

VALLEY OF THE RIO DOCE CO

Form 6-K/A

August 11, 2004

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United States  
Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 6-K/A**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of

August 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)

(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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(Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1))

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This report on Form 6-K/A is hereby incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Vale Overseas Limited, File No. 333-110867-01 and the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Companhia Vale do Rio Doce, File No. 333-110867 and shall be deemed to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is furnished, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

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Explanatory Note

This report on Form 6-K/A amends and restates in its entirety the Company's report on Form 6-K filed on May 14, 2004 (the "Original 6-K"). The Company has restated its US GAAP financial statements for the first quarter of 2004 for the reasons described in Note 5 to the financial statements included as a part of this report on Form 6-K/A. The Company's Brazilian GAAP financial statements are not affected by the restatement. In addition, this report on Form 6-K/A does not purport to provide an update or a discussion of any other developments subsequent to May 14, 2004. For a discussion of events after that date, you should consult the Company's reports on Form 6-K filed subsequent to May 14, 2004.

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