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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 2003

Valley of the Doce River Company
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Avenida Graca Aranha, No. 26
20005-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

(Check One) Form 20-F Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

(Check One) Yes No

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CVRD Finalizes Acquisition of Rana

Rio de Janeiro, February 14, 2003 - Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) announces that it concluded today the acquisition of 100% of Elkem Rana AS (Rana), a Norwegian ferroalloy producer, for US\$ 17.6 million. Rana was a wholly owned subsidiary of Elkem ASA, a Norwegian company.

The transaction was approved by the Federal Cartel Office (FCO), the German antitrust agency, on Friday, February 7, 2003. As stated in CVRD's press release issued on February 3, 2003, the acquisition was pending FCO approval.

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CVRD 2002 Earnings Release

Rio de Janeiro, February 18, 2003 - Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) will release 2002 earnings report on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 after market closing. CVRD will release simultaneously annual consolidated financial statements in US GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles in the United

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States) and BR GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles in Brazil), and the Parent Company results in BR GAAP. There will be a conference call and webcast on Friday, February 28, 12:00 p.m., Rio de Janeiro time. The instructions to participate in these events are available on the enclosed invitation and also on CVRD website, www.cvrd.com.br, investor relations.

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CVRD cordially invites you to participate in a

CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST PRESENTATION

to discuss its

2002 RESULTS

Date & Time

Friday, February 28, 2003

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12:00 p.m. (Rio de Janeiro Time)
10:00 a.m. (New York Time)

Please dial

US Participants toll free: (1-866) 812-0422
International Participants: (1-703) 788-1236
Brazilian Participants: (11) 4613-0503

NYSE: RIOPR, RIO
Bovespa: VALE5, VALE3
Latibex: ZXVALP, XVALO

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A simultaneous slide presentation will also be available

To view the presentation:
1. log on to www.cvrld.com.br
2. Click on the "Investor Relations" button
3. click on the "2002 RESULTS" button
4. click on the "Click Here for Webcast" button

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A replay of the conference call will be available from February 28, 2003 until midnight (12:00 a.m.) New York Time on February 28, 2003 until midnight (12:00 a.m.) New York Time on March 12, 2003.

Curtis Smith
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For the replay, Please call:
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A replay of the synchronized slide presentation and conference call will also be available in the "Investor Relations" section of our website (www.cvrld.com.br)

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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: February 19, 2003

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa

Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa
Chief Financial Officer