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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 November, 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 S.A. C.N.P.J No. 42.150.391/0001 -70 - NIRE 29300006939 MINUTES OF THE 551st MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON NOVEMBER 04, 2008

On November 04, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., at the Company s offices located at Avenida das Nações Unidas, 4.777, in the City of São Paulo, State of São Paulo, CEP. 05477-000, the five hundred and fifty-first (551st) Meeting of the Board of Directors of BRASKEM S.A. was held with the presence of the undersigned Board Members. The Company s Chief Executive Officer Bernardo Gradin, Officers Mauricio Ferro and Carlos Fadigas, and Mr. Nelson Raso, Mr. Guilherme Furtado and Ms. Marcella Menezes Fagundes, were also present. The Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. Marcelo Odebrecht, presided the meeting, and Ms. Marcella Menezes Fagundes acted as secretary. AGENDA: I) Subjects for Deliberation: After proper analysis of the Proposals for Deliberation (PD), copies of which and related documents were previously submitted to the Board Members and will remain filed at the Company s headquarters, the following decisions were taken: 1) PD.CA/BAK 25/2008 Investment in Venezuela to set up an Integrated **Propane and Polypropylene Dehydrogenation Plant** (i) an investment in the amount of US\$30,000,000.00 was approved, under the terms and conditions set out in the respective PD; and (ii) the signing by the Executive Board of the documents and agreements necessary for the full implementation of the transactions under this deliberation was authorized; 2) PD.CA/BAK 26/2008 Change in the Executive Board approval of the election of Mr. Victor Manuel Martins Pais to exercise the remaining term of office of the Executive Board, which will end at the time of the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2010, whereupon the Executive Board will be composed as follows: Bernardo Afonso de Almeida Gradin; Carlos Jose Fadigas de Souza Filho; Alfredo Lisboa Ribeiro Tellechea; Luiz de Mendonça; Manoel Carnaúba Cortez; Mauricio Roberto de Carvalho Ferro; Roberto Prisco Paraíso Ramos; and Victor Manuel Martins Pais; and 3) PD.CA/BAK 27/2008 Increase in the total amount of **Investment for replacement of Electric Panels** the increase in the amount of investment for replacement of the electric panels of substations SE-11 and SE-31 of the Raw Material Center I (CEMAP I), of the Basic Inputs Unit (UNIB) was approved. II) Subjects for Acknowledgment: The responsible parties expounded on the subjects contained in this item of the agenda, namely: 1) the Company s Results for the 3rd quarter of 2008; 2) Strategic direction of the Company; 3) Updating of financial transactions; 4) Updating on the Alliance Contract until September 2008; and 5) Updating of corporate evolution of the Company. III) Subjects of Interest to the Company: Nothing to register. IV) Closing As there were no further subjects to be discussed, these minutes were drawn up, which, after read, discussed and found to be in order, are signed by all of the Board Members present at the meeting, by the Chairman and by the Secretary of the Meeting. São Paulo/SP, November 04, 2008. [Sgd.: Marcelo Bahia Odebrecht -Chairman; and Marcella Menezes Fagundes Secretary; Djalma Rodrigues de Souza Vice Chairman; Alvaro Fernandes da C. Filho; Álvaro Pereira Novis; Antonio Britto Filho; Edmundo José Correia Aires; Francisco Teixeira de Sá; Francisco Pais; José de Freitas Mascarenhas; José Mauro Mettrau C. da Cunha; and Newton Sergio de Souza.]

The above matches the original recorded in the proper book.

Marcella Menezes Fagundes Secretary

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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: November 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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