

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

Form 6-K

August 26, 2005

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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
August 2005
Valley of the Rio Doce Company
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)
Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
20005-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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CVRD launches dividend reinvestment plan

Rio de Janeiro, August 24, 2005 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) hereby announces that its Board of Directors has approved the implementation of an automatic dividend reinvestment plan for the Company's shareholders. This plan will allow investors to automatically reinvest shareholder remuneration in the Company's shares.

This reinvestment plan is aimed at retail investors who will be able to use this mechanism which stimulates savings and makes it possible to purchase small number of CVRD's shares at lower transaction costs.

The Company has the intention of making this facility available to all shareholders, both in Brazil and abroad, beginning from the date of payment of the second tranche of the minimum dividend for 2005, which is scheduled for October 31. Opportunely CVRD will disclose detailed information about the plan, explaining to shareholders how they should proceed in order to benefit from the use of this facility.

This program reaffirms CVRD's commitment to its shareholders and to the further development of the Brazilian capital markets.

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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 26, 2005

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa
Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa
Chief Financial Officer