

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

Form 6-K

April 20, 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

April 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)

(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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(Check One) Yes  No

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**CVRD indicates a new Executive Director**

Rio de Janeiro, April 19, 2005 – Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that it has indicated to the Board of Directors the name of Murilo de Oliveira Ferreira to be the Executive Director of Holdings and Business Developments. The Board of Directors meeting that will analyze the subject will be held on April 20th.

Murilo Ferreira is currently Director of the Department of Aluminum and he will replace José Carlos Martins, who was indicated to be Executive Director of Ferrous Minerals. Armando Santos, the current Executive Director of Ferrous Minerals, will retire as previously announced.

Murilo Ferreira joined CVRD in 1977 and has a large experience in several areas of the Company, specially Aluminum and Ferro-alloys. Besides being the Director of the Department of Aluminum since 1998, Murilo is also president of ALBRAS – Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. and of ALUNORTE – Alumina do Norte do Brasil S.A., and board member of MRN – Mineração Rio do Norte S.A. and Valesul Alumínio S.A.. He is graduated in Business Administration at Escola de Administração de Empresas, Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV), Brazil, and post-graduated in Business Administration at EBAP-FGV, Brazil. He has also specialization courses in the United States and Switzerland.

According to CVRD CEO, Roger Agnelli, the indication of José Carlos Martins and Murilo Ferreira is in line with the Company's strategic plan, which prioritizes the internal development of new leadership. I am confident that both executives have the skills to keep CVRD in a sustainable profitable growth trend. The choice of these names shows that CVRD develops talents who are always ready to face challenges. They are the right people in the right place, says Roger Agnelli.

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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  
(Registrant)

Date: April 20, 2005

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