

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

April 2003

Valley of the Rio Doce Company

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Avenida Graca Aranha, No. 26
20005-900 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

(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

(If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b). 82-____.)

CVRD Sustainable Development

Rio de Janeiro, April 10, 2003 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that ALBRAS - Alumínio Brasileiro S.A. (Albras), an aluminum company controlled by its wholly-owned subsidiary Vale do Rio Doce Alumínio S.A. Aluvale, kept its four international certifications: **ISO 9001- Quality Standard, ISO 14001 Environment Control, OHSAS 18001 Safety and Health and AS 8000 Corporate Social Responsibility** after being audited by BVQI Bureau Veritas Quality International. Albras is the only Brazilian metals company to hold this kind of multi-certification.

At the same time, Albras achieved five million men hour worked with no accidents.

These events highlight the value given by CVRD and its subsidiaries and affiliates to sustainable development, strongly committed to transparency, social responsibility, environmental protection and work safety.

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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)

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

Date: April 10, 2003
