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## CVRD develops educational relationship between Brazil and France

As part of its activities in commemoration of the Year of Brazil and France, Vale do Rio Doce (CVRD) organized on this Monday, June 06th, in Dunquerque, North of France, the signing of two important educational relationship agreements between educational institutions from both countries.

Through this initiative, the company is launching an International Educational Interchange program in the areas of manganese and ferroalloys.

The first program involves the Federal University of Ouro Preto (UFOP) in Minas Gerais, the Central School of Paris (ECP), France, and the University of Trondheim, Norway, which are world-known in the area of metallurgy.

The purpose of this agreement, which is supported by Rio Doce Manganese Europe (RDME) and Rio Doce Manganese Norway (RDMN), two of CVRD's ferroalloys and manganese companies, is to enroll the company's manganese business personnel in post-graduation, Master's and Doctorate courses in Geometallurgy and Alloys.

For the post-graduation course, developed specifically for improvement in ferroalloys processes, 21 candidates were selected from CVRD's manganese units in Brazil. The course will begin in September this year.

The second agreement involves the Pitágoras Group from Minas Gerais (Brazil) and Institut Supérieur de Commerce International de Dunquerque - ISCID, (France). The program will enable undergraduate students from the Pitágoras University to go to Dunquerque after completing the second year of their courses, where they will complete their courses in three years. The aim is to give around 30 students the opportunity to study abroad.

The partnership between ISCID and RDME has been in existence for some time. The manganese ferroalloys company in Dunquerque supports the institution and receives students for training and professional qualification. In 2004, ISCID commended CVRD and Brasil for choosing the Brazilian writer Jorge Amado to be the patron of the undergraduate students.

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