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Form 6-K  
December 20, 2005

**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  
December 2005

**Companhia Vale do Rio Doce**

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

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**CVRD 2005 earnings release**

Rio de Janeiro, December 16, 2005 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) will release its 2005 earnings on Thursday, February 23, 2006 after market closes. CVRD will release simultaneously consolidated financial statements in US GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles in the United States) and BR GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles in Brazil).

CVRD will host a conference call and webcast on Friday, February 24, 12:00 p.m. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil time, 10:00 a.m. United States Eastern Standard Time and 3:00 p.m. British Standard Time.

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This press release may contain statements that express management's expectations about future events or results rather than historical facts. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements, and CVRD cannot give assurance that such statements will prove correct. These risks and uncertainties include factors: relating to the Brazilian economy and securities markets, which exhibit volatility and can be adversely affected by developments in other countries; relating to the iron ore business and its dependence on the global steel industry, which is cyclical in nature; and relating to the highly competitive industries in which CVRD operates. For additional information on factors that could cause CVRD's actual results to differ from expectations reflected in forward-looking statements, please see CVRD's reports filed with the Brazilian Comissão de Valores Mobiliários and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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.

Date: December 19, 2005

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco  
Roberto Castello Branco  
Director of Investor Relations