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Form 6-K  
August 08, 2002

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 August 2002

Valley of the Doce River 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.)

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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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Companhia Vale do Rio Doce

Press Release

CVRD Natural Resources Reserve Receives Award

Rio de Janeiro, August 08, 2002 - Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) informs that its Natural Resources Reserve, located in Linhares, Espirito Santo, Brazil, received the ECO Award granted by the American Chamber of Commerce in Brazil (AMCHAM) in the environmental protection category. This Natural Resources Reserve, comprising 22,000 hectares of primary Atlantic Forest, has already been declared World Heritage Site of the Discovery Coast by UNESCO. In this Natural Resources Reserve CVRD implemented an innovative management model for a

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protected area, combining environmental protection with a self sustainable economy.

The award granted to CVRD is a recognition of its commitment with environmental quality. In this specific event, it is guaranteeing the preservation and reproduction of one of the most important ecosystems in Brazil, with one of the largest biodiversities in the world - the Atlantic Forest.

Further information about CVRD Linhares Natural Resources Reserve can be obtained on the website [www.cvrld.com.br/linhares](http://www.cvrld.com.br/linhares).

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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: August 8, 2002

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa

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Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa  
Chief Financial Officer