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**FORM 6-K**  
**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**  
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**of the**  
**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**For the month of**  
**March 2006**  
**Companhia Vale do Rio Doce**  
Avenida Graça Aranha, No. 26  
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(Address of principal executive office)

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**CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S/A**

**Opinion**

**Valuation of stockholders' equity**

**at market value**

Base Date: December 31, 2005

Date Issued: March 10, 2006

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**VALUATION OPINION: STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY  
AT MARKET VALUE**

**ACAL CONSULTORIA E AUDITORIA S/S**, a company specialized in valuations, with principal place of business at Avenida Rio Branco 181, 18<sup>th</sup> floor, Rio de Janeiro RJ, CEP 20040 007, registered in the CRC/RJ under number 1144, and registered with the CNPJ of the Finance Ministry under number 28.005.734/0001-82, having as its responsible technical staff member Mr. Gelson José Amaro, after having made the studies and researches which were necessary, here presents this Valuation Opinion on the value of stockholders equity, at market value, of **CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S/A**, a corporation with principal place of business at Praia de Botafogo 228, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Botafogo, Rio de Janeiro, State of Rio de Janeiro, registered in the CNPJ/MF under No. 31.865.728/0001-00, for the purposes of its absorption by its majority stockholder **COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE**, a corporation with principal place of business at Avenida Graça Aranha 26, Castelo, Rio de Janeiro, State of Rio de Janeiro, registered in the CNPJ/MF under No. 33.592.510/0001-54.

This valuation opinion is divided into sections as follows:

Objectives.

Bases and methods for valuation.

Methodology adopted and summary of work carried out.

Conclusion.

**I. OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this present Valuation Opinion is to report the valuation, based on market values, of the shares of **CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S/A**, for the purposes of absorption by its majority stockholder **COMPANHIA VALE DO RIO DOCE**, according to the requirements of Article 264 of Law 6404/76, and according to the methodology established in Article 183, § 1, of that law.

**II. BASES AND METHODS FOR VALUATION**

Determination of the value of the shares of a company is subject to several variables, and also to several non-controllable factors, so that it will always take into account some subjective aspects. As an example we quote some of the main factors which affect such determination:

- (a) The outlook of the proprietors, versus the outlook of a potential purchaser.
  - (b) The economic conditions that permitted the results of the past may be more advantageous, or less advantageous, in the future.
  - (c) The political and economic context may vary significantly and unpredictably.
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(d) Finally, the various methods of valuation may generate significantly different results.

This being so, the work of determination of the value of securities representing the registered capital is not something precise, and contains subjective aspects, depending on the expectations of the proprietor and the use to be given to the securities.

There are, however, several methods used to estimate the value of capital securities. Although such methods vary in their applicability, depending on specific facts and circumstances, they can at least indicate a range of reasonable values for the preliminary determination of such value.

#### 2.1. EXAMPLES OF METHODS BASED ON THE NET VALUE OF THE ASSETS

##### **Valuation of stockholders' equity**

This valuation approach is used to determine the fair market value of specific assets, provide the basis for certain adjustments to net book value (as mentioned above) and as a point of departure for the estimate of liquidation value. Valuation of stockholders' equity also provides an adequate basis for the value of the business, and is frequently used in transactions in which companies are bought and sold, the value being adjusted by depreciation and obsolescence applicable to specific assets.

##### **Liquidation value**

The liquidation value has been used as a basis for negotiation of price and, thus, represents an initial level, of interest both to purchasers and vendors.

The liquidation value is determined through an estimate of the value of the company's assets, assuming their conversion into cash in a reasonably short space of time, less the value of all of its obligations and the cost of liquidating the business, including valuation fees, brokers' fees, taxes and legal fees.

The liquidation value may be determined on the basis of consideration of either an orderly liquidation, or a more rapid, forced liquidation, of the business. The latter, clearly, results in a lower value.

#### 2.2 EXAMPLES OF METHODS BASED ON THE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

##### **Price/earnings ratio**

For listed companies the price/earnings ratio is well known and can be easily used to obtain an estimated value of the shares of listed companies by multiplication of the P/E by the expected aggregate results. The average P/E for the industry or for various comparable listed companies can be used to arrive at an indication of the amount. Frequently, a premium for stockholding control is added to this estimated amount.

Valuation by the P/E method can also be used to estimate the value of a given company. Assuming a rate of growth of earnings estimated by the present stockholders and a return on investment desired by the acquiring party, this can determine the earnings multiple which

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would enable it to achieve its objective in terms of return. This method allows the purchaser to determine the price that he is willing to pay, for comparison with the price desired by the vendor.

**Discounted cash flow**

Discounted cash flow analysis may be used to estimate the value of a company, and consequently of its shares, based on the present value of its cash flow estimates. In theory, this method should result in the same amount as is determined by using the price/earnings ratio, since the latter reflects the present perception of what the company will be worth in the future.

In practice, this analysis is used increasingly to determine the value of a company because it is based on an actual estimate of cash flows, incorporating factors such as reduction of costs resulting from synergies, development of products, etc., and not on the simple market perception of the company's future profits. Other factors that affect the stock market and, consequently, the P/E ratio, are also eliminated when the discounted cash flow method is used.

**III. METHODOLOGY ADOPTED AND SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT**

As mentioned above, there are various methods for determining the value of a company.

To determine the value of stockholders' equity at market prices of CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S/A, on the base date December 31, 2005, considering its characteristic as a holding company, the application of the usual criteria for valuation of assets inevitably includes determination of the value of the investments which it holds in its subsidiaries and affiliated companies. The following is a list of the more significant subsidiaries, among the company's investments, including indirect holding and situations of joint control. These investments, in the amount of R\$ 2,397,691,000, at the base date of this valuation, are equivalent to 82.74% of the company's total assets, and are thus the more significant element of the value of the stockholders' equity of the investing company CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S/A, consisting of the following:

<b>Investments</b>	<b>R\$'000</b>
Cadam SA	210,892
Companhia de Maracas	0
Companhia Ferro-Ligas do Amapá - CFA	0
Empreendimentos Brasileiros de Mineração S/A - EBM	766,393
Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S/A - MBR	1,051,925
MSL Minerais S/A	20,489
Caemi Holding GMBH - Ástria	347,992
 Book value of the investments of CAEMI on 31/12/2005	 <b>2,397,691</b>

The scope of the review and valuation covers the companies Empreendimentos Brasileiros de Mineração S/A EBM, Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S/A - MBR and MRS Logística S/A (in which Caemi exercises joint control), these being considered to be the significant investments of CAEMI. The net accounting value of the other assets is close to market value and for this reason they were not re-valued.

For the purposes of this Opinion, we adopt as a valuation criterion, as required by Article 264 of Law 6404/76, adjustment to market value of the net assets of CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S.A. existing on the base date December 31, 2005, both of the holding company and also of its subsidiaries, and the recognition of these adjustments, by the equity method, in its stockholders' equity.

The marking to market of the net assets of the controlling company CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S.A. and its subsidiaries and affiliated companies took into consideration the legal definitions and requirements, notably Article 264 of Law 6404/76, and also the methodology established in Article 183, § 1, of that law. This methodology considers that assets should be valued at their net realization value vis-à-vis third parties (market value), on the assumption of immediate discontinuation of the company's activities.

For the purposes of the provision of the above Article, market value is considered to be:

- (a) for raw materials and goods in working inventory, the price of replacement by purchase in the market;
- (b) for goods and rights destined for sale, the net realization price upon sales to the market, less the taxes and other expenses necessary for the sale, and the profit margin;
- (c) for the investments, the net value for which they can be sold to third parties.

Among the parameters decided for the preparation of this present valuation, the determination of book value (net value at market prices) of the stockholders' equity of CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S/A and its subsidiaries and affiliated companies, for the base date December 31, 2005, is based, also, on a limited review of the financial statements of the said companies raised on that date. This procedure was carried out in accordance with certain usual rules of auditing, and consequently includes examinations in the accounting records where necessary in the circumstances for the specific purpose of determining stockholders' equity at market prices. These examinations showed that these records and elements were vested with all the legal formalities, including those in relation to obedience to the general accounting principles usually accepted and uniformly and consistently applied by the company.

Additionally, the accounting statements of CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S.A. and its subsidiaries and affiliated companies were examined by other independent auditors on December 31, 2005, and their opinion, dated February 10, 2006, contained no reservations.

These revised accounting statements, for the said base date, with the objective of showing the assets reported at their respective realization values, already include the following accounting provisions:

Provision for doubtful receivables;

Provision for losses on investments;

Provision for losses on realization of assets;

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Provision for losses on inventories;

Provision for losses on investments in tax-incentive arrangements;

Provision for depreciation and amortization;

Provision for depletion in mining rights.

Additionally, so as to adapt the said accounting statements to market price, as detailed in the table below and demonstrated in APPENDICES I, II and III, adjustments were included to the following account lines:

Expenses paid in advance;

Deferred tax asset items;

Investments adjustments to stockholders equity arising from adjustments to market made in the subsidiary and affiliated companies:

Empreendimentos Brasileiros de Mineração S.A. EBM

Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S/A MBR

MRS Logística S/A

Property, plant and equipment, based on preliminary studies carried out by the company's technical managers and also on research and reviews carried out by us specifically for this purpose:

- (a) The mining rights of Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S/A MBR, the principal item of adjustment of this valuation, were valued on the basis of the cash flow forecasts discounted to present value, assuming no investment is made in the period.
- (b) The significant assets of Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S/A MBR were valued based on the valuation made for the purposes of insurance cover.
- (c) The railroad assets arising from concessions were not re-valued, since the concession contract provides that at the end of their period the federal government will indemnify the concession holders based on the residual accounting value at that time.
- (d) For the other items of fixed assets it is considered that the net accounting value is close to market value and for this reason they were not re-valued.
- (e) Elimination of the provisions for closure of Mines in Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S/A MBR. Deferred assets.

The statement of the adjustments which we made is as follows:

<b>Description</b>	<b>R\$ 000</b>
<b>Book value of stockholders equity of CAEMI on December 31, 2005:</b>	<b>2,553,415</b>
<b>(+) Positive adjustments to Stockholders Equity:</b>	<b>4,914,591</b>
Equity income on adjustments to the stockholders equity of EMB	2,073,150
Equity income on adjustments to the stockholders equity of MBR	2,841,441
<b>Stockholders equity of CAEMI adjusted to market value on December 31, 2005:</b>	<b>7,468,006</b>





In view of the above and the provisions of Article 8 of Law 6404 of December 15, 1976, as amended, checks were made in the accounting books and records from which the balance sheet was derived, and also in the respective source documents, though on the basis of selective tests and by sampling.

For all legal purposes, notably those of CVM Instruction 319, we declare that we do not have any direct or indirect interest in any of the companies involved in this work or in their operation, and there is no material circumstance which could characterize conflict of interest for the issuance of this Opinion. We had full and unrestricted access to all the data, elements, information and files related to the companies involved, and there was no indication of direction, limitation or imposition of difficulty on the part of the managers and/or controlling stockholders which might have limited or restrained our conclusion.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

After the due technical examinations and checks carried out by ourselves with CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S.A, and based on the data referred to in this Valuation Opinion, we believe that the value of the company's stockholders' equity, valued by the method of net asset value net at market prices, for the base date December 31, 2005, is R\$ 7,468,006,000 (seven billion four hundred and sixty eight million and six thousand Reais).

This being the expression of our best technical knowledge and assessment, we sign the present Valuation Opinion.  
Rio de Janeiro, March 10, 2006.

**ACAL Consultoria e Auditoria S/S**

CRC RJ 1.144

Gelson José Amaro

Responsible partner

CRC RJ 049.669/O-4 Accountant

**CAEMI MINERAÇÃO E METALURGIA S.A.**  
**STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AT MARKET VALUE**

**APPENDIX I**

(Financial amounts in R\$ 000)

Base date: December 31, 2005

Description	Accounting value	Adjustments to Market		Market value
		Positive	Negative	
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2,897,907</b>	<b>4,914,591</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,812,498</b>
<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>487,131</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>487,131</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	149,578			149,578
Dividends	333,024			333,024
Tax credits	2,138			2,138
Other credits	2,391			2,391
<b>LONG-TERM ASSETS</b>	<b>10,130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,130</b>
Deposits into Court	9,127			9,127
Accounts receivable from clients and others	1,003			1,003
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>2,400,646</b>	<b>4,914,591</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,315,237</b>
Investments	2,397,691	4,914,591		7,312,282
Property, plant and equipment	2,955			2,955
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>344,492</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>344,492</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>335,369</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>335,369</b>
Suppliers	270			270
Taxes, charges and contributions	121			121
Dividends payable	334,397			334,397
Other liabilities	581			581
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>	<b>9,123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,123</b>
Debt to related parties	60			60
Taxes and contributions payable	9,063			9,063
Other liabilities				0
<b>STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>2,553,415</b>	<b>4,914,591</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7,468,006</b>
<b>Components of stockholders equity</b>				
Registered capital	1,078,000			1,078,000
Profit reserves	1,475,415	0	4,914,591	6,390,006
Stockholders equity	<b>2,553,415</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,914,591</b>	<b>7,468,006</b>
Common shares	1,318,750,000			1,318,750,000
Class A preferred shares	2,600,996,667			2,600,996,667
Total shares	3,919,746,667			3,919,746,667

**Per share (par = R\$ 1.00)**

**0.65**

**1.91**

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**EMPREENDIMENTOS BRASILEIROS DE  
MINERAÇÃO S.A. EBM**  
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## APPENDIX II

(Financial amounts in R\$ 000)

Base date: December 31, 2005

ASSETS	Accounting value	Adjustments		Market value
		Positive	Negative	
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>200,575</b>			<b>200,575</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	49			49
Dividends and interest on equity receivable	200,526			200,526
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>1,092,906</b>	<b>2,957,418</b>		<b>4,050,324</b>
Investments	1,092,906	2,957,418		4,050,324
Minerações Brasileiras Reunidas S.A.	1,092,906	2,957,418(a)		4,050,324
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,293,481</b>	<b>2,957,418</b>		<b>4,250,899</b>

**LIABILITIES**

<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>200,226</b>			<b>200,226</b>
Dividends payable	200,226			200,226
Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A.	140,362			140,362
Belém Administração & Participações Ltda.	19,818			19,818
Nippon Steel Co.	9,358			9,358
Itochu Corporation	6,207			6,207
Mitsui & Co. Ltd.	6,207			6,207
JFE Steel Corporation	6,595			6,595
Sumitomo Metal Industries Ltd.	3,298			3,298
Nisshin Steel & Co. Ltd.	370			370
Sumitomo Corporation	3,004			3,004
Marubeni Corporation	3,004			3,004
Mitsubishi Corporation	1,602			1,602
Kobe Steel Ltd.	401			401
<b>Stockholders equity</b>	<b>1,093,255</b>		<b>2,957,418</b>	<b>4,050,673</b>
Registered capital	313,650			313,650
Capital reserves Decree 332 Special Reserves subsidiaries	17,244			17,244
Profit reserves	762,361		2,957,418	3,719,779
Post-1988 legal reserves	58,234			58,234
Future earnings reserve	11,206			11,206
Reserves for investments	244,559			244,559
Retained earnings/capital expenditures reserves	448,362	(a)	2,957,418	3,405,780

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,293,481</b>	<b>2,957,418</b>	<b>4,250,899</b>
	<b>Effects of adjustments on stockholders equity</b>		
(a) Adjustment of equity income in MBR	Adjustments	Negative	
	Adjustments	Positive	2,957,418
			2,957,418
	Stockholding		70.10%
	<b>Equity income adjustment in CAEMI</b>		<b>2,073,150</b>

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**MINERAÇÕES BRASILEIRAS REUNIDAS S.A.  
 MBR**
**STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY AT MARKET VALUE**

(Financial amounts in R\$ '000)

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**APPENDIX III**

ASSETS	Accounting value	Adjustments		Market value
		Positive	Negative	
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>1,704,481</b>		<b>14,724</b>	<b>1,689,757</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	287,274			287,274
Accounts receivable from clients	994,593			994,593
Dividends receivable	64,171			64,171
Inventories – iron ore	200,221			200,221
Inventories – operational materials	81,209			81,209
Other accounts receivable	11,145			11,145
Deposits in guarantee of financings	21,139			21,139
Taxes and contributions recoverable	30,005			30,005
Deferred income tax and Social Contribution	10,800	(b)	10,800	
Anticipated expenses and others	3,924	(a)	3,924	
<b>Long-term assets</b>	<b>60,111</b>		<b>24,572</b>	<b>35,539</b>
Taxes and contributions recoverable	26,147			26,147
Deferred income tax and Social Contribution	17,194	(b)	17,194	
Deferred income tax and Social Contribution previous year	7,378	(b)	7,378	
Other accounts receivable	9,392			9,392
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>1,759,985</b>	<b>5,922,189</b>	<b>191,503</b>	<b>7,490,671</b>
Investments	770,888		32,575	738,313
Subsidiaries and affiliates	770,145		32,575	737,570
Minerações BR Holdings GmbH	576,155			576,155
MRS Logística S.A.	188,957	(d)	32,575	156,382
Bitarães Mineradora S.A.	5,033			5,033
Other investments	743			743
Property, plant and equipment	937,639	5,922,189(e,f)	107,470	6,752,358
Deferred	51,458	(c)	51,458	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,524,577</b>	<b>5,922,189</b>	<b>230,799</b>	<b>9,215,967</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>1,030,800</b>			<b>1,030,800</b>
Loans and financings	113,431			113,431
Suppliers	52,696			52,696
Dividends payable	393,187			393,187

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Caemi Mineração e Metalurgia S.A.	192,661			192,661
Empreendimentos Bras.de Mineração S.A.				
EBM	200,526			200,526
Taxes and contributions payable	359,400			359,400
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>350,824</b>	<b>107,470</b>		<b>243,354</b>
Loans and financings	195,058			195,058
Income tax and Social Contribution	4,891			4,891
Deferred income tax – Ferrovia do Aço	6,918			6,918
Provision for closure of mines	107,470	107,470(f)		
Tax risks and contingent liabilities	36,049			36,049
Other accounts payable	438			438
<b>Stockholders equity</b>	<b>2,142,953</b>	<b>123,329</b>	<b>5,922,189</b>	<b>7,941,813</b>
Registered capital	615,000			615,000
Capital reserves	33,811			33,811
Decree 332 Special Reserve – own	9,781			9,781
Decree 332 Special Reserve – subsidiaries	24,030			24,030
Profit reserves	1,494,142	123,329	5,922,189	7,293,002
Legal reserve up to 1988	85			85
Post-1988 legal reserves	122,915			122,915
Reserves from investments	492,000			492,000
Retained earnings/investment reserves	879,142	123,329	5,922,189	6,678,002
		3,924(a)		
		35,372(b)		
of the L. S.		51,458(c)		
		32,575(d)		
		(e)	5,922,189	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,524,577</b>	<b>230,799</b>	<b>5,922,189</b>	<b>9,215,967</b>

(a) Writedown of anticipated expenses	<b>Effect of adjustments on stockholders equity</b>			
(b) Writedown of deferred income tax and Social Contribution	Adjustment	Negative		(123,329)
(c) Writedown of deferred assets	Adjustment	Positive		5,922,189
(d) Adjustment to equity income MRS Logística S.A.				5,798,860
(e) S. I. I s A. S.				
(f) Reclassification of the provision for closure for closure of mines to long-term assets, since it is already included in cash flow	Stockholding			49.00%
	<b>Equity income adjustment in CAEMI</b>			<b>2,841,441</b>



**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: March 21, 2006

By: /s/ Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa

Fabio de Oliveira Barbosa  
Chief Financial Officer