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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, 2007
(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 538TH BOARD MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2007

On the seventeenth day of the month of December in the year two thousand and seven, at 12:00 (midday), exceptionally at the Grand Mercure Hotel São Paulo Ibirapuera, located at Rua Joinville nº 515, São Paulo, São Paulo State, Zip Code 04.008 -011, the 538th (five hundred and thirty eighth) Board Meeting of **BRASKEM S.A.** was held, attended by the undersigned Board Members. Absent the Board Members Alvaro Pereira Novis, Luiz Fernando Cirne Lima and Patrick Horbach Fairon, as well as their respective alternates, being substituted respectively by Board Members Newton Sergio de Souza, Ruy Lemos Sampaio and Edmundo José Correia Aires, in compliance with the letters of representation forwarded previously, pursuant to the procedure set forth in the Company By-Laws. In attendance Managing Director José Carlos Grubisich and Directors Carlos Fadigas, Mauricio Ferro, Luis Felli and Luiz de Mendonça; Mr. Ismael Campos de Abreu, representing the Fiscal Council, as well as Messrs. Roberto Simões, José Augusto Cardoso Mendes, Marcelo Lyra, Manoel Carnaúba, Renato Monteiro, Nelson Raso and Ms. Ana Patrícia Soares Nogueira. The Chairman of the Board, Pedro Augusto Ribeiro Novis, chaired the meeting and Ms. Ana Patrícia Soares Nogueira served as Secretary. **ORDER OF THE DAY: I) Subject for deliberation:** The following decisions were adopted unanimously: **1) 2008-2014 BUSINESS PLAN** After presentations by the Managing Director and the other Directors in attendance and remarks made by the Board Members, the Company Business Plan for the 2008 - 2014 period was approved; **2) PROPOSALS FOR DELIBERATION (PD)** After due analysis of their respective contents and related documentation, the following PDs were approved, copies of which were forwarded previously to the Board Members for their information, and will remain on file at the head offices of the Company: **a) PD.CA/BAK-25/2007 Financing / Loans taken out by the Executive Board in 2008**, for the purposes of: (i) establishing for the 2008 financial year or until the Board Meeting that will decide on the new limits for 2009, the limit of R\$350,000,000.00 (three hundred and five million Reais) per transaction for the Executive Board to take out loans or financing in Brazil or abroad without prior authorization from the Board; and (ii) determining that loans or financing taken out during this period worth more than R\$ 50,000,000.00 (fifty million Reais) per transaction must be notified to the Board at the Meeting subsequent to the dates of the respective transactions; **b) PD.CA/BAK-26/2007 Issue of Debt Papers on the International Market**, in order to authorize: (i) the issue of debt papers on the international market under the terms and conditions described in the respective PD; (ii) incorporating an offshore company as a vehicle for issuing the papers, in compliance with the characteristics also described in the above-mentioned PD; and (iii) the Executive Board to sign the documents and contracts required for the faithful implementation of the transactions covered by this deliberation; **3) 2008 Calendars** the Calendars were approved for the regular Board Meetings and for forwarding the Monthly Oversight Reports of the Company Business Plan, as presented, which will be kept on file at the head offices of the Company, having been initialed by the Presiding Board of the Meeting. **II) Subject for Acknowledgment: 1) RESIGNATION OF BOARD MEMBER notification** of the resignation submitted by Mr. Patrick Horbach Fairon from the position of Company Board Member, as set forth in his letter of resignation dated December 17, 2007, which was received and filed at the head offices of the Company, whereby the convocation of an Extraordinary General Meeting is hereby **authorized** to elect a substitute for the resigning Board Member at a date and time to be defined in a timely manner by the Managing Director, through the publication of the

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respective Announcement of Convocation as set forth in Brazilian Law. On this occasion, the Board Members placed on record their thanks to the resigning Board Member for his dedication and contributions in the course of his term of office with the Company; **2) PRESENTATIONS** presentations were made and additional information was provided by the respective Directors and/or persons in charge of the matters encompassed by this item on the Agenda, namely: **a)** Preliminary Earnings of the Company and trend for 2007; **b)** Renewal of the Company Insurance Policy; **c)** Exercise of the right of preference by Braskem and the Companhia Alagoas Industrial (Cinal) to acquire the shares issued by Cetrel S.A. - Empresa de Proteção Ambiental; **d)** Merger of EDSP58 Participações S.A. into Copesul Companhia Petroquímica do Sul; **e)** Disposal of indirect ownership interest in Santeno Irrigações do Nordeste Ltda; **f)** Oversight of the Insurance Policy and Guarantee by the Finance and Investment Committee; and **g)** Analysis of the Business Plan and Institutional Affairs Program for 2008 of Braskem. **III) Subject of Interest to the Company:** Nothing to record. **IV) Adjournment** There being no further business, these Minutes were recorded and, having been read, discussed and found correct, they are signed by all the Board Members in attendance, as well as by the Chair and Secretary of the Meeting. São Paulo, São Paulo State, December 17, 2007. [Signed: Pedro Augusto Ribeiro Novis Chairman; Ana Patrícia Soares Nogueira Secretary; Alvaro Fernandes da Cunha Filho Vice-Chairman; Alvaro Pereira Novis (p/ Newton Sergio de Souza); Antonio Britto Filho; Francisco Teixeira de Sá; José de Freitas Mascarenhas; José Mauro Mettrau Carneiro da Cunha; José Lima de Andrade Neto; Luiz Fernando Cirne Lima (p/ Ruy Lemos Sampaio); Newton Sergio de Souza; Patrick Horbach Fairon (p/ Edmundo José Correia Aires)].

The above matches the original recorded on its own.

Ana Patrícia Soares Nogueira
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: December 20, 2007

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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