within—Property, plant and equipment—and a resulting charge of \$10 was registered as—Change in Accounting Practice for Asset Retirement Obligations—on the Statement of Income, net of income tax (\$15 gross of deferred income tax). Over time the liabilities will be accreted for the change in their present value and initial capitalized costs will be amortized over the useful lives of the related assets.

5 Revision in 2004

In December 2003, the FASB issued FIN 46R — Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, (revised December 2003). The primary objectives of FIN 46R are to provide guidance on the identification of entities for which control is achieved through means other than through voting rights (variable interest entities or VIEs) and how to determine when and which business enterprise should consolidate the VIE (the primary beneficiary). This new model for consolidation applies to an entity in which either (1) the equity investors (if any) do not have a controlling financial interest or (2) the equity investment at risk is insufficient to finance that entity—s activities without receiving additional subordinated financial support from other parties. In addition, FIN 46R requires that both the primary beneficiary and all other enterprises with a significant variable interest in a VIE make additional disclosures regarding the nature, purpose, size and activities of the VIE and the enterprise—s maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with the VIE.

The implementation date of FIN 46R is the first period ending after December 15, 2003 for Special Purpose Entities (SPEs) and as from January 1, 2004 for previously existing variable interest entities which are not SPEs. FIN 46R may be applied prospectively with a cumulative adjustment as of the date on which it is first applied or by restating previously issued financing statements for one or more years with a cumulative-effect adjustment as of the

beginning of the first year restated.

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Albrás, an equity investee, was determined to be a VIE in accordance with FIN 46R and has been consolidated as from January 1, 2004. Accordingly financial information for the three-months ended March 31, 2004 has been restated to consolidate this entity. Below is a summary of the impacts on the previously presented un-audited condensed financial information for the three month period ended March 31, 2004:

	As previously Presented	Consolidation of Albrás	As Presented Herein
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Balance Sheet			
Current assets	2,938	179	3,117
Property, plant and equipment	6,727	290	7,017
Investments	1,069	(115)	954
Other assets	1,427	147	1,574
Current liabilities	(2,147)	(154)	(2,301)
Long-term liabilities	(4,562)	(236)	(4,798)
Minority interests	(353)	(111)	(464)
Stockholders equity	(5,099)		(5,099)
Income Statement			
Net Operating Revenues	1,610	46	1,656
Operating costs and expenses	(1,081)	8	(1,073)
Operating income	529	54	583
Non-operating expense	(137)	(35)	(172)
Income taxes	(53)	(12)	(65)
Equity in results	90	(4)	86
Minority interests	(24)	(3)	(27)
Net income	405		405

6 Income taxes

Income taxes in Brazil comprise federal income tax and social contribution, which is an additional federal tax. The statutory composite enacted tax rate applicable in the periods presented is 34% represented by a 25% federal income tax rate plus a 9% social contribution rate.

The amount reported as income tax expense in our consolidated financial statements is reconciled to the statutory rates as follows:

Three months ended					
March	March	December			
31,	31,	31, 2003			

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	2004	2003	
Income before income taxes, equity results and minority interests	411	359	297
Federal income tax and social contribution expense at statutory			
enacted rates	(139)	(122)	(101)
Adjustments to derive effective tax rate:			
Tax benefit on interest attributed to stockholders	55	63	42
Exempt foreign income (expenses)	14	(16)	(26)
Difference on tax basis of equity investees	(14)		(56)
Tax incentives	9		12
Valuation allowance reversal (provision)		9	40
Other non-taxable gains (losses)	10	(5)	23
Federal income tax and social contribution expense in consolidated statements of income	(65)	(71)	(66)

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We have certain tax incentives relative to our iron ore and manganese operations in Carajás and relative to alumina in Barcarena. The incentives relative to iron ore and manganese comprise full income tax exemption on defined production levels up to 2005 and partial exemption up to 2013. Both incentives relative to alumina expire in 2010. An amount equal to the tax saving must be appropriated to a reserve account within stockholders equity and may not be distributed in the form of cash dividends.

7 Inventories

	March 31,	December
	2004	31, 2003
Finished products		
Iron ore and pellets	144	146
Manganese and ferroalloys	80	78
Aluminum	43	
Alumina	16	20
Kaolin	17	16
Others	6	8
Spare parts and maintenance supplies	268	237
	574	505

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8 Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures

	March 31, 2004			Investments		
	Participation in capital (%)		Net equity	Net income for the period	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
	voting	total				
Steel						
Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S.A.						
USIMINAS	22.99	11.46	319	157	37	31
Companhia Siderúrgica de Tubarão CST (1)	26.93	28.79	364	62	102	86
California Steel Industries Inc. CSI	50.00	50.00	205	(1)	103	103
SIDERAR (costs \$15) available for sale						
investments	4.85	4.85			93	89
					335	309
Aluminum and bauxite						
Mineração Rio do Norte S.A. MRN	40.00	40.00	394	26	157	168
Valesul Alumínio S.A. VALESUL	54.51	54.51	92	6	50	49
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. ALBRAS (5)						112
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. ALBRAS change	2					
in provision for losses (5)						
.					207	329
Ferrous						
Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. (3)						
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de Pelotização	5 1 11	5 1.00	40	E	20	10
NIBRASCO	51.11	51.00	40	5	20	18
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização HISPANOBRÁS	51.00	50.89	33	1	17	17
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de	31.00	30.69	33	1	1 /	17
Pelotização KOBRASCO	50.00	50.00	4	3	2	1
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de	30.00	30.00	т	3	2	1
Pelotização KOBRASCO - change in						
provision for losses						
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de Pelotização						
ITABRASCO	51.00	50.90	23	1	12	11
Gulf Industrial Investment Company GIIC	50.00	50.00	76	8	38	40
SAMARCO Mineração S.A. SAMARCO	20.00	20.00	70	O	50	-10
(4)	50.00	50.00	379	51	226	221
Minas da Serra Geral S.A. MSG	50.00	50.00	36	-	18	15
Others					20	21

	353	344
Logistics		
Companhia Ferroviária do Nordeste CFN		
change in provision for losses (2)		
Ferroban Ferrovias Bandeirantes S.A.		
change in provision for losses	1	1
Ferrovia Centro-Atlântica S.A. FCA change		
in provision for losses (3)		
MRS Logística S.A	45	39
MRS Logística S.A. change in provision for		
losses		
Sepetiba Tecon S.A. change in provision for		
losses		
Others	5	4
	51	44
Other affiliates and joint ventures		
Fertilizantes Fosfatados S.A. FOSFERTIL		
(2)		
Others	8	8
	8	8
m 4.1	054	1.024
Total	954	1,034

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	Equity Adjustments			Divi				
	Three months ended				Three months ended			
	31,	March 31,	December 31,	r 31,	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,	
	2004	2003	2003	2004	2003	2003	2004	
Steel								
Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais								
S.A. USIMINAS	18	10		13			248	
Companhia Siderúrgica de Tubarão	CST							
(1)	17	6	19		5	17	484	

California Steel Industries Inc. CSI SIDERAR (costs \$15) available for sale investments	(1)	3	2	_		_	93
	34	19	21	13	5	17	825
Aluminum and bauxite Mineração Rio do Norte S.A. MRN	11	4	12	21	5	11	
Valesul Alumínio S.A. VALESUL	3	4	2	2	3	6	
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. ALBRAS (5)	3	39	10	2		Ü	
Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. ALBRAS			10				
change in provision for losses (5)	_	1		_			
	14	48	24	23	5	17	
Ferrous		_					
Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A. (3)		5					
Companhia Nipo-Brasileira de	2	1					
Pelotização NIBRASCO	2	1					
Companhia Hispano-Brasileira de Pelotização HISPANOBRÁS	1	1			2		
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de	1	1			2		
Pelotização KOBRASCO	1		1				
Companhia Coreano-Brasileira de	1		1				
Pelotização KOBRASCO - change in							
provision for losses		3	8				
Companhia Ítalo-Brasileira de							
Pelotização ITABRASCO	1						
Gulf Industrial Investment Company							
GIIC	4	2	3	6	5		
SAMARCO Mineração S.A.							
SAMARCO (4)	25	19	12	19	14	25	
Minas da Serra Geral S.A. MSG	(1)	1	(1)				
Others	<u>(1)</u>	2	(1)	_			
	33	34	23	25	21	25	
Logistics Companhia Ferroviária do Nordeste CFN change in provision for losses (2) Ferroban Ferrovias Bandeirantes S.A.		1					
change in provision for losses Ferrovia Centro-Atlântica S.A. FCA change in provision for losses (3) MRS Logística S.A MRS Logística S.A. change in provision	6	(11)	37				
for losses		1					
Sepetiba Tecon S.A. change in provision for losses Others		(1)	(1)				

0.1	6	(10)	36				
Other affiliates and joint ventures							
Fertilizantes Fosfatados S.A.		2	(0)		~		
FOSFERTIL (2)	(4)	3	(9)		5		
Others	(1)		(7)				
	(1)	3	(16)		5		
	-			_			
Total	86	94	88	61	36	59	825
				_			

- (1) During the quarter ended June 30, 2003 CVRD acquired an additional 4.42% of the voting shares and 5.64% of the preferred shares, representing 5.17% of CST s total capital for \$ 60;
- (2) Investment sold in 2003;
- (3) Consolidated as from September, 2003, after acquisition of control;
- (4) Investment includes goodwill of \$37 in 2004 and 2003;
- (5) Albras was consolidated as from January, 2004.

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9 Pension plans

	31, 31, 2004 2003 31, 20 1 1 38 (44) (31) (190) 2 2 2			
	31,	31,	December 31, 2003	
Service cost benefits earned during the period	1		1	
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	38	31	32	
Actual return on assets	(44)	(31)	(190)	
Amortization of initial transitory obligation	2	2	2	
Net deferral	6	1	159	
Net periodic pension cost	3	3	4	

Employer contributions

We previously disclosed in our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003, that we expected to contribute \$14 to our pension plan in 2004. As of March 31, 2004, \$3 of contributions have been made. We do not expect any change in our previous estimate.

10 Commitments and contingencies

(a) At March 31, 2004, we had extended guarantees for borrowings obtained by affiliates and joint ventures in the amount of \$9, of which \$8 is denominated in United States dollars and the remaining \$1 in local currency, as follows:

Affiliate or Joint Venture	01 2	Denominated currency	l Purpose	Final maturity	Counter guarantees
SAMARCO	7	US\$	Debt guarantee	2008	None
VALESUL	1	R\$	Debt guarantee	2007	None
	1	US\$	Debt guarantee	2004	Collateral
NIBRASCO					Pledge
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We expect no losses to arise as a result of the above guarantees. We charge commission for extending these guarantees in the case of Samarco.

We have not provided any significant guarantees since January 1, 2003 which would require fair value adjustments under FIN 45 Guarantee s Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others .

(b) CVRD and its subsidiaries are defendants in numerous legal actions in the normal course of business. Based on the advice of our legal counsel, management believes that the provision made against contingent losses is sufficient to cover probable losses in connection with such actions.

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The provision for contingencies and the related judicial deposits are composed as follows:

	UU 1	December 31, 2003		
for	 Judicial	for	Judicial edeposits	
193	81	177	66	
139	55	167	54	
318	287	285	279	
5	5	6	8	
655	428	635	407	
	Provision for contingence 193 139 318 5	for contingencideposits 193 81 139 55 318 287 5 5	Provision for Judicial for contingencide positson tingencide 193 81 177 139 55 167 318 287 285 5 5 6	

Labor related actions principally comprise employee claims for (i) payment of time spent travelling from their residences to the work-place, (ii) additional payments for alleged dangerous or unhealthy working conditions and (iii) various other matters, often in connection with disputes about the amount of indemnities paid upon dismissal.

Civil actions principally relate to claims made against us by contractors in connection with losses alleged to have been incurred by them as a result of various past government economic plans during which full indexation of contracts for inflation was not permitted.

Tax related actions principally comprise our challenges of certain revenue taxes, VAT and of the tax on financial movements. CPMF.

We continue to vigorously pursue our interests in all the above actions but recognize that probably we will incur some losses in the final instance, for which we have made provisions.

Our judicial deposits are made as required by the courts for us to be able to enter or continue a legal action. When judgment is favorable to us, we receive the deposits back; when unfavorable, the deposits are delivered to the prevailing party. An increase of \$5 for tax deposits during 2003 refers mainly to an action in which we challenged the annual limitation on use to our tax loss carryforwards.

Contingencies settled in the three-month period ended March 31, 2004, and 2003 and December 31, 2003 aggregated \$23, \$21 and \$19, respectively, and additional provisions aggregated \$11, \$30 and \$73, respectively.

In addition to the contingencies for which we have made provisions we have possible losses in connection with tax contingencies totaling \$309 and \$214 at March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, for which no provision is maintained.

(c) We are defendants in two actions seeking substantial compensatory damages brought by the Municipality of Itabira, State of Minas Gerais, which we believe are without merit. Due to the remote likelihood that any loss will arise therefrom no provision has been made in the financial statements with respect to these two actions.

(d) We and BNDES entered into a contract, known as the Mineral Risk Contract, in March 1997, relating to prospecting authorizations for mining regions where drilling and exploration are still in their early stages. The Mineral Risk Contract provides for the joint development of certain unexplored mineral deposits in approximately two million identified hectares of land in the Carajás region, as well as proportional participation in any financial benefits earned from the development of such resources. Iron ore and manganese deposits already identified and subject to development are specifically excluded from the Mineral Risk Contract.

Pursuant to the Mineral Risk Contract, we and BNDES each agreed to provide \$ 205 million, which represents half of the \$ 410 million in expenditures estimated as necessary to complete geological exploration and mineral resource development projects in the region

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over a period of five years, which had already been extended for an additional period of two years and on April 28, 2004 was extended again for another 5 years. We will oversee these projects and BNDES will advance us half of our costs on a quarterly basis. Under the Mineral Risk Contract, as of March 31, 2004, the remaining contributions towards exploration and development activities totaled US\$ 77 million. In the event that either of us wishes to conduct further exploration and development after having spent such \$ 205 million, the contract provides that each party may either choose to match the other party s contributions, or may choose to have its financial interest proportionally diluted. If a party s participation in the project is diluted to an amount lower than 40% of the amount invested in connection with exploration and development projects, then the Mineral Risk Contract provides that the diluted party will lose all the rights and benefits provided for in the Mineral Risk Contract and any amounts previously contributed to the project.

Under the Mineral Risk Contract, BNDES has agreed to compensate us through a finder s fee production royalty on their share of mineral resources that are discovered and placed into production. This finder s fee is equal to 3.5% of the revenues derived from the sale of gold, silver and platinum group metals and 1.5% of the revenues derived from the sale of other minerals, including copper, except for gold and other minerals discovered at Serra Leste, for which the finder s fee is equal to 6.5% of revenues.

- (e) At the time of our privatization in 1997, we issued shareholder revenue interests known in Brazil as debentures to our then-existing shareholders, including the Brazilian Government. The terms of the debentures , were set to ensure that our pre-privatization shareholders, including the Brazilian Government, would participate alongside us in potential future financial benefits that we are able to derive from exploiting our mineral resources. On March 26, 2004 as a result of exploiting our mineral resources we declared a distribution of these debentures in the amount of \$ 2, payable as from April 1, 2004.
- (f) We use various judgments and assumptions when measuring our environmental liabilities and asset retirement obligations. Changes in circumstances, law or technology may affect our estimates and we periodically review the amounts accrued and adjust them as necessary. Our accruals do not reflect unasserted claims because we are currently not aware of any such issues. Also the amounts provided are not reduced by any potential recoveries under cost sharing, insurance or indemnification arrangements because such recoveries are considered uncertain. The changes are demonstrated as follows:

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11 Segment and geographical information

In 1999 we adopted SFAS 131 Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information with respect to the information we present about our operating segments. SFAS 131 introduced a management approach concept for reporting segment information, whereby such information is required to be reported on the basis that the chief decision-maker uses internally for evaluating segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources to segments. Our business segments are currently organized as follows:

Ferrous products comprises iron ore mining and pellet production, as well as the Northern and Southern transportation systems, including railroads, ports and terminals, as they pertain to mining operations. Manganese mining and ferroalloys are also included in this segment.

Non-ferrous products comprises the production of non-ferrous minerals.

Logistics comprises our transportation systems as they pertain to the operation of our ships, ports and railroads for third-party cargos.

Holdings divided into the following sub-groups:

Aluminum comprises aluminum trading activities, alumina refining and aluminum metal smelting and investments in joint ventures and affiliates engaged in bauxite mining.

Steel comprises our investments in joint ventures and affiliates operating in the steel industry.

Others comprises our investments in joint ventures and affiliates engaged in other businesses.

Information presented to top management with respect to the performance of each segment is generally derived directly from the accounting records maintained in accordance with accounting practices generally accepted in Brazil together with certain minor inter-segment allocations.

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Consolidated net income and principal assets are reconciled as follows:

Results by segment before eliminations (Unaudited)

March 31, 2004 (1)

			1,141	cii 51, 2 0	U · (1)		
				Hold	ings		
	Ferrous	Non ferrous	Logistic	Aluminun	Other E	limination	Sonsolidated
Gross revenues Export	1,562	34	19	363		(735)	1,243
Gross revenues Domestic	287	28	184	59		(70)	488
Cost and expenses	(1,366)	(53)	(128)	(304)		805	(1,046)
Depreciation, depletion and	(70)	(6)	(7)	(0)			(00)
amortization Pension plan	(78)	(6)	(7)	(8)			(99)
Operating (loss) income	402	3	68	110			583
Financial income	402 44	3	4	(17)	1	(20)	12
Financial expenses	(116)	(1)	(4)	(41)	1	20	(142)
Foreign exchange and monetary	, ,	,	. ,				, ,
gains (losses), net	(32)		(5)	(6)	1		(42)
Gain on sale of investments							
Equity in results of affiliates and							
joint ventures and change in							
provision for losses on equity	22			1.4	22		0.6
investment	33		6	14	33		86
Income taxes Minority interests	(54)	(1)	(2)	(9) (12)			(65)
Minority interests	(14)	(1)		(12)			(27)
Income from continuing operations Change in accounting pratice for asset retirement obligations (note 4)	263	1	67	39	35		405
Net income	263	1	67	39	35		405
Sales classified by geographic destination: Export market							
America, except United States	158		15	70		(103)	140
United States	107		13	38		(66)	79
Europe	659	22	4	149		(312)	522

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Middle East/Africa/Oceania Japan China Asia, other than Japan and China	89 150 238 161	8 4		80 26		(26) (67) (97) (64)	63 171 171 97
Domestic market	1,562 287	34 28	19 184	363 59	_	(735) (70)	1,243 488
	1,849	62	203	422	_	(805)	1,731
Assets: Property, plant and equipment, net Additions to Property, plant and	4,646	1,060	455	854	1		7,016
equipment Investments in affiliated	156	71	132	22			381
companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision	353		51	207	343	_	954
Capital employed	4,298	245	404	819	28		5,794

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March 31, 2003

				Hold	ings		
	Ferrous	Non ferrous I	Logistic	luminun	OthersEl	liminationS	onsolidated
Gross revenues Export	1,080	23	21	149		(476)	797
Gross revenues Domestic	258	24	78	37		(41)	356
Cost and expenses	(1,001)	(38)	(61)	(159)	(2)	517	(744)
Depreciation, depletion and							
amortization	(36)	(3)	(2)	(2)			(43)
Pension plan	(3)						(3)
Operating (loss) income	298	6	36	25	(2)		363
Financial income	45	1	3	3	1	(25)	28
Financial expenses	(96)	(2)	(1)	(5)	(3)	25	(82)
	25	5	(3)	23			50

Foreign exchange and monetary gains (losses), net Gain on sale of investments Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity investment Income taxes Minority interests	34 (66)	(1) (2)	(10) (1)	48 (2) (16)	22 (1)		94 (71) (18)
Income from continuing operations Change in accounting pratice for	240	7	24	76	17		364
asset retirement obligations (note 4)	(10)						(10)
Net income	230	7	24	76	17	_	354
Sales classified by geographic destination: Export market America, except United States United States Europe Middle East/Africa/Oceania Japan China Asia, other than Japan and China	116 101 440 51 111 184 77	4 17 1 1	14 4 3	31 2 87 23 6		(72) (50) (170) (16) (49) (84) (35)	89 57 378 38 86 107 42
Domestic market	1,080 258	23 24	21 78	149 37		(476) (41)	797 356
	1,338	47	99	186	_	(517)	1,153
Assets: Property, plant and equipment, net Additions to Property, plant and equipment	2,563 91	464 51	162 32	430 23	27 1		3,646 198
Investments in affiliated companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision	423	<i>J</i> 1	(7)	247	176	_	839
Capital employed	2,521	138	188	405	32		3,284

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As of and for the three months ended

			Daga	mber 3	2002		
				Holo	lings ———		
	Ferrous	Non ferrous	Logistic	luminu	nOthers	Elimination	Sonsolidated
Gross revenues Export Gross revenues Domestic Cost and expenses Depreciation, depletion and	1,650 296 (1,549)	36 30 (76)	22 156 (146)	233 41 (216)	(3)	(732) (42) 774	1,209 481 (1,216)
amortization Pension plan	(60)	(7)	(6) (1)	(5)			(78) (4)
Operating (loss) income Financial income Financial expenses Foreign exchange and monetary	334 50 (136)	(17)	25 3 (4)	53 2 (19)	(3)	(37) 37	392 18 (122)
gains (losses), net Gain on sale of investments Equity in results of affiliates and joint ventures and change in provision for losses on equity	(12) 17	1	(2)	6	(1)		(8) 17
investment	23		36	24	5		88
Income taxes Minority interests	(60) (39)	(3)	(1)	(11)	(2)		(66) (49)
Income from continuing operations Change in accounting pratice for asset retirement obligations (note 4)	177	(18)	57	55	(1)		270
Net income	177	(18)	57	55	(1)		270
Sales classified by geographic destination: Export market							
America, except United States United States	147 75		10	45 7		(86) (45)	116 37

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Europe	750	26	10	150		(322)	614
Middle East/Africa/Oceania	88 165	4				(20) (71)	68 98
Japan China	290	5		12		(117)	190
Asia, other than Japan and China	135	1	2	19		(71)	86
	1,650	36	22	233		(732)	1,209
Domestic market	296	30	156	41		(42)	481
	1,946	66	178	274	_	(774)	1,690
Assets:							
Property, plant and equipment, net Additions to Property, plant and	4,495	1,000	424	564	1		6,484
equipment Investments in affiliated	318	125	121	30			594
companies and joint ventures and other investments, net of provision	344		44	329	317		1,034
Capital employed	4,137	266	429	498	20		5,350

⁽¹⁾ Albras was consolidated as from January 1, 2004.

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Operating income by product after eliminations (unaudited)

March 31, 2004 (1)

		Davenues				Impairment/ Gain on sale						
	Export	Revenues Domestic Total		Value added tax	Net revenues	Cost and expenses		plant and	yepreciation depletion and (anhortizatio	Operating		
Ferrous												
Iron ore	652	174	826	(23)	803	(385)	418		(70)	348		
Pellets	183	52	235	(8)	227	(172)	55		(3)	52		
Manganese	6	3	9	(1)	8	(7)	1		. ,	1		
Ferroalloys	91	31	122	(8)	114	(86)	28	_	(4)	24		
	932	260	1,192	(40)	1,152	(650)	502		(77)	425		
Non ferrous			ŕ	. ,	,	. ,			. ,			
Gold												
Potash		23	23	(3)	20	(9)	11		(2)	9		
Kaolin	34	5	39	(2)	37	(22)	15		(3)	12		
	34	28	62	(5)	57	(31)	26		(5)	21		
Aluminum												
Alumina	98	6	104	(5)	99	(90)	9		(4)	5		
Aluminum	150	11	161		161	(54)	107		(4)	103		
Bauxite	15		15		15	(13)	2			2		
	263	17	280	(5)	275	(157)	118		(8)	110		
Logistics				(-)		()	-		(-)	-		
Railroads		133	133	(19)	114	(66)	48		(8)	40		
Ports		38	38	(3)	35	(23)	12		(1)	11		
Ships	11	9		(3)	17	(27)	(10)	_		(10)		
	11	180	191	(25)	166	(116)	50		(9)	41		
Others	3	3	6		6	(20)	(14)			(14)		
	1,243	488	1,731	(75)	1,656	(974)	682		(99)	583		
	1,243	488	1,731	(75)	1,656	(974)	682	_	(99)	r		

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March 31, 2003

	Reve	enues		Value		Cost		pairment/ Gain on sale of rope Dy preciatio	
				added	Net	and		and and C	perating
	Export	Oomestic	Total	tax	revenues	expenses	Neteq	uipm an brtizatio	income
Ferrous									
Iron ore	421	126	547	(18)	529	(249)	280	(18)	262
Pellets	152	47	199	(5)	194	(163)	31	(3)	28
Manganese	9	2	11	(1)	10	(4)	6		6
Ferroalloys	47	<u>17</u>	64	(4)	60	(50)	10	(2)	8
	629	192	821	(28)	793	(466)	327	(23)	304
Non ferrous	02)	1/2	021	(20)	173	(400)	321	(23)	30 4
Gold	9		9		9	(8)	1		1
Potash		21	21	(3)	18	(9)	9	(1)	8
Kaolin	13	3	16		16	(10)	6	(1)	5
				,_,					
43	22	24	46	(3)	43	(27)	16	(2)	14
Aluminum	50	2.4	02	(2)	0.1	(71)	20	(2)	10
Alumina	59 70	34	93	(2)	91 70	(71)	20 4	(2)	18
Aluminum Bauxite	70		70		70	(66)	4		4
Bauxite	4		4		4	(4)			
	133	34	167	(2)	165	(141)	24	(2)	22
Logistics				()		()		()	
Railroads		66	66	(7)	59	(15)	44	(14)	30
Ports		28	28	(1)	27	(8)	19	(2)	17
Ships	13	8	21	(2)	19	(37)	(18)		(18)
	10	102	115	(10)	105	(60)	15	(16)	20
Others	13	102 4	115 4	(10)	105 4	(60)	45	(16)	29
Onicis					<u> </u>	(10)	(6)		(6)

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As of and for the three months ended December 31, 2003

	Rev	enues		X 7.1			Impairment/ Gain on sale of					
	Export	Domestic	Total	Value added tax		Cost and expenses	Net	plant and	Depreciation depletion and (nationalization	Operating		
Ferrous		<u> </u>										
Iron ore	675	146	821	(13)	808	(442)	366	(10)	(36)	320		
Pellets	198	56	254	, ,	254	(179)	75	, ,	(2)	73		
Manganese	8	3	11	(2)	9	(15)	(6)		(1)	(7)		
Ferroalloys	62	31	93	(6)	<u>87</u>	(76)	11	(17)	(3)	(9)		
	943	236	1,179	(21)	1,158	(712)	446	(27)	(42)	377		
Non ferrous Gold												
Potash		24	24	(3)	21	(9)	12		(4)	8		
Kaolin	36	5	41	(2)	39	(27)	12	(12)	(3)	(3)		
	36	29	65	(5)	60	(36)	24	(12)	(7)	5		
Aluminum				. ,		,			. ,			
Alumina	111	38	149	(1)	148	(107)	41		(5)	36		
Aluminum	91		91		91	(88)	3			3		
Bauxite	12	2	14	(1)	13	(12)	1			1		
	214	40	254	(2)	252	(207)	45		(5)	40		
Logistics				. /		` /			· ,			
Railroads		127	127	(14)	113	(84)	29		(23)	6		
Ports		38	38	(5)	33	(21)	12		(3)	9		
Ships	18	9	27		27	(36)	(9)			(9)		

Others	18 (2)			` ′	173 (5)	(141) (33)			(26)	6 (36)
	1,209	481	1,690	(52)	1,638	(1,129)	509	(39)	(78)	392

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12 Derivative financial instruments

Volatility of interest rates, exchange rates and commodity prices are the main market risks to which we are exposed—all three are managed through derivative operations. These have the exclusive aim of reducing exposure to risk. We do not use derivatives for speculation purposes.

We monitor and evaluate our derivative positions on a regular basis and adjust our strategy in response to market conditions. We also periodically review the credit limits and credit worthiness of our counter-parties in these transactions. In view of the policies and practices established for operations with derivatives, management considers the occurrence of non-measurable risk situations as unlikely.

The asset (liability) balances and the movement in fair value of derivative financial instruments is as follows (the quarterly information is unaudited):

	Gold	Interest rates (LIBOR)C	Currencies	Alumina <i>l</i>	Aluminum	Total
Unrealized gains (losses) at January 1, 2004 Initial consolidation of Albras Financial settlement	(32)	(46)	5 (2)	(18)	(20)	(91) (20) 1
Unrealized gains (losses) in the period Effect of exchange rate changes	(5)	(6) 1	(2)	(18)	(23)	(54)
Unrealized gains (losses) at March 31, 2004	(37)	(48)	1	(36)	(43)	(163)
Unrealized gains (losses) at January 1, 2003 Financial settlement Unrealized gains (losses) in the period Effect of exchange rate changes	(15)	(60) 4 (8) (4)	(1)	3		(73) 4 (3) (4)
Unrealized gains (losses) at March 31, 2003	(10)	(68)	(1)	3	_	(76)
Unrealized gains (losses) at October 1, 2003 Financial settlement Unrealized gains (losses) in the period Effect of exchange rate changes	(22) 3 (12) (1)	(60) 12 2	2	(5) (13)		(85) 15 (20) (1)

Unrealized gains (losses) at December 31, 2003

(32) (46) 5

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Unrealized gains (losses) in the period are included in our income statement under the following caption of financial expenses:

Final maturity dates for the above instruments are as follows:

Gold	Dec 2008
Interest rates (LIBOR)	Oct 2007
Currencies	Dec 2011
Alumina	Dec 2008
Aluminum	Dec 2006

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(a) Interest Rate and Exchange Rate Risk

Interest rate risks mainly relate to that part of the foreign debt borrowed at floating rates. The foreign currency debt is largely subject to fluctuations in the London Interbank Offered Rate LIBOR. That portion of local currency denominated debt that is subject to floating rates is linked to the Long Term Interest Rate TJLP, fixed quarterly by the Brazilian Central Bank. We have used derivative instruments to protect ourselves against fluctuations in the LIBOR rate.

There is an exchange rate risk associated with our foreign currency denominated debt. On the other hand, the majority of our revenues is denominated in, or automatically indexed to, the U.S. dollar, while the majority of our costs is denominated in reais. This provides a natural hedge against any devaluation of the Brazilian real against the U.S. dollar. When events of this nature occur, the immediate negative impact on foreign currency denominated debt is offset over time by the positive effect of devaluation on future cash flows.

With the floating exchange rate regime in Brazil, we adopt a strategy of monitoring market fluctuations, using derivatives to protect against specific risks from exchange rate variation.

From time to time we enter into foreign exchange derivative swap transactions seeking to change the characteristics of our real-denominated cash investments to US dollar-indexed instruments. The extent of such transactions depends on our perception of market and currency risk, but is never speculative in nature. All such operations are marked-to-market at each balance sheet date and the effect included in financial income or expense. During the periods presented our use of such instruments was not significant.

(b) Commodity Price Risk

We also use derivative instruments to manage exposure to changing gold prices and to ensure an average minimum profit level for future and alumina production. However, they may also have the effect of eliminating potential gains on certain price increases in the spot market. We manage our contract positions actively, and the results are reviewed at least monthly, allowing adjustments to targets and strategy to be made in response to changing market conditions.

In the case of gold and alumina derivatives, our policy has been to settle all contracts through cash payments or receipts, without physical delivery of product.

13 Subsequent Event

On April 1, 2004, we obtained a syndicated loan in the amount of \$ 300 million. The loan has a term of seven years and bears interest at 6-month LIBOR plus 0.7% per annum.

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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: August 11, 2004 By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa

Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa Chief Financial Officer