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Form 6-K  
December 08, 2008

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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  
December 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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*Press Release*

**Vale reduces pellet production**

Rio de Janeiro, December 8, 2008 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale) announces that it has stopped the operations of two of its pellet plants located at the port of Tubarão, in the state of Espírito Santo, Brazil. The two plants have a total production capacity of 7.3 million metric tons per year.

The decision to curtail pellet production is due to the unprecedented contraction of the global demand for iron ore and pellets. The stoppage of the plants follows the shutdown of two other Vale pellet plants at the port of Tubarão since November 5, 2008. In addition, our joint venture Samarco Mineração announced the stoppage until mid-January 2009 of two pellet plants. The plants currently being kept idled involve an overall total capacity of 29.3 million metric tons of pellets per year.

In light of the severe global recession and the uncertainties about the future, Vale will continue to manage its production in line with its assessment of market conditions prevailing in the short-term.

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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: December 8, 2008

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco  
Roberto Castello Branco  
Director of Investor Relations