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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 June, 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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BRASKEM ANNOUNCES INVESTMENTS OF MORE THAN R\$1.0 BILLION IN THE STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL

São Paulo, Brazil, June 5, 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 investments in the Southern Petrochemical Complex of more than R\$1.0 billion over the next three years, as well as the decision to produce green polyethylene in the state of Rio Grande do Sul.

The highlight of this new investment commitment is the decision to install the green polyethylene project at the Southern Complex, with estimated investments of R\$400 to R\$500 million. The project will be the first commercial-scale operation in the world to produce green polyethylene made from 100% renewable feedstock.

The green polyethylene project is expected to have annual production capacity of 200,000 tons and to generate annual revenue of approximately US\$400 million. The feedstock for the plant will be received through the Santa Clara Terminal, and the ethanol used will initially be acquired in the Southeast region of Brazil. The project will consume approximately 450 million liters of ethanol.

Once the project is formally approved by Braskem's Board of Directors, initial investments should begin by the year-end, with the unit's operational startup expected in 2010.

The potential demand for the green polyethylene already identified by Braskem is roughly three times higher than the capacity of the plant to be installed at the Southern Petrochemical Complex. The resin has applications in markets such as blow molding packaging for food and hygiene products, and injected molding packaging for home appliances, toy and automotive industries. Green ethylene is a highly valued niche, with clients willing to pay a premium of between 20% and 30% over traditional resin prices, with strong demand particularly from countries where environmental issues are more prominent, such as Europe, United States and Japan.

The investment program is aligned with Company's strategy of growth with value creation, with the aim of making Braskem one of the ten largest petrochemical companies in the world. In this context, Braskem has been investing to expand all of its industrial units also in the states of Alagoas and Bahia, and has just inaugurated a new polypropylene plant in Paulínia, in the state of São Paulo, with annual production capacity of 350,000 tons.

Braskem, a world-class Brazilian petrochemical company, is the leader in the thermoplastic resins industry in Latin America, and is the third-largest resins producer in the Americas. The company operates 19 manufacturing plants located throughout Brazil, and has annual production capacity of more than 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: June 05, 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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