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Form 6-K  
April 02, 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)**

(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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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

(Check One) Yes  No

(If  Yes  is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b). 82-\_\_\_\_\_.)

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**Vale and BNDES sign financing contract**

Rio de Janeiro, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 Vale informs that it has entered into a contract for a committed credit facility with Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social (BNDES), the Brazilian National Development Bank, for R\$ 7.3 billion.

The funds provided under this credit facility should be used by Vale to finance part of its capex program of US\$ 59 billion for 2008-2012. In addition to investment in mining and logistics, the funds could also be allocated to finance investments in social and environmental projects.

The committed credit facility will be available for 60 months. The loans will have a 10-year tenor, including grace and amortization periods, which is in line with the long-term nature of mining investment and consistent with our strategy of mitigating refinancing risks.

The contract signed is an important support to our capex program, enhancing our capability to create shareholder value and thousands of new jobs.

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This press release may contain statements that express management's expectations about future events or results rather than historical facts. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements, and Vale cannot give assurance that such statements will prove correct. These risks and uncertainties include factors: relating to the Brazilian and Canadian economy and securities markets, which exhibit volatility and can be adversely affected by developments in other countries; relating to the iron ore and nickel business and its dependence on the global steel industry, which is cyclical in nature; and relating to the highly competitive industries in which Vale operates. For additional information on factors that could cause Vale's actual results to differ from expectations reflected in forward-looking statements, please see Vale's reports filed with the Brazilian Comissão de Valores Mobiliários and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

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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: April 1, 2008

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