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Form 6-K  
October 17, 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  
October 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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*Press Release*

Vale makes payment to holders of mandatorily convertible notes

Rio de Janeiro, October 16, 2008 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale) will pay additional interest to holders of the mandatorily convertible notes (notes) due June 15, 2010 issued by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Vale Capital Ltd., in two series, RIO and RIO P.

Under the indentures governing the notes, additional interest due to each noteholder is an amount in U.S. dollars equal to any cash distribution net of any applicable withholding tax and fees paid by the Depositary of our ADSs each representing one common/preferred Vale share, RIO/RIOPR to the holder of one ADS, multiplied by the number of ADSs that would be received by the noteholder upon conversion of the notes at the conversion rate specified in the applicable indenture (as adjusted for the forward-stock split approved in August 2007). Therefore, the approval by our Board of Directors of a dividend distribution to shareholders, as announced today, triggered the payment of additional interest to noteholders.

The additional interest paid per series RIO note and per series RIO P note will be equal to an amount in U.S. dollars equivalent to R\$ 1.187165 and R\$ 1.409004, respectively, converted at the Brazilian real/US dollar exchange rate prevailing on Friday, October 31, 2008.

The additional interest will be paid to noteholders listed on the records of the trustee as of October 23, 2008 (regular record date). The Bank of New York, the trustee, will pay the noteholders on November 7, 2008.

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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: October 16, 2008

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