

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

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

August 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 current 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.

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CVRD's Alunorte Obtains Financing for Capacity Expansion

Rio de Janeiro, July 30, 2004 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that its subsidiary Alunorte Alumina do Norte do Brasil S. A. (Alunorte) obtained a loan of US\$ 310 million for the financing of the development of stages 4 and 5 of its alumina refinery.

The Alunorte expansion project, already in execution, will increase its annual alumina production capacity by 1.8 million tons, allowing the refinery to reach a total annual production capacity of 4.2 million tons. The capex budget is US\$ 582.7 million. The conclusion of the project is estimated for mid 2006.

The US\$ 310 million financing has a tenor of 10 years, grace period of four years, average life of 7.3 years and a cost of six-month LIBOR + 2% per annum until the conclusion of the project, and of six-month LIBOR + 3% thereafter. The loan carries a political risk insurance given by the German Government (GKA) and the Norwegian Government (GIEK). The financing was underwritten by a syndicate of banks composed of KfW, West LB AG, ING Bank N.V., ING-BHF Bank, DnB NOR Bank ASA, and the Nordic Investment Bank.

This transaction contributes to make viable the execution of an extremely competitive expansion project, with one of the lowest capex costs per ton in the world and in line with CVRD's strategic focus on the upstream of the aluminum production chain.

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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: August 2, 2004

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa

Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa
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