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Companhia Vale do Rio Doce

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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/ Eduardo de Carvalho Duarte

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Name: Eduardo de Carvalho Duarte  
Title: Chief Accountant

Dated: November 14, 2001

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Press Release

### CVRD: Financial Flows, Debt and Growth

Rio de Janeiro, November 13, 2001 - From January 1997 to September 2001, CVRD's cash generation has been sufficient to allow it to distribute dividends - in the form of interest on capital -, provide finance for investments, and at the same time permit a reduction in net debt.

Interest on capital of US\$ 2.309 billion has been paid to shareholders and capital expenditure in the period amounted to US\$ 3.868 billion, including acquisitions of PPSA, FCA, CPFL, SIBRA, Socoimex, Samitri, Samarco, GIIC and Ferteco. At the same time, net debt, as measured by the difference between total debt and cash and marketable securities owned by CVRD and its wholly-owned overseas subsidiaries, fell from US\$ 513 million, as of December

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31, 1997, to US\$ 236 million, as of September 30, 2001, a reduction of US\$ 277 million.

Therefore, an amount of US\$ 6.454 billion was spent on dividend distribution, investments and debt amortization. This was financed by a cash flow generation of US\$ 5.233 billion and funds originated from divestitures.

The EBITDA/ interest expenses rose from 4.8x in 1997 to 6.1x in 2001, while at the same time the ratio of net debt /EBITDA dropped from 0.57x to 0.21x. Leverage, as measured by the net debt/net debt plus equity ratio, remained at 6%, an extremely low level.

These data reflect CVRD's capacity to finance future growth through cash generation and/or increased leverage, while at the same time distributing significant dividends to shareholders.

### Operational Cash Flow - in US\$ million

1997	1998	1999	2000	9M 01
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781	1,054	1,147	1,010	1,241

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### Dividends Distribution\* - in US\$ million

1997	1998	1999	2000	9M 01
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300	590	517	258	644

\* Effective payment of interest on shareholders equity.

### CAPEX\* - in US\$ million

1997	1998	1999	2000	9M 01
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469	466	343	1,602	989

\* Includes acquisition.

### Debt Evolution - in US\$ million

Gross Debt		CVRD Cash*		
Dec 97	Dec 98	Dec 99	Dec 00	Sept 01
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1,601	1,880	1,655	1,160	1,649
1,438	2,417	1,187	1,088	1,644

