

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

October 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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CVRD and JBIC sign Cooperation Agreement

Rio de Janeiro, October 28, 2004 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD), the largest diversified mining company of the Americas, and Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), financial institution from the Japanese government that supports projects for international development, signed today a Cooperation Agreement. The objective of this agreement is to stimulate the information flow in the areas of common interest, with focus on infrastructure and expansion of CVRD's mining activities.

The agreement results from the long-term vision of both institutions and from the partnerships that have marked the relationship between CVRD and its Japanese clients, and foresees annual meetings to discuss the partners' respective strategies and projects. The first meeting will take place on October 29, in Tokyo.

JBIC already financed several projects of CVRD, among which Carajás, and the expansions of Cenibra, Albrás and Alunorte, and more recently, the modernization of the logistics infrastructure of CVRD.

It is the first agreement of this kind between a publicly traded Brazilian private company and JBIC. This agreement consolidates JBIC as a strong long-term resource for the financing of CVRD's growth projects, also contributing to the sustainable development of the country.

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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.

Date: October 28, 2004

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa

Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa
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