

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce
Form 6-K
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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
May 2008

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(Address of principal executive office)

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Vale obtains long-term financing for project development

Rio de Janeiro, May 14, 2008 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale) informs that it has entered into agreements with the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) and Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI), both long-term Japanese financing agencies, for the financing of the mining, logistics and power generation projects to be developed under Vale's investment program for 2008-2012.

JBIC actively considers providing its support by financing up to US\$ 3 billion and NEXI will provide loan insurance in an amount not exceeding US\$ 2 billion. Vale projects to be financed shall meet the eligibility criteria agreed by those Japanese financial institutions.

These agreements are part of a broader financing package for Vale's capex program, which includes a committed credit facility of R\$ 7.3 billion provided by Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (BNDES), the Brazilian National Development Bank, announced on April 1, 2008. Any relevant future utilization of such funds will be disclosed.

The package, involving so far almost US\$ 10 billion, is highly supportive of Vale's growth initiatives to the extent that they contain proper conditions, in terms of costs and maturity, for the financing of our projects, enhancing their capability to generate shareholder value.

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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: May 14, 2008

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