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September 03, 2003

FORM 6-K  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

THE ACQUISITION OF SHARES OF VALEPAR S.A.  
(THE CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDER OF CVRD)

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of September 3, 2003  
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Commission File Number 09929  
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MITSUI & CO., LTD.  
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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

2-1, OHTEMACHI 1-CHOME CHIYODA-KU, TOKYO 100-0004 JAPAN  
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(Address of principal executive offices)

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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Yes [ ] No [X]

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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.

Date: September 3, 2003

MITSUI & CO., LTD.

By: /s/ Osamu Mori

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Name: Osamu Mori  
Title: Senior Managing Officer  
General Manager

September 3, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.

Re: The acquisition of shares of Valepar S.A.  
(the controlling shareholder of CVRD)

Mitsui & Co., Ltd. ("Mitsui"), a company organized under the laws of Japan, with headquarters in 2-1, Ohtemachi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, hereby informs that, on September 2, 2003, upon satisfaction of all contractual and legal conditions, Mitsui acquired from Bradesplan Participacoes S.A. 19,607,357 ordinary shares of Valepar S.A., the controlling company of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce ("CVRD"), corresponding to 5.05% of CVRD's total equity and 7.84% of CVRD's voting capital stock, at US\$830 million. As a result of such acquisition, Mitsui adhered to the shareholders' agreement entered into by the shareholders of Valepar, by which Mitsui will have it's representative(s) in the board of directors of CVRD.

For further information, please contact:

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