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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 April, 2008
(Commission File No. 1-14862)

BRASKEM S.A.

(Exact Name as Specified in its Charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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BRASKEM STARTS UP NEW POLYPROPYLENE PLANT IN PAULÍNIA

São Paulo, Brazil, April 25, 2008 – Braskem (BOVESPA: BRKM3, BRKM5 and BRKM6; NYSE: BAK; LATIBEX: XBRK), the leading company in the thermoplastic resin industry in Latin America and the third-largest resin producer in the Americas, announces the start up of its polypropylene production plant in the city of Paulínia, São Paulo state.

With the inauguration of this new industrial unit, which has annual production capacity of 350,000 tons, Braskem further strengthens its leadership position in the Latin American polypropylene market, increasing its annual production capacity in this product to 1.1 million tons.

The new plant, in which approximately R\$ 700 million were invested, combines global scale and the latest technology and is situated in Brazil's most important consumer market, making the project particularly competitive.

The project was built through a joint venture between Braskem and Petroquisa, with the companies holding interests of 60% and 40%, respectively. The plant is one of the assets included in the Investment Agreement between Braskem and Petrobras announced to the market on November 30, 2007, which will result in an increase in Braskem's interest in Petroquímica Paulínia from the current 60% to 100%. Through this agreement, Petrobras will become holder of 25% of Braskem total capital.

The Paulínia plant represents a milestone in the diversification process of feedstock used by Braskem. This plant will be the first industrial unit of the Company to use propylene from refinery gas as feedstock. The propylene will be supplied by two of Petrobras' refineries, the Paulínia Refinery ("REPLAN") and the Henrique Lage Refinery ("REVAP"), both located in São Paulo state.

"The project was concluded in record time and with competitive investment costs, portraying the excellent management capacity of our teams in terms of implementing greenfield projects", said Braskem CEO José Carlos Grubisich. "This growth strategy consolidates our leadership in the Latin American polypropylene market and our position as the third-largest resin producer in the Americas, and also represents an important step forward in our objective of becoming one of the ten largest petrochemical companies in the world", added Grubisich.

Braskem, a world-class Brazilian petrochemical company, is the leader in the thermoplastic resins industry in Latin America, and is the third-largest resins producer in the Americas. The company operates 19 manufacturing plants located throughout Brazil, and has an annual production capacity of more than 11 million tons of petrochemical and chemical products.

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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 25, 2008

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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