

BRAZILIAN DISTRIBUTION CO COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTR CBD

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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, 2007

Brazilian Distribution Company

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

Av. Brigadeiro Luiz Antonio,
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Brazil

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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**GRUPO PÃO DE AÇÚCAR ANNOUNCES MOVE
INTO THE WHOLESALE MARKET
(Cash & Carry)**

(São Paulo, November 2, 2007). In a strategic expansion move, Grupo Pão de Açúcar and the partners of Assai Comercial e Importadora Ltda. have announced the creation of a joint venture in which Grupo Pão de Açúcar will retain a controlling 60% stake. As a result, the Group will make its first entry into cash-and-carry segment, the so called "atacarejo" (wholesale + retail in Portuguese), one of the country's fastest-growing retail areas.

Assai is a cash-and-carry chain that has been in business for 33 years. It has a current workforce of 2,700 and owns 14 stores in the state of São Paulo – six in São Paulo city, two in Guarulhos and one each in Santos, Sorocaba, Jundiaí, Osasco, São Bernardo and Ribeirão Preto.

It has a **total sales area of more than 34,000 m²** and substantial sales per m² of R\$ 2,650 per month, more than double the Brazilian average for the retail food segment according to ABRAS, the Brazilian Supermarket Association.

Grupo Pão de Açúcar acquired 60% of the company. The total value of the business is equivalent to 30.0% of Assai's gross revenue in the last 12 months (approximately R\$1.15 billion).

Independently and autonomously, the new business will remain under the management of the original partners, whose long-standing experience, built up over 33 years, is the main factor that has made Assai one of the country's biggest and most important cash-and-carry chains.

The **stores will continue to operate under the Assai banner** and will maintain their primary strengths of low operating costs, competitive prices, attractive product mix and marketing.

The operational leverage resulting from the characteristics of the cash-and-carry business, based on low investment cost, high sales volume and low operating costs, will allow us to boost our return on invested capital, explained Enéas Pestana, Grupo Pão de Açúcar's CFO.

Cash-and-carry is Brazil's fastest-growing retail segment and Assai possesses a sustainable platform that will allow it to expand its operational base. As a result of this transaction, we will have the opportunity of converting other types of stores to this format, fueling the Group's growth even further, Pestana concluded.

According to the Shareholders' Agreement of the new association, the joint venture will have a seven-member Board of Directors, four of which nominated by Grupo Pão de Açúcar and three by the original partners. The new company's structure will allow the results to be fully consolidated in the Group's financial statements.

Thanks to this acquisition, Grupo Pão de Açúcar, which already operates with a variety of retail formats – supermarkets (Pão de Açúcar, Extra Perto, CompreBem and Sendas), hypermarkets (Extra), convenience stores (Extra Fácil) and a home appliance and consumer electronics chain (Extra Eletro), as well as e-commerce – has now entered the cash-and-carry segment (atacarejo), reinforcing its multiplatform position.

The transaction is subject to certain resolutive conditions and to the determination of values set forth in the instruments executed on the date hereof. In addition, the transaction should be submitted to the approval of competition defense system authorities and CBD's board members and shareholders, pursuant to the Company's Bylaws.

On November 5, Grupo Pão de Açúcar will host a conference call to discuss the details regarding the acquisition.

Conference Call - English | November 5, 2007

Simultaneous translation

Time: 11:00 a.m. - US-ET (NY) | 02:00 p.m. (Brasília Time)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

Date: November 02 , 2007

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