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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
January 2008
Companhia Vale do Rio Doce
Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)**

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VALE makes clear on negotiations

Rio de Janeiro, January 21, 2008 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (VALE) is constantly analyzing options for organic growth and/or acquisitions of assets and companies as part of its continuous search for shareholder value creation. In an environment of a global consolidation of the mining industry, VALE has been maintaining a dialogue with Xstrata Plc management. At the moment, these discussions had not produced any material result yet.

On the other hand, VALE continues to analyze several other options, involving different mining assets. Similarly, these negotiations did not generate any concrete result yet.

Simultaneously, VALE has been exploring with banks several ways to support its growth initiatives in the event it decides to effectively pursue one of the above-mentioned options.

VALE considers that the current conditions prevailing in the global financial markets may constrain the realization of a major strategic move. Therefore, it will keep the prudential posture that has been one of the hallmarks of its management over the years.

VALE informs that any decision on acquisitions requires the approval of its corporate governance bodies and it will be publicly announced.

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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: January 21, 2008

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco

Roberto Castello Branco
Director of Investor Relations