

BRASKEM SA
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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 April, 2009
(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 557TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD ON APRIL 14, 2009

On April 14, 2009, at 2:00 (two) p.m., at the Company's offices located at Avenida das Nações Unidas, 8.501, 24th floor, São Paulo/SP, CEP 05.425 -070, the 557th Meeting of the Board of Directors of **BRASKEM S.A.** was held with the presence of the undersigned Board Members. Board Members Álvaro Novis and Francisco Sá justified their absence, and the former was replaced by his alternate, Mr. Paulo Henyan Yue Cesena. The Chairman of the Fiscal Board, Mr. Ismael Campos de Abreu, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Bernardo Gradin, Officers Mauricio Ferro and Carlos Fadigas, as well as Messrs. Nelson Raso, Guilherme Furtado and Ms. Marcella Menezes Fagundes, were present at the meeting. Mr. Jaime Cardoso Danvila, representative of Banco Bradesco BBI S/A (Bradesco BBI), the institution responsible for preparing the economic and financial appraisal report that supported the exchange ratio established in the corporate transaction under analysis by this Board of Directors, was 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 sent to the Board Members as provided for in its Internal Regulations, and will remain duly filed at the Company's headquarters, the following decisions were unanimously taken: **1) PD.CA/BAK-03/2009 Merger of Petroquímica Triunfo S/A (Triunfo) into Braskem** after clarifications were provided and considering the appraiser's confirmation that the economic and financial appraisal report supporting the corporate transaction submitted for review of this Board of Directors complies with the legal rules applicable to the matter, notably the Corporation Law, and with the applicable regulations of the Brazilian Securities Commission - CVM, the favorable manifestation of this Board to the proposal for merger of Triunfo into the Company was **approved**, under the terms described in the respective **PD** and its exhibits, with the consequent capital increase and issue of new class A preferred shares, as well as the amendment of article 4 of the Company's Bylaws, whereupon the call notice is hereby **authorized** to be sent for the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on April 30, 2009, at such time to be defined and disclosed upon publication of the respective Call Notice pursuant to law, to resolve on this proposal; **2) PD.CA/BAK-04/2009 Change of the Company's Authorized Capital Limit** the favorable manifestation of this Board to the proposal for change of the Company's authorized capital limit was **approved**, subject to the terms and conditions of the respective **PD**, whereupon the call notice was authorized to be issued for the Extraordinary General Meeting that will resolve on this matter and on the consequent amendment of paragraph 1 of article 4 of the Company's Bylaws, which is to be held on the same date of the Meeting mentioned in item 1 above; **3) PD.CA/BAK-05/2009 Export Prepayment Transaction to be carried out between the Company and financial institutions** - the contracting of the export prepayment transaction was **approved**, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the respective **PD**; **4) PD.CA/BAK-06/2009 Permanent Support Committees of the Board of Directors of Braskem**, in compliance with the provisions in item f of article 26 of the Bylaws and with the Board Operating Regulations, the new composition of the Permanent Support Committees was **approved**, as described in the Exhibits of such **PD**; **II) Subjects for Acknowledgment:** Nothing to register. **III) Subjects of Interest to the Company:** Nothing to register. **IV) Adjournment-** 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, April 14, 2009. [Signatures: Marcelo Bahia Odebrecht Chairman and Marcella Menezes Fagundes Secretary; Djalma Rodrigues de Souza Vice Chairman; Álvaro Fernandes da C. Filho; Antonio Britto Filho; Edmundo José Correia Aires; Francisco Pais; José de Freitas Mascarenhas; José Mauro Mettrau C. da Cunha; Newton Sergio de Souza and Paulo Henyan Yue Cesena].

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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: April 14, 2009

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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