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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 March 2008
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce
Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)**

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Vale settles 2008 benchmark blast furnace pellet price with Ilva

Rio de Janeiro, March 19, 2008 – Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale), the world’s largest iron ore producer, concluded the blast furnace pellet price negotiations for 2008 with Ilva S.p.A (Ilva), the largest Italian steelmaker and one of Vale’s largest customer in the pellet business.

As an outcome of these negotiations, the blast furnace pellet price, FOB Tubarão, increased by 86.67% relatively to 2007.

Therefore, the new reference price per dry metric ton Fe unit for 2008 is US\$ 2.2020 for Tubarão blast furnace pellets. Vale reinforces its commitment with its customers, investing a substantial amount of resources to add new capacity of high quality pellets to meet their increasing demand, aiming to enhance of our long-term relationship.

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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 Vale cannot give assurance that such statements will prove correct. These risks and uncertainties include factors: relating to the Brazilian and Canadian economy and securities markets, which exhibit volatility and can be adversely affected by developments in other countries; relating to the iron ore and nickel business and its dependence on the global steel industry, which is cyclical in nature; and relating to the highly competitive industries in which Vale operates. For additional information on factors that could cause Vale’s actual results to differ from expectations reflected in forward-looking statements, please see Vale’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.

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE
(Registrant)

Date: March 19, 2008

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