

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

Form 6-K

September 27, 2005

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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
September 2005
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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(Check One) Yes No

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Rio de Janeiro, September 26, 2005 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that Moody's Investors Service (Moody's), one of the largest and most prestigious rating agencies in the world, has upgraded the ratings of the Company's structured finance transactions.

Structured debt upgraded

Bonds							
Issue date	Maturity	Coupon	Principal US\$ million	Rating Moody's			
				Old	New		
03/08/02 (PRI)	03/08/07	8.625%	300	Baa2	Baa1		

Securitized Export Notes							
Issue date	Tranche	Maturity	Principal US\$ million	Grace Period	Coupon	Rating Moody's	
						Old	New
10/16/00	1	10/15/07	25	2 years	8.682%	Baa2	Baa1
	3	10/15/10	150	3 years	8.926%	Baa2	Baa1

The rating review of the structured finance deals mentioned above was prompted by the upgrade of CVRD's global foreign currency rating to Baa3 from Ba1 by Moody's, qualifying the Company to the investment grade position, as announced on July 8, 2005.

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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: September 27, 2005

By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco
Roberto Castello Branco
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