

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

Form 6-K

September 22, 2004

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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

September 2004

**Valley of the Rio Doce Company**

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26  
20005-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil  
(Address of principal executive office)

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This report on Form 6-K is hereby incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Vale Overseas Limited, File No. 333-110867-01 and the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, File No. 333-110867 and shall be deemed to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is furnished, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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**CVRD announces changes in its Executive Board**

Rio de Janeiro, September 13, 2004 – Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) announces that Antônio Miguel Marques is leaving today his position at CVRD as Executive Director for Non-Ferrous Minerals and Energy. The executive, who worked for CVRD for the last three years, decided to develop private projects. CVRD's CEO, Roger Agnelli, expresses gratitude for his efforts dedicated to the Company and wishes success to Antônio Miguel in his new phase of life.

As stated on CVRD's By Laws, the CEO is appointing to the Board of Directors the name of the current director of CVRD Mineral Exploration and Project Development Department, José Auto Lancaster Oliveira, to take the aforementioned position.

José Lancaster, 58, joined CVRD to conduct the expansion of the mineral exploration area efforts in Brazil and abroad. He graduated from the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, with a degree in Geology and holds a PhD in Economic Geology by Mackay School of Mines, from the University of Nevada, Reno (USA).

With 26 years of experience managing local and international mineral projects, José Lancaster was responsible for important projects for more than 10 years, including Mineração Serra do Sossego, in which he was the CEO. Sossego started as a joint venture between CVRD (50%) and Phelps Dodge (50%), incorporated to perform the feasibility studies and development of the Sossego project, control of which was acquired by CVRD in 2001. José Lancaster was also the Exploration Manager of the Brazilian subsidiary of British Petroleum.

According to Roger Agnelli: José Lancaster has all the necessary skills to take the position, as he currently dedicates a significant portion of his activities to the non ferrous projects. I'm confident that this change will maintain CVRD in the right path for the achievement of short and long term goals of its non ferrous businesses.

CVRD also informs that the Energy area will start reporting to José Carlos Matrins, Executive Director for Business Development and Participations.

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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  
(Registrant)

Date: September 22, 2004

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa  
Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa  
Chief Financial Officer