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Form 6-K  
December 17, 2007

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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  
December 2007  
**Companhia Vale do Rio Doce**  
Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26  
20030-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil  
(Address of principal executive office)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

(Check One) Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

(Check One) Yes  No

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Vale suspends shipments from Itaguaí

Rio de Janeiro, December 14, 2007 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale) hereby informs that, due to an accident with a ship in its Itaguaí maritime terminal (Itaguaí), in the Brazilian state of Rio de Janeiro, it suspended iron shipments in this terminal.

The stoppage of Itaguaí represents an average daily loss of the Company shipment of 60,000 metric tons of iron ore. Itaguaí, with annual shipload capacity of 25 million metric tons of iron ore, is Vale's smallest maritime terminal for iron ore shipments. Vale also operates the Ponta da Madeira maritime terminal, in the Brazilian state of Maranhão, Guaíba Island maritime terminal, in the state of Rio de Janeiro, and Tubarão Port, in the state of Espírito Santo.

Itaguaí will start operating with certain limitations tomorrow, depending on the results of the undergoing tests. It will be able to operate at full capacity within approximately 40 (forty) days after the conclusion of the recovery works.

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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: December 14, 2007

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