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Form 6-K  
April 17, 2009

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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 2009  
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.)

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(Check One) Yes  No

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**Vale sells its stake in Usiminas**

Rio de Janeiro, April 16, 2009 Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (Vale) informs that it concluded the sale of all its 14,869,368 common shares issued by Usinas Siderúrgicas de Minas Gerais S/A - Usiminas (Usiminas) and bound by the current shareholders agreement of Usiminas, corresponding to 5.89% of Usiminas common shares and 2.93% of its total capital, to a group of current Usiminas shareholders (Camargo Corrêa, Mitsubishi Corporation, Nippon, and Votorantim). The price was R\$ 40.00 per Usiminas common share and the transaction totaled R\$ 594.7 million. As a consequence, Vale no longer holds any participation in the Usiminas capital, and therefore is no longer part of the controlling group.

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This press release may include declarations about Vale's expectations regarding future events or results. All declarations based upon future expectations, rather than historical facts, are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Vale cannot guarantee that such declarations will prove to be correct. These risks and uncertainties include factors related to the following: (a) the countries where Vale operates, mainly Brazil and Canada; (b) the global economy; (c) capital markets; (d) the mining and metals businesses and their dependence upon global industrial production, which is cyclical by nature; and (e) the high degree of global competition in the markets in which Vale operates. To obtain further information on factors that may give rise to results different from those forecast by Vale, please consult the reports filed with the Brazilian Comissão de Valores Mobiliários (CVM), the French Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF), and with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including Vale's most recent Annual Report on Form 20F and its reports on Form 6K.

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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.

Date: April 16, 2009

COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE  
(Registrant)

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