

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

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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 2003

Valley of the Rio Doce Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

(Check One) Yes No

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CVRD Concludes Sale of Fazenda Brasileiro Gold Mine

Rio de Janeiro, August 15, 2003 □ Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that it concluded today the sale of the assets of Fazenda Brasileiro gold mine to Yamana Resources Inc. (Yamana), a Canadian mining company for US\$ 20.9 million, as publicly announced on June 18, 2003.

With the sale of Fazenda Brasileiro, CVRD discontinues gold production. However, the Company continues to invest in mineral exploration aiming at the discovery of new gold reserves and, furthermore, all CVRD copper projects, except 118, will produce gold as a by-product.

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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)

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

Date: August 18, 2003
