

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

Form 6-K

November 22, 2004

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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

November 2004

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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This report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Vale Overseas Limited, File No. 333-110867-01 and the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, File No. 333-110867 and shall be deemed to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is furnished, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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Press Release

CVRD wins mineral rights to explore bauxite deposit in the Amazon

Rio de Janeiro, November 17, 2004 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that it won the international competition promoted by Paranapanema S.A. for the research, evaluation and exploration of the bauxite deposit in the Pitinga region, Municipality of Presidente Figueiredo, Amazon State, Brazil.

During the next two years, CVRD will be developing all the geological exploration work to define the size of the deposit and the best way to proceed with its economic exploration. The Pitinga reserve contains bauxite potentially of high quality and in large quantity.

The exploration of the Pitinga bauxite deposit is in line with CVRD's strategic plans, contributing to its growth and shareholder value creation.

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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: November 22, 2004

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