

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

Form 6-K

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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

July 2004

Valley of the Rio Doce Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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CVRD Focus on Corporate Social Responsibility

Rio de Janeiro, July 8, 2004 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that its subsidiary, Rio Doce Manganese Norway AS (RDMN), a ferroalloy producer located in Mo I Rana, Norway, has been recommended by BVQI Bureau Veritas Quality International for two international certifications: ISO 9001, for quality in production and OHSAS 18001, for health and safety in workplace.

RDMN, formerly Elkem Rana, was acquired by CVRD in February 2003. Its industrial plant saw a deep restructuring, including its conversion into a manganese ferroalloy producer. Nowadays, both of its furnaces are running at full capacity, producing 110,000 tons of high carbon ferro manganese and silicon manganese alloys per year.

These certifications are part of a wider program of international certifications for CVRD's operational units. All iron ore and manganese mines, maritime terminals, the Tubarão pelletizing plants, GIIC (a pelletizing company located in Bahrain), RDME (a ferroalloy producer located in Dunkerque, France), Albras and Alunorte have ISO 14001 certification, for excellence in environmental protection. GIIC, Albras and Alunorte also hold ISO 9001 for product quality. Furthermore, Albras, Alunorte and RDME hold the OHSAS 18001 certification.

CVRD considers corporate social responsibility fundamental to maintain its competitiveness in the long term. As a result, it develops initiatives to create opportunities for economic and social mobility in the communities living nearby its operation sites. The Company invests a substantial amount of resources in environmental protection, health and work safety. At the same time, CVRD dedicates special attention to the quality of its products.

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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: July 9, 2004

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa
Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa
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