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Form 6-K  
August 28, 2007

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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 2007  
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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(Check One) Yes  No

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**CVRD signs a Memorandum of Understanding with Baosteel**

Rio de Janeiro, August 23, 2007 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) announces that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Baosteel Group Corporation, the largest Chinese steelmaker to build a steel slab plant with an initial production capacity of 5.0 million tons per year.

The plant will be located in the industrial district of Anchieta, state of Espírito Santo, Brazil, and it is expected to generate 3 thousand direct jobs when it starts operating. In the beginning of the plant construction, CVRD will hold a participation of 20% and Baosteel will hold up to 80%.

This initiative is consistent with CVRD's strategy of attracting new investments in the steel industry in Brazil, thereby increasing iron ore consumption and promoting job generation and income growth in the country. This support may take place via long-term contracts to supply high-quality iron ore and/or minority equity stakes.

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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 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 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.

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE  
(Registrant)

Date: August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

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