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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 May, 2006
(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.
POLIALDEN PETROQUÍMICA S.A.

RELEVANT FACT

BRASKEM S.A. (Braskem) and POLIALDEN PETROQUÍMICA S.A. (Polialden), in compliance with CVM Instructions No. 319/99 and 358/02, hereby notify their shareholders and the market of the following:

BACKGROUND

The transaction herein described is a part of Braskem's restructuring process, the steps of which have been widely disclosed to the market through relevant facts dated July 31, 2001, July 26, 2002, March 16, 2003, July 16, 2003, December 09, 2003 and March 08, 2004.

During this process, on August 16, 2002, Braskem was formed, followed by the following transactions, accomplished during 2003 and 2004: (i) the merger of OPP Quimica S.A., Nitrocarbono S.A., Economico S.A. Empreendimentos and Copene Monomeros Especiais S.A.; (ii) the acquisition of common shares held by minority shareholders of Trikem S.A. and Polialden, (iii) the migration of minority shareholders of Trikem to Braskem through public offer to acquire the common shares arising from an increase in ownership in Trikem, ending with the merger of Trikem into Braskem on January 15, 2004.

The creation of Braskem and the steps of the corporate restructuring completed through the present date are designed to attain synergies, consolidate competitive advantages and align the interests of shareholders of first and second generation petrochemical companies, creating the conditions for the emergence of a world-class Brazilian petrochemical company.

CURRENT PHASE OF THE RESTRUCTURING PROCESS

Continuing the above-mentioned restructuring process, the current phase consists of the merger of Polialden into Braskem, the purpose of which is described below, through which all holders of outstanding shares of Polialden will have the right to receive Braskem class A preferred shares in exchange for their outstanding shares of Polialden to be cancelled as a result of the above-mentioned merger or exercise the withdrawal right pursuant to the terms described below and in accordance with the Merger Protocol and Justification (Protocolo e Justificacao de Incorporacao), in compliance with the provisions of Law no. 6,404/76.

In this regard, and taking into account the purposes and objectives of the transaction, as presented in this Relevant Fact, the Boards of Directors of Braskem and Polialden approved unanimously, on May 15, 2006, the proposal to have Polialden merged into Braskem, and the convocation of Extraordinary General Shareholders Meetings of Braskem and Polialden, to be held on May 31, 2006, for purposes of deliberating on the merger. Furthermore, the transaction benefits from the favorable opinions of the Fiscal Councils of Braskem and Polialden, which met on May 12 and 15, respectively.

In order to enable the attribution of Braskem's class A preferred shares to Polialden's shareholders in exchange for their outstanding shares of Polialden to be cancelled as a result of the merger, and in order to respect the limit on the issuance of

non-voting shares or shares with restricted voting rights provided by paragraph 1, article 4 of Braskem's bylaws, will be subject of deliberation of Braskem's Extraordinary General Meeting, prior to deliberation related to the merger of Polialden, the conversion of up to 2,632,043 (two million, six hundred and thirty-two thousand and forty-three) class A preferred shares for up to 2,632,043 (two million, six hundred and thirty-two thousand and forty-three) common shares, in the proportion of 1 (one) class A preferred share to 1 (one) common share of holders of Braskem's class A preferred outstanding shares which, present at the Meeting, manifest interest in such manner, in proportion to the number of class A preferred shares owned in Braskem's total capital stock. If there are more class A preferred shares to be converted into common shares than the above-referenced limit, the additional class A preferred shares will be divided among the shareholders attending the Meeting that manifest interest in converting their shares, in the proportion of class A preferred shares converted by such shareholders or of the remaining preferred shares.

POLIALDEN MERGER PROCESS

The merger of Polialden into Braskem is consistent with Braskem's public commitment to offer all minority shareholders of its controlled companies the opportunity to migrate to the controlling company Braskem, thus having the statutory right to sell their interest jointly under the same conditions as Braskem's controlling shareholder in the event of a change in control of Braskem (100% tag along), and other advantages of shareholders of companies classified as a Level 1 corporation under the Corporate Governance Guidelines of the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange (Regulamento de Praticas de Governanca Corporativa da Bolsa de Valores do Estado de Sao Paulo-BOVESPA), in light of the fact that Braskem has complied with such guidelines since February 2003.

The merger will also bring advantages to the companies involved, including (i) alignment of interests of all shareholders; (ii) creation of value through attaining additional synergies; (iii) an increase in the number of outstanding shares in the market; (iv) simplification of the corporate structure, allowing the market and investors to have a better understanding of the same; and (v) providing better opportunities for the use of capital markets to fund the growth program.

Through this process, Polialden will merge into Braskem, and Polialden's shareholders' equity, the value of which will be determined pursuant to its book value, will be transferred to Braskem, which will be Polialden's legal successor pursuant to Brazilian Law No. 6,404/76, such process thus resulting in Polialden's lawful dissolution.

On the date of the Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meeting to deliberate on the merger transaction of Polialden into Braskem, Braskem will hold 263,690,328 (two hundred and sixty-three million, six hundred and ninety thousand and three hundred and twenty-eight) common shares and 147,213,718 (one hundred and forty-seven million, two hundred and thirteen thousand and seven hundred eighteen) preferred shares issued by Polialden, representing 100% of the voting capital stock and 63.68% of the total capital stock of Polialden, which will be extinguished after approval of the present merger transaction.

VALUATIONS AND BASE DATE

PricewaterhouseCoopers Auditores Independentes, a partnership (sociedade civil) located in the city of Sao Paulo, at Av. Francisco Matarazzo, no. 1,400, from the 7th to the 11th and from the 13th to the 20th floors, Torino Tower, registered with the CNPJ/MF under no. 61.562.112/0004 -73 and also registered with the Regional Accounting Council of the State of Bahia (Conselho Regional de Contabilidade do Estado da Bahia) under No. CRC 2SP000160/O-5 F BA

(PricewaterhouseCoopers Independent Auditors), the nomination and appointment of whom must be ratified by the General Shareholders Meetings of Braskem and Polialden, conducted a review of the shareholders equity of Braskem and Polialden based upon the figures contained in the Balance Sheets of both companies dated as of March 31, 2006 (Merger Base Date) for purposes of determining the accounting entries of Braskem and calculating the reimbursement value for Polialden s outstanding shares in the event that Polialden shareholders exercise their withdrawal rights resulting from this merger (Valuation Report of Book Value of Shareholders Equity).

According to the aforementioned appraisals, the book value of Polialden s shareholders equity to be transferred to Braskem is R\$ 289,940,899.44 (two hundred and eighty-nine million, nine hundred and forty thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine reais and forty-four centavos). The variations of shareholders equity in the period between the Merger Base Date and the effective date of the merger will be accounted for by Braskem.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Independent Auditors prepared, pursuant to applicable Brazilian accounting principles, an appraisal report based on the fair market value of the shareholders equity of Braskem and Polialden (Valuation Report of the Fair Market Value of Shareholders Equity), using the same criteria and the same date for both companies, in accordance with Article 264 of Brazilian Law No. 6,404/76 and the paragraphs thereof. The Valuation Report of the Fair Market Value of Shareholders Equity was based upon immobilized asset valuation reports prepared by the specialized company Stima Engenharia Ltda., registered before CREA-SP under no. 071.708 -8, headquartered at Avenida Fagundes Filho, nº 191, apartment 102, 10th floor, Sao Paulo SP, enrolled before the National Register of Legal Entities CNPJ under no. 06.932.665/0001 -10. This company was responsible for the appraisal of the fair market value of the immobilized assets of Braskem and of Polialden, using the same criteria and on the Merger Base Date, the indication, appointment and approval of which shall be ratified in the General Shareholders Meetings of Braskem and Polialden.

SHARE EXCHANGE RATIO FOR PURPOSES OF THE MERGER OF POLIALDEN INTO BRASKEM

For purposes of complying with article 264 of Brazilian Law No. 6,404/76 and providing a factor to be considered in determining the exchange ratio of Polialden s outstanding shares for Braskem s class A preferred outstanding shares, the shareholders equity of Polialden and Braskem were appraised pursuant to the same criteria, at fair market value, on the Merger Base Date, as described in the Valuation Report of the Fair Market Value of Shareholders Equity prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers Independent Auditors, based on the immobilized assets valuation performed by Stima Engenharia Ltda., as described in the table below.

In this context, based upon the Valuation Report of the Fair Market Value of Shareholders Equity and in an effort to encourage the migration of Polialden s shareholders to Braskem s shareholder base, the exchange ratio of Polialden s outstanding shares for Braskem s preferred class A outstanding shares in the current merger transaction will be of 33,62 Braskem shares for each Polialden s 1000 share lot, which corresponds to premium of 6,76% over the exchange ratio obtained based on the Valuation Report of the Fair Market Value of Shareholders Equity, according to the table below:

	BRASKEM	POLIALDEN
Current Number of Outstanding Shares	362,523,521	645,253,380
Fair Market Value of Shareholders Equity (in R\$)	8,202,482,686.96	459,721,902.03
Price per share based on Fair Market Value (in R\$)	22,626	0,713
Exchange Ratio at Fair Market Value	31,49	1,000

Book Value of SE (in R\$)	4,650,559,014.63	289,940,899.44
Price per share based on Book Value (in R\$)	12,828	0,449
Exchange Ratio of Polialden's Preferred Shares for Braskem's Class A Preferred Shares, for the current merger	33.62	1,000

REIMBURSEMENT VALUE FOR POLIALDEN SHARES IN CASE OF EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL

The reimbursement value of the shares held by Polialden shareholders who may eventually dissent from the merger transaction will be determined on the basis of an appraisal of the book value of Polialden's shareholders' equity, in accordance with the provisions of article 45 of Brazilian Law No. 6,404/76. Polialden dissenting shareholders shall have the right to exercise their right to reimbursement to those shares held in their names as of the time of publication of the notice of general shareholders meeting, in accordance with article 137 Section 1 of Brazilian Law No. 6,404/76.

The amount of reimbursement that the Polialden dissenting shareholders shall be authorized to receive is as set forth in the table below:

Book Value of POLIALDEN (in R\$):	Book Value per preferred share for reimbursement purposes (in R\$):
289,940,899.44	0.449

In accordance with article 137, paragraph 3 of Brazilian Law No. 6,404/76, if the management of Braskem believes that the payment of the reimbursement value of the shares of any dissenting Polialden shareholders will adversely affect the financial liquidity of Braskem, Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meetings of Braskem and Polialden will be immediately convened, in compliance with legal terms, in order to reanalyze the proposed merger transaction, and, if necessary, to unwind the transaction.

CAPITAL INCREASE AT BRASKEM

Due to the merger of Polialden into Braskem, in accordance with the Valuation Report of Polialden based on book value and in order to support a new issue of shares by Braskem, Braskem's capital stock will be increased by R\$105,303,526.94 (one hundred and five million, three hundred and three thousand, five hundred and twenty-six reais and ninety-four centavos), net of the interest that Braskem has in Polialden's capital stock, which will be cancelled.

The above-mentioned increase in Braskem's capital will be performed through the issue of 7,878,825 (seven million, eight hundred and seventy-eight thousand, eight hundred and twenty-five) class A preferred shares, all entitled to the rights and advantages contemplated in Braskem's bylaws and to be allocated to the shareholders of Polialden in exchange for their Polialden shares which will be cancelled, all of which will be carried out in accordance with the exchange ratio disclosed in this Relevant Fact, and holders of the shares issued as a result of this capital increase will be entitled to participate fully in the results of the current fiscal year.

Accordingly, upon the merger of Polialden into Braskem, and with prior conversion of Class A preferred shares into common shares, the capital stock of Braskem will be R\$3,508,271,820.78 (three billion, five hundred and eight million, two hundred and seventy-one thousand, eight hundred and twenty reais and seventy-eight centavos), divided into 123,492,142 (one hundred and twenty-three million, four hundred and ninety-two thousand, one hundred and forty two) common shares, 246,107,138 (two hundred and forty-six million, one hundred and seven thousand, one hundred and thirty-eight) class A preferred shares, and 803,066 (eight hundred and three thousand and sixty-six) class

B preferred shares, so that article 4 of the bylaws of Braskem will read as follows: *Article 4 - The capital stock is R\$3,508,271,820.78 (three billion, five hundred and eight million, two hundred and seventy-one thousand, eight hundred and twenty reais and seventy-eight centavos) divided into 370,402,346 (three hundred and seventy million, four hundred and two thousand and three hundred and forty-six) shares, being 123,492,142 (one hundred and twenty-three million, four hundred and ninety-two thousand, one hundred and forty two) common shares, 246,107,138 (two hundred and forty-six million, one hundred and seven thousand, one hundred and thirty-eight) class A preferred shares and 803,066 (eight hundred and three thousand and sixty-six) class B preferred shares .*

GENERAL CONDITIONS

PricewaterhouseCoopers Independent Auditors and Stima Engenharia Ltda. hereby declare that they do not have any relationship that would cause a conflict of interest, actual or potential, with the controlling shareholders of Braskem and any of the companies involved in the merger transaction, their respective controlling or minority shareholders or in connection with the merger subject of this Relevant Fact.

The 7,878,825 (seven million, eight hundred and seventy-eight thousand, eight hundred and twenty-five) new class A preferred shares to be issued by Braskem will be allocated on the date of the merger to the shareholders of Polialden, which currently hold 264,886,083 (two hundred and sixty-four million, eight hundred and eighty-six thousand and eighty-three) preferred shares, and (i) will be entitled to all of the rights contemplated in Braskem's bylaws in effect on that date; (ii) will be entitled to dividend payments under the same conditions as the respective classes of outstanding shares; and (iii) will be entitled to full dividends related to the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

This corporate restructuring will be communicated to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission - SEC and to the Latin American Stock Market at the Madrid Stock Exchange LATIBEX (Mercado de Valores Latinoamericanos da Bolsa de Valores de Madrid).

The estimated costs of the merger transaction described in this Relevant Fact are approximately of R\$2,500,000 (two million, five hundred thousand reais), including publication expenses and fees of auditors, appraisers, advisors and lawyers.

The Valuation Reports, Merger Protocol and Justification (Protocolo de Incorporacao e Justificacao), along with all other relevant documents, will be made available to the shareholders of Braskem and Polialden for examination as of May 16, 2006, from 09:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the address of their respective head offices, namely: (i) Braskem: Rua Eteno, 1561 -COPEC - Camacari - Bahia; and (ii) Polialden: Rua Hidrogenio, no. 3.520, COPEC - Camacari - Bahia. Copies of this material will be available at the Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission (Comissao de Valores Mobiliarios - CVM) and at the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange (Bolsa de Valores de Sao Paulo - BOVESPA) as of May 16, 2006. Shareholders of Braskem and Polialden who may wish to consult and examine the documents are required to schedule a date and time for a visit through the following telephone numbers: 55-11-3443-9529 and 55-11-3443-9178, with the Investors Relations

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Department. A summary of the information with respect to this transaction will be available at Braskem's website (www.braskem.com.br).

Sao Paulo, May 15, 2006

Braskem S.A.
Paul Elie Altit
Investor Relations Director

Polialden Petroquímica S.A.
Paul Elie Altit
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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: May 19, 2006

BRASKEM S.A.

By: /s/ Paul Elie Altit

Name: Paul Elie Altit
Title: Chief Financial Officer
