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Form 6-K  
August 14, 2003

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 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.)

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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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Vale do Rio Doce

Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting

Public Notification

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Rio de Janeiro, August 13, 2003 - Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) shareholders are invited to attend an Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting of the Company to be held on August 29, 2003 at 4:30 pm at Avenida Graca Aranha # 26 - 19th floor, Rio de Janeiro, to approve the following issues set forth in the Order of the Day:

- 1) The Approval and Justification for Consolidation of Celmar S.A. - Industria de Celulose e Papel and Ferteco Mineracao S.A., wholly owned subsidiaries of CVRD, pursuant to articles 224 and 225 of Law Number 6404/76;
- 2) To ratify the appointment of the experts to appraise the value of the companies to be consolidated;
- 3) To decide on the Appraisal Report, prepared by the expert appraisers;
- 4) The Approval for the Consolidation, without capital increase or issuance of new shares of Celmar S.A. - Industria de Celulose e Papel and Ferteco Mineracao S.A., by this Company.

For shareholders who will be represented by proxies, we request the remittance of said proxy instruments 72 (seventy-two) hours in advance of the scheduled meeting time for verifications of the legitimacy of said representation.

Sergio Ricardo Silva Rosa  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

### 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 14, 2003

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

