

BRASKEM SA
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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 December, 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)

Rua Eteno, 1561, Polo Petroquimico de Camacari
Camacari, Bahia - CEP 42810-000 Brazil
(Address of principal executive offices)

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**BRASKEM SUBMITS PROPOSAL FOR CANCELLATION OF SHARES HELD
IN TREASURY**

São Paulo, December 5, 2008 - Braskem (BOVESPA: BRKM5, BRKM3, 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 its Board of Directors expressed favorably to the proposal of cancelling all shares held in treasury. The proposal is subject to approval by the Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting to be held on December 22, 2008, as per the call notice filed yesterday.

On December 4, 2008, Braskem held 16,850,657 shares in treasury, composed of 6,251,744 common shares, 10,389,665 class A preferred shares and 209,248 class B preferred shares. This amount includes: (i) 10,099,500 class A preferred shares acquired under the Second Share Buyback Program, initiated in March 2008; (ii) 580,331 common shares and 290,165 class A preferred shares from the capital reduction of its subsidiary Braskem Participações S/A; (iii) 2,108,823 common shares and 209,048 class B preferred shares originated from the right to withdraw regarding the acquisition of the petrochemical assets of Ipiranga Group; and (iv) 3,562,590 common shares and 200 class B preferred shares from the right to withdraw regarding the merger of shares issued by Grust Holdings S/A.

With the approval of the cancellation of the shares held in treasury, there will be no change in Braskem's capital stock, which would be consisted of 507,540,997 shares, composed of 190,462,446 common shares, 316,484,733 class A preferred shares and 593,818 class B preferred shares.

Braskem, a world-class Brazilian petrochemical company, is the leader in the thermoplastic resins segment in Latin America and the third-largest petrochemical producer in the Americas. The company operates 19 industrial plants across Brazil and has annual production capacity of 11 million tons of chemical and petrochemical 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: December 18, 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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