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Form 6-K  
March 26, 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

March 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 discontinues negotiations for the acquisition of Xstrata**

Rio de Janeiro, March 25, 2008 Vale informs that it put forward an indicative proposal to Xstrata Plc (Xstrata) that included a cash and shares offer for 100% of Xstrata which it believes would have created significant value for both sets of shareholders.

Given that an agreement was not reached, discussions between the parties have been discontinued.

For the purposes of Rule 2.8 of the City Code on Takeovers and Merger (the City Code), Vale reserves the right to announce an offer or possible offer or make or participate in an offer or possible offer for Xstrata and/or take any other action which would otherwise be restricted under Rule 2.8 of the City Code within the next six months in the event that: (i) an agreement or recommendation from the Board of Xstrata is forthcoming; or (ii) there is an announcement by a third party of a possible offer or a firm intention to make an offer for Xstrata or Xstrata announces that it has received an approach in relation to a possible offer from a third party; or (iii) Xstrata announces a whitewash proposal for the purposes of Rule 9 of the City Code or a reverse takeover; or (iv) there is a material change in circumstances.

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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.

Date: March 25, 2008

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE  
(Registrant)

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