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## CVRD acquires 93% of Canico and extends the expiry time of its offer to December 8, 2005

Companhia Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) announces that 42,117,999 common shares of Canico Resource Corp. (Canico) (TSX:CNI.TO), including shares deposited by guaranteed delivery, representing 93% of the Canico common shares outstanding on a fully-diluted basis, were deposited to the offer to acquire all of the outstanding common shares of Canico for CAD\$ 20.80 in cash per Canico share as at the expiry time, 8:00 p.m. Toronto time on November 28, 2005.

All of the conditions of the offer were satisfied as at the expiry time, and CVRD has taken up all of the Canico common shares that were deposited to the offer at such time. Payment for such Canico common shares is expected to be made on or prior to December 1, 2005, and will represent a disbursement by CVRD of approximately CAD\$ 876 million.

In order to provide Canico shareholders who have not yet accepted the offer with the opportunity to analyze and accept the offer, CVRD has extended the expiry time of this offer to 8:00 p.m. Toronto time on December 8, 2005.

CVRD intends, as soon as permitted, to acquire the remaining Canico common shares by means of a statutory compulsory acquisition under Section 300 of the British Columbia Business Corporation Act at the same price as the offer price.

CVRD intends to reconstitute the Canico Board of Directors in a manner consistent with its share ownership and, upon acquiring a sufficient number of Canico shares, to de-list the shares.

### About Canico

Canico is a Canadian-based junior resource company focused on the development of the Onça-Puma nickel laterite project located in the state of Pará, Brazil. According to the feasibility studies, the plant will have a nominal capacity to produce 57,000 tons of nickel per year and its development will demand investments of US\$ 1.1 billion. Production start up of the first module is scheduled for 2008.

### About CVRD

CVRD, a Brazilian company, headquartered in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is the largest metals and mining company in the Americas and one of the largest in the global metals and mining industry, with a market capitalization of approximately US\$ 45 billion.

It is the largest global producer and exporter of iron ore and pellets, the world's second largest producer of manganese and ferroalloys, one of the world's lowest cost producers of aluminum products (bauxite, alumina and primary aluminum) and a producer of copper, potash and kaolin. CVRD is the largest logistics player in Brazil, owning and operating several railroads and ports.

CVRD shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE (RIO and RIOPR), on the São Paulo Stock Exchange, BOVESPA (Vale3 and Vale5), and on the Madrid Stock Exchange, Latibex (XVALP and XVALO).

The offer is aligned with CVRD's strategy to become a large global player in the nonferrous metals business, creating value to its shareholders. It is already a copper producer and is starting the development of its first nickel project, Vermelho, located in the southern range of Carajás. Given the location of Onça Puma, near to CVRD mining operations and its efficient infrastructure, where its Carajás railroad is a very important asset, there are significant synergies to be explored with this acquisition.

CVRD has retained UBS Securities Canada Inc. as its financial advisor and Stikeman Elliott LLP as its legal counsel for the purposes of this transaction.

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