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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 or 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For APRIL 3, 2002

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Valley of the Doce River Company (Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Federative Republic of Brazil (Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

Avenida Graca Aranha, No. 26 20005-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil (Address of principal executive offices)

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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 By: /s/ Roberto Castello Branco Name: Roberto Castello Branco Title: Head of Investor Relations

Dated: April 3, 2002