

BANK BRADESCO
Form 6-K
July 18, 2003

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of July, 2003

Commission File Number 1-15250

BANCO BRADESCO S.A.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

**Cidade de Deus, s/n, Vila Yara
06029-900 - Osasco - SP
Federative Republic of Brazil**
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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Osasco, São Paulo, Brazil, July 17th, 2003

To
Security and Exchange Commission
Office of International Corporate Finance
Division of Corporate Finance
Washington, DC

Re.: - Merger of Pevê-Finasa Participações e Prédios S.A. (Pevê-Finasa) and Pevê Prédios S.A. (Pevê Prédios) by Banco Mercantil de São Paulo S.A. (Mercantil)
- Merger of stocks of the Minority Stockholders of Mercantil by Banco Bradesco S.A. (Bradesco)

Gentlemen,

We hereby communicate the approval, by Central Bank of Brazil, on July 14, 2003, of the processes related to the Special Stockholders Meetings held on January 30 and March 31, 2003, regarding the merger of the companies Pevê-Finasa and Pevê Prédios by Mercantil, and the merger of stocks of the minority stockholders of Mercantil by Bradesco, respectively, as published in the Federal Official Gazette of July 16, 2003.

Consequently, the stocks issued by Bradesco, attributed to the minority stockholders of Mercantil, considering the merger of the companies Pevê-Finasa and Pevê Prédios, will be registered in their names in Bradesco on July 21, 2003, and will be fully entitled to the Dividends and/or Interest on Own Capital of the month of July/2003, to be paid on August 1, 2003.

We further communicate that the last trading day for the stocks of Mercantil, Pevê-Finasa and Pevê Prédios in the São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa) will be tomorrow, July 18, 2003.

Cordially,

Banco Bradesco S.A.
José Luiz Acar Pedro
Executive Vice President and
Investor Relations Director

SIGNATURE

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: July 18, 2003

BANCO BRADESCO S.A.

By: /s/ José Luiz Acar Pedro

José Luiz Acar Pedro
Executive Vice President and
Investor Relations Director

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