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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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 October, 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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(Address of principal executive offices)

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BRASKEM MERGES IPIRANGA PETROQUÍMICA AND PETROQUÍMICA PAULÍNIA

Transaction marks the conclusion of an important step in the consolidation of the Brazilian petrochemical industry

São Paulo, Brazil, September 30, 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 the approval, at the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting held today, of the merger into Braskem of Ipiranga Petroquímica (IPQ), Petroquímica Paulínia S.A. (PPSA) and the spun off portion of Ipiranga Química (IQ) that refers to the interests in IPQ and ISATEC Pesquisa Desenvolvimento e Análises Químicas Ltda.

Copesul, which was also included in the acquisition of the petrochemical assets of the Ipiranga Group, was merged into IPQ on September 11, 2008 and now with the merger of IPQ is also a part of Braskem.

According to CEO Bernardo Gradin, these mergers represent the conclusion of another important step in the consolidation of the Brazilian petrochemical assets. This step, which began with the acquisition of the petrochemical assets of the Ipiranga Group in March 2007 and was followed by the investment agreement signed with Petrobras in November last year, was concluded within the original timetable announced to the market. The conclusion of the acquisition process also enables the accelerated capture of the synergies we announced, which will increase the competitiveness of the Company as well as that of the entire petrochemical and plastics production chain in Brazil.

The assets merged were valued at R\$3.4 billion. As Braskem, prior to the merger, held 100% of the total capital of IQ and PPSA and 99.3% of the total capital of IPQ, it shall issue only 1,506,061 class A preferred shares to be delivered to the minority shareholders of IPQ, which represent 0.3% of the Company's total capital.

Shareholders not willing to exchange IPQ shares for Braskem shares may exercise the withdrawal right in the amount of R\$0.028632772 per IPQ share, in accordance with the conditions established in the Material Fact notice published on September 12, 2008.

Following these mergers, Braskem's capital stock will increase to R\$5.4 billion, divided into 524,391,654 shares, 196,714,190 of which are common shares 326,874,398, class A preferred shares and 803,066 class B preferred shares.

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: October 01, 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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