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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 2006

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce

Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
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(Address of principal executive office)

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CVRD sells its stake in NES

Rio de Janeiro, February 8, 2006 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that it entered into a stock sale and purchase agreement with JFE Steel Corporation (JFE), from Japan, to sell its 49% stake in Nova Era Silicon (NES), a ferrosilicon producer with operations in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil, for US\$ 14 million.

The closing of this transaction is subject to the satisfaction of several precedent conditions.

In the first nine months of 2005, NES sold 25,261 tons of ferrosilicon, generating net revenues of R\$ 68 million. The cash generation measured by EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization), computed according to the general accepted accounting principles in Brazil (BR GAAP), reached R\$ 4 million in the same period. As of September 30, 2006, NES net debt amounted to R\$ 22 million.

The divestiture of NES is aligned with the policy of CVRD for the manganese business of focusing on manganese ore and manganese alloys production through wholly owned subsidiaries.

CVRD has a long-term partnership with JFE, involving commercial transactions and joint investments, and it will continue to supply iron ore and logistics services to NES.

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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 9, 2006

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco

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