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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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Title: Chief Accountant

Dated: December 3, 2001

Item 1

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Vale do Rio Doce

Press Release

CVRD Wins Concession of Santa Isabel Hydroelectric Power Plant

Rio de Janeiro, November 30, 2001 - The Grupo Empresarial Santa Isabel, formed by Companhia Vale do Rio Doce - CVRD (43.85%), Billiton Metais S.A. (20.60%), Alcoa Alumínio S.A. (20.00%), Votorantim Cimentos Ltda. (10.00%) and Camargo Correa S.A. (5.55%), won a public concession to build and explore the Santa Isabel hydroelectric power plant. The concession was auctioned today by Agencia Nacional de Energia Eletrica (ANEEL).

This is a 35-year concession, postponable, and the power plant must be operating with a maximum time limit of 84 months from the date of the contract being signed. The price paid for this concession involves annual installments of R\$ 61 million from the seventh to the thirty fifth year of the concession.

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The Santa Isabel power plant will be located in the Araguaia river, in the districts of Palestina do Para (state of Para) and Ananas (state of Tocantins), and will have a capacity of 1,087 MW.

According to the strategic guidelines stated in the press release dated October 25, 2001, power generation is one of the core businesses of CVRD. Considering Santa Isabel, CVRD now participates in nine hydroelectric power plants, with total installed potency of 3,364 MW and total investment of US\$ 1.7 billion, of which 45% corresponds to CVRD's stake.

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