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Companhia Vale do Rio Doce

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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

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Dated: January 25, 2002

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Press Release

ALBRAS Resumes Production at Full Capacity

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Rio de Janeiro, January 24, 2002 - Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that ALBRAS - Aluminio Brasileiro S. A. (Albras), a company in which its subsidiary Vale do Rio Doce S.A. - Aluvale (Aluvale) holds 51% of the total capital, resumed yesterday operation at full capacity, 406,000 tonnes. During the second half of 2001, Albras had to reduce production due to the energy rationing program in the North of Brazil.

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