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Form 6-K  
February 27, 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  
February 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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**CVRD acquires AMCI Holdings Australia**

Rio de Janeiro, February 26, 2007 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) announces that it entered into a purchase and sale agreement to acquire 100% of AMCI Holdings Australia Pty (AMCI HA) for AUD 835 million.

AMCI HA is a privately held company headquartered in Brisbane, state of Queensland, Australia, which operates and controls coal assets through unincorporated joint ventures. CVRD's stake is equivalent to a nominal production capacity of 8.0 million tons of coal (predominately coaking coal) and reserves of 103 million tons. AMCI HA had net debt of AUD 157 million as of November 30, 2006.

Located in two of the best Australian coal producing regions – Hunter Valley, state of New South Wales, and Bowen Basin, state of Queensland – AMCI HA's main coal assets are the following:

- (a) Integra Coal Joint Venture (Integra Coal), Hunter Valley, open cast and underground mines. AMCI HA owns 61% of Integra.
- (b) Carborough Downs Joint Venture (Carborough Downs), Central Queensland, underground mine ramping up to full capacity in 2009/2010. AMCI HA owns 80% of Carborough Downs.
- (c) Isaac Plains Joint Venture (Isaac Plains), Central Queensland, open cast mine ramping up to full capacity by 2009/2010. AMCI HA owns 50% of Isaac Plains.
- (d) Broadlea Joint Venture, Central Queensland, open cast mine, which is 100% owned by AMCI HA.
- (e) An extensive and highly prospective coal exploration portfolio that is also included with this acquisition potential for 3.0 billion tons of non-audited mineralized material.

Investment in the coal business is an important part of CVRD's growth strategy. Prior to this acquisition, we had already have minority stakes in two Chinese companies – Shandong Yankuang International Coking Co. and Henan Longyu Energy Resources Ltd. – and we are presently concluding a feasibility study to develop a large coal deposit in Mozambique, Moatize, and a pre-feasibility study of the Belvedere deposit in the Bowen Basin, State of Queensland, Australia.

The acquisition of AMCI HA creates a strong growth platform to develop CVRD's coal business and contributes to diversify our product portfolio, providing simultaneously geographic diversification into an investment-grade and one of the richest natural resources countries in the world, Australia. It allows access to operating assets, with logistics infrastructure and high growth potential. Jointly with world-class mining assets, the acquisition of AMCI HA brings a highly skilled and seasoned team in coal project development, operations and marketing, which will be important to support our expansion.

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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: February 26, 2007

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