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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

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Dated: March 4, 2002

Item 1

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Vale do Rio doce

Press Release

CVRD Absorbs E-business

Rio de Janeiro, March 4, 2002 - Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) decided to absorb the activities of its subsidiary Valepontocom S.A., incorporated on September 2000, aiming to develop and implement initiatives in the e-business area. Valepontocom will have its activities, that are already under operation, integrated to CVRD business areas according to better co-relation interest and

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searching the strengthen of this segment, which presents a wide expansion horizon.

Multistrata, a portal dedicated to logistics on which CVRD holds indirectly 100% of its capital, will be allocated to the Logistics Division, increasing its service portfolio. CVRD will be incorporating a powerful technology platform into its activities, besides extending the offer of logistics solutions especially directed to transportation cargo companies.

Quadrem, an e-procurement portal, on which CVRD is one of the main shareholders, will be linked to the Company supply area, making good use of the timing in which the global sourcing process starts to be adopted by CVRD, aiming to reduce costs in the products and services acquisitions.

Investments in this sector will continue to be done, attending the needs of each project.

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