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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 July, 2008
(Commission File No. 1-14862)

BRASKEM S.A.

(Exact Name as Specified in its Charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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BRAZIL'S ANTI-TRUST AGENCY APPROVES BRASKEM'S ACQUISITION OF THE IPIRANGA GROUP PETROCHEMICAL ASSETS

Favorable decision also includes the investment agreement between Braskem and Petrobras

São Paulo, Brazil, July 10, 2008 - Braskem (BOVESPA: BRKM3, BRKM5, BRKM6; NYSE: BAK; LATIBEX: XBRK), the leading company in the thermoplastic resins industry in Latin America and third-largest resin producer in the Americas, announces that Brazil's antitrust authority CADE (*Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica*) today gave the final approval to the acquisition of the petrochemical assets of the Ipiranga Group by Braskem and Petrobras. The only recommendation made by CADE was to adjust the clause regarding non-competition by the sellers, which is limited to the markets where they operated.

In the same decision, CADE also approved the investment agreement, whereby Petrobras transferred to Braskem its minority interests in Copesul, Ipiranga Petroquímica, Ipiranga Química and Petroquímica Paulínia.

This decision confirms the consolidated jurisprudence in previous CADE resolutions of considering the international market as the relevant market for the petrochemical industry, says Bernardo Gradin, Braskem's CEO. The approval also marks the successful conclusion of an important stage in the process of consolidation and strengthening of the Brazilian petrochemical industry, which began in 2001 with the incorporation of Braskem, to increase the competitiveness of the production chain in the country's plastic and petrochemical industries.

The acquisition of Ipiranga and the investment agreement between Braskem and Petrobras had already received favorable opinion from the Secretariat for Economic Monitoring (SEAE - *Secretaria de Acompanhamento Econômico*), Secretariat of Economic Law (SDE - *Secretaria de Direito Econômico*), CADE Attorney's Office and the Federal Attorney General's Office.

With CADE's decision, there are no more restrictions to the management and merger of the assets involved in the acquisition. Copesul and Ipiranga have already been integrated with Braskem and should be merged by the end of 2008. This will allow the Company to accelerate the gains from the already identified synergies, estimated at US\$1.1 billion in net present net value.

Braskem, a world-class Brazilian petrochemical company, is the leader in the thermoplastic resins segment in Latin America, and is the third largest Brazilian industrial company owned by the private sector. The company operates 19 manufacturing plants located throughout Brazil, and has an annual production capacity of 11 million tons of petrochemical and chemical products.

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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.

Date: July 10, 2008

BRASKEM S.A.

By: /s/ Carlos José Fadigas de Souza Filho

Name: Carlos José Fadigas de Souza Filho

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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