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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 August, 2006
(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.
Report of Independent Accountants
on Limited Reviews of the
Quarterly Information (ITR)
March 31, 2006

Report of Independent Auditors

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders
Braskem S.A.

- 1 We have carried out limited reviews of the accounting information included in the Quarterly Information (ITR) of Braskem S.A. for the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and 2005. This information is the responsibility of the Company's management. The limited reviews of the Quarterly Information (ITR) of the jointly-controlled entities Petroflex Indústria e Comércio S.A. as of March 31, 2006 and 2005 and Politeño Indústria e Comércio S.A. as of March 31, 2005, as well as the audits of the financial statements of these jointly-controlled entities as of December 31, 2005, which are recorded under the equity method, were conducted by other independent auditors. Our reviews, insofar as they relate to the amounts of these investments at March 31, 2006 and the results generated by them in the quarter then ended, of R\$ 57,063 thousand and loss of R\$ 1,001 thousand, respectively (March 31, 2005 - investments of R\$ 220,994 thousand and profit of R\$ 23,634 thousand, and at December 31, 2005 - investments of R\$ 223,783 thousand), are based solely on the reports of the other independent accountants.
- 2 Our reviews were carried out in accordance with specific standards established by the Institute of Independent Auditors of Brazil (IBRACON), in conjunction with the Federal Accounting Council (CFC), and mainly comprised: (a) inquiries of and discussions with management responsible for the accounting, financial and operating areas of the Company with regard to the main criteria adopted for the preparation of the quarterly information and (b) a review of the significant information and of the subsequent events which have, or could have, significant effects on the Company's financial position and operations.
- 3 Based on our limited reviews and on the reports of the other independent accountants on the limited reviews of the quarterly information, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the quarterly information referred to above in order that such information be stated in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil applicable to the preparation of quarterly information, consistent with the Brazilian Securities Commission (CVM) regulations.

- 4 The Quarterly Information (ITR) also includes accounting information for the quarter ended December 31, 2005. We audited such information at the time it was prepared, in connection with the audit of the financial statements as of and for the year then ended, on which we issued an unqualified opinion dated February 6, 2006, including emphasis paragraphs related to the matters mentioned below.
- 5 As described in Notes 17(c) and 20 to the Quarterly Information (ITR), Braskem S.A. and certain subsidiaries are parties to significant lawsuits which seek exemption from payment of social contribution on net income and a lawsuit regarding the validity of Clause 4 of the Collective Labor Agreement of the Union of the Employees of Petrochemical, Plastic Chemicals and Related Companies of the state of Bahia (SINDIQU MICA). Based on the opinion of its outside legal advisors and Company management, no material losses are expected from these disputes. Accordingly, the Quarterly Information (ITR) does not include any provisions to cover the possible effects of these lawsuits.
- 6 Based on the decision of the Federal Supreme Court (STF), the management of the former indirect subsidiary OPP Qu mica S.A., merged into Braskem S.A. in March 2003, recorded an Excise Tax (IPI) credit in the amount of R\$ 1,030,125 thousand in the results for the year ended December 31, 2002. Although the National Treasury has filed an appeal of certain aspects of this decision, as described in Note 9(i), management has concluded, based on the opinion of its legal advisors, that this appeal cannot significantly alter the receivable recorded by the subsidiary.
- 7 The Company belongs to a group of companies comprising the Braskem Group and carries out financial and commercial transactions, in significant amounts, with its subsidiaries and other Group companies, under the conditions described in Note 8 to the Quarterly Information (ITR).
- 8 As described in Note 1(b) to the Quarterly Information (ITR), the Company and some of its subsidiaries are involved in a business and corporate restructuring process, intended to give them a more adequate capital structure, greater profitability, competitiveness and economies of scale. The Company and some of its subsidiaries are being, and may continue to be, affected by economic and/or corporate changes resulting from this process, the outcome of which will determine how the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries will develop.

- 9 As described in Notes 11, 12, and 13 to the Quarterly Information (ITR), the Company and some of its subsidiaries recognized goodwill on the acquisition of investments based on the fair values of fixed assets and the expected future profitability of the investees. These goodwill balances are being amortized in accordance with the period of return defined in the independent valuation reports and the financial projections prepared by management. The maintenance of the goodwill balances and the current amortization criteria will depend upon the realization of the projected cash flows and income and expenses used by the valuers in determining the fair values, as well as the future profitability of the investees.
- 10 Our reviews were conducted for the purpose of issuing a report on the limited review of the Quarterly Information (ITR), referred to in the first paragraph, taken as a whole. The statement of cash flows, presented in the Quarterly Information (ITR) to provide supplementary information about the Company, is not a required part of the Quarterly Information (ITR). This information has been subjected to the review procedures described in paragraph 2 and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to this statement in order for it to be fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the quarterly information taken as a whole.

Salvador, April 28, 2006

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Braskem S.A.**Balance Sheets at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005**

In thousands of reais

Parent company

| Assets | 3/31/2006 | 12/31/2005 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1,230,979 | 1,461,090 |
| Marketable securities | 8,539 | 3,503 |
| Trade accounts receivable | 842,013 | 963,333 |
| Inventories | 1,341,643 | 1,250,072 |
| Taxes recoverable | 305,666 | 263,677 |
| Dividends and interest on capital | 13,830 | 43,979 |
| Insurance indemnifications | 14,642 | 15,141 |
| Securities receivable | 33,366 | 41,622 |
| Advances to suppliers | 49,635 | 37,255 |
| Other accounts receivable | 42,342 | 35,863 |
| | 3,882,655 | 4,115,535 |
| Long-term receivables | | |
| Marketable securities | 595,885 | 636,303 |
| Trade accounts receivable | 28,546 | 47,479 |
| Inventories | 53,345 | 71,817 |
| Taxes recoverable | 430,389 | 395,975 |
| Deferred income tax | 302,184 | 277,250 |
| Judicial deposits and compulsory loans | 80,979 | 34,899 |
| Related parties | 98,711 | 57,181 |
| Other accounts receivable | 21,232 | 22,328 |
| | 1,611,271 | 1,543,232 |
| Permanent assets | | |
| Investments | | |
| Associated companies | 24,157 | 25,761 |
| Subsidiaries and jointly-controlled entities | 2,007,978 | 2,024,713 |
| Other investments | 8,364 | 8,364 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 5,572,451 | 5,676,867 |
| Deferred charges | 1,251,358 | 1,513,469 |
| | 8,864,308 | 9,249,174 |

Total assets

14,358,234

14,907,941

Parent company

| Liabilities and shareholders equity | 3/31/2006 | 12/31/2005 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Suppliers | 2,492,342 | 2,529,824 |
| Loans and financing | 476,972 | 612,227 |
| Debentures | 36,581 | 9,295 |
| Salaries and social charges | 122,609 | 100,603 |
| Taxes, charges and contributions | 91,055 | 167,131 |
| Income tax and social contribution | 5,366 | 10,810 |
| Dividends and interest on capital payable | 290,994 | 290,953 |
| Advances from customers | 31,974 | 34,784 |
| Insurance premiums payable | 148 | 2,638 |
| Other accounts payable | 24,629 | 27,820 |
| | 3,572,670 | 3,786,085 |
| Long-term liabilities | | |
| Suppliers | 28,921 | 29,746 |
| Loans and financing | 3,098,188 | 3,331,415 |
| Debentures | 1,632,965 | 1,599,347 |
| Taxes, charges and contributions | 1,203,806 | 1,158,471 |
| Deferred taxes and contributions | 8,378 | 8,525 |
| Related parties | 3,164 | 3,372 |
| Provisions for loss on investments | 12,342 | 199,797 |
| Private pension plans | 58,554 | 58,554 |
| Other accounts payable | 64,182 | 59,873 |
| | 6,110,500 | 6,449,100 |
| Deferred income | | |
| Negative goodwill on the purchase of investments | 24,506 | 25,655 |
| Shareholders equity | | |
| Paid-up capital | 3,402,968 | 3,402,968 |
| Capital reserves | 404,198 | 396,821 |
| Treasury stock | (1,905) | (1,905) |
| Revenue reserves | 849,217 | 849,217 |
| Retained earnings | (3,920) | |
| | 4,650,558 | 4,647,101 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | 14,358,234 | 14,907,941 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial information.

Statements of Operations at March 31, 2006 and 2005
In thousands of reais

Parent company

| | 1/1/06 to 3/31/06 | 1/1/05 to 3/31/05 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| Gross Sales | | |
| Domestic market | 2,857,193 | 3,243,367 |
| Foreign market | 449,652 | 735,555 |
| Deductions from gross sales | (789,094) | (916,563) |
| Net sales revenues | 2,517,751 | 3,062,359 |
| Cost of sales and/or services rendered | (2,179,180) | (2,303,370) |
| Gross profit | 338,571 | 758,989 |
| Operating (expenses) income | | |
| Selling | (64,722) | (57,573) |
| General and administrative | (98,431) | (104,560) |
| Management fees | (1,336) | (2,183) |
| Financial | | |
| Financial income | (63,024) | 48,937 |
| Financial expenses | (2,457) | (287,069) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (86,891) | (101,575) |
| Other operating income | 146,352 | 9,367 |
| Other operating expenses | (55,134) | (3,143) |
| Equity accounting | | |
| Equity in the results | 68,448 | 19,897 |
| Amortization of (goodwill) negative goodwill, net | (39,406) | (37,933) |
| Exchange variation | 4,890 | (1,170) |
| Reversal of provision for losses of subsidiaries | 3,440 | 45,728 |
| Other | | (299) |
| Operating profit | 150,300 | 287,413 |
| Non-operating income (loss), net | 23 | (13,130) |
| Income before tax | 150,323 | 274,283 |
| Provision for income tax and social contribution | (14,435) | (46,467) |
| Deferred Income Tax | (16,141) | (20,985) |

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| Net income for the period | 119,747 | 206,831 |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial information.

Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005
In thousands of reais

| Assets | 3/31/2006 | 12/31/2005 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalent | 1,995,312 | 2,135,740 |
| Marketable securities | 223,349 | 145,794 |
| Trade accounts receivable | 1,517,254 | 1,493,312 |
| Inventories | 1,660,691 | 1,567,453 |
| Taxes recoverable | 365,163 | 324,868 |
| Deferred income tax and social contribution | 1,213 | 2,406 |
| Dividends and interest on capital receivable | 641 | |
| Insurance indemnifications | 14,642 | 15,141 |
| Advanced to suppliers | 71,067 | 40,038 |
| Prepaid expenses | 39,169 | 48,800 |
| Related parties | 345 | |
| Other accounts receivable | 51,157 | 44,333 |
| | 5,940,003 | 5,817,885 |
| Long-term receivables | | |
| Marketable securities | 522 | 325 |
| Trade accounts receivable | 34,959 | 49,676 |
| Inventories | 56,840 | 75,783 |
| Taxes recoverable | 602,369 | 559,423 |
| Deferred income tax | 313,780 | 292,600 |
| Judicial deposits and compulsory loans | 100,894 | 36,522 |
| Related parties | 63,292 | 40,560 |
| Other accounts receivable | 26,350 | 27,257 |
| | 1,199,006 | 1,082,146 |
| Permanent assets | | |
| Investments | | |
| Associated companies | 24,157 | 25,761 |
| Jointly-controlled entities | 6,206 | 6,206 |
| Other investments | 34,258 | 34,212 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 6,264,400 | 6,323,499 |
| Deferred charges | 2,139,449 | 2,301,042 |
| | 8,468,470 | 8,690,720 |
| Total assets | 15,607,479 | 15,590,751 |

| Liabilities and shareholders equity | 3/31/2006 | 12/31/2005 |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Suppliers | 2,501,276 | 2,580,173 |
| Loans and financing | 1,267,501 | 1,120,391 |
| Debêntures | 38,411 | 9,295 |
| Salaries and payroll charges | 141,488 | 135,961 |
| Taxes, charges and contributions | 111,726 | 192,169 |
| Income tax and social contribution | 41,564 | 19,002 |
| Dividends and interest on capital payable | 299,567 | 299,175 |
| Advances from customers | 34,264 | 42,027 |
| Related parties | 6,537 | 3,081 |
| Insurance premiums payable | 823 | 3,203 |
| Other accounts payable | 38,317 | 39,620 |
| | 4,481,474 | 4,444,097 |
| Long-term liabilities | | |
| Suppliers | 28,921 | 29,746 |
| Loans and financing | 3,090,571 | 3,261,594 |
| Debêntures | 1,665,156 | 1,599,347 |
| Taxes, charges and contributions | 1,400,694 | 1,324,358 |
| Deferred income tax | 10,280 | 10,445 |
| Related parties | 2,924 | 3,044 |
| Provision for loss on investments | 12,342 | 9,280 |
| Private pension plans | 63,030 | 65,116 |
| Other accounts payable | 84,534 | 98,785 |
| | 6,358,452 | 6,401,715 |
| Deferred income | | |
| Negative goodwill on the purchase of investments | 86,792 | 87,941 |
| Minority interests | 119,671 | 121,232 |
| Shareholders equity | | |
| Capital | 3,402,968 | 3,402,968 |
| Capital reserves | 403,641 | 396,264 |
| Treasury stock | (15,015) | (15,015) |
| Revenue reserves | 770,651 | 750,992 |
| Other | 557 | 557 |
| Retained earnings | (1,712) | |
| | 4,561,090 | 4,535,766 |

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|--|------------|------------|
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | 15,607,479 | 15,590,751 |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial information.

Consolidated Statements of Operations at March 31, 2006 and 2005
In thousands of reais

| | 1/1/06 to 3/31/06 | 1/1/05 to 3/31/05 |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | (Unaudited) |
| Gross Sales | | |
| Domestic market | 3,223,260 | 3,636,155 |
| Foreign market | 649,343 | 858,237 |
| Deductions from gross Sales | (874,448) | (1,052,048) |
| Net sales revenues | 2,998,155 | 3,442,344 |
| Cost of sales and/or services rendered | (2,536,020) | (2,538,911) |
| Gross profit | 462,135 | 903,433 |
| Operating (expenses) income | | |
| Selling | (74,601) | (70,653) |
| General and administrative | (116,226) | (118,111) |
| Management fees | (1,978) | (2,771) |
| Equity accounting | | |
| Equity in the results | 6,457 | 11,899 |
| Amortization of (goodwill) negative goodwill, net | (38,433) | (37,924) |
| Exchange variation | 148 | (5,635) |
| Provision for losses in subsidiaries | (3,029) | |
| Other | 11,243 | 151 |
| Depreciation and amortization | (82,504) | (98,846) |
| Financial expenses | (29,448) | (314,156) |
| Financial income | (55,289) | 57,745 |
| Other operating income, net | 95,122 | 6,001 |
| Operating profit | 173,597 | 331,133 |
| Non-operating income (loss), net | (1,390) | (12,616) |
| Income before income tax and social contribution | 172,207 | 318,517 |
| Provision for income tax and social contribution | (40,240) | (88,538) |
| Deferred income tax and social contribution | (11,006) | (21,051) |
| Income before minority interests | 120,961 | 208,928 |
| Minority interests | 994 | (3,246) |

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|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Net income for the period | 121,955 | 205,682 |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial information.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
at March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005
In thousands of reais**

1 Operations

(a) Braskem S.A. ("Braskem" or the "Company"), with headquarters at Camaçari - BA, and 13 production units located in the States of Alagoas, Bahia, São Paulo and Rio Grande do Sul, engages in the production of basic petrochemicals such as ethene, propene, benzene, and caprolactama, in addition to gasoline and LPG (cooking gas). The thermoplastic resin segment includes polyethine, polypropilene, PVC and Polyethilene Teraphtalate (PET). The Company also engages in the import and export of chemicals, petrochemicals, fuels, as well as the production and supply of utilities such as steam, water, compressed air and electric power to the companies in the Camaçari Petrochemical Complex in Bahia (Northeast Petrochemical Complex), and the rendering of services to those companies. The Company also invests in other companies, either as a partner or shareholder.

(b) Formation of Braskem

Since its inception on August 16, 2002, the Company has undergone a major corporate restructuring process, disclosed to the market through Relevant Event Notices. The main recent events can be summarized as follows:

- . The Extraordinary General Meeting held on March 31, 2005 approved the merger of the subsidiary Odequi into the Company, based on the book value of stockholders' equity at December 31, 2004, in the amount of R\$ 1,340,749, according to appraisal report issued by independent experts. The equity variations during the 1st quarter of 2005 were taken to the statement of income of Braskem, as equity in the earnings.
- . On April 25, 2005, the Company increased the capital of Braskem Incorporated Limited (Braskem Inc), current corporate name of CPN Incorporated Limited (CPN Inc) by US\$ 40.000 thousand (equal to R\$ 101,400), from US\$ 95 thousand to US\$ 40,095 thousand, with the issue of 40,000,000 quotas, by capital contribution in cash. This transaction generated: (i) goodwill of R\$ 6,579, fully amortized; and (ii) reversal of the provision for loss in the investee of the same amount.
- . At a meeting held on June 22, 2005, the Boards of Directors of the Company and Petroquisa approved capital expenditures of US\$ 240 million to build a plant for the production of polypropilene at Paulínia, São Paulo. The investment will be made by the joint venture formed at the time of the organization of Petroquímica Paulínia S.A. (Petroquímica Paulínia), on September 16, 2005.

. On April 29, 2005, as disclosed in a Relevant Event notice, Odebrecht S.A. (Odebrecht), Nordeste Química S.A. (NORQUISA), ODBPAR Investimentos S.A. (ODBPAR) and Petroquisa executed the Second Amendment to Braskem Shareholders Agreement, with the Company and Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. (Petrobras), as intervening parties. Under this amendment, Petroquisa was granted an option to increase its share in the voting capital of the Company by up to 30%, through the subscription of new shares in the following companies: (i) petrochemical companies located in the Petrochemical Complex at Triunfo, state of Rio Grande do Sul, and (ii) other petrochemical companies considered by the Company as strategic. The process was completed on March 31, 2006 when, in the absence of agreement on the terms and conditions, Petroquisa chose not to exercise the option to increase its percentage holding in the Company's voting capital. Accordingly, Petroquisa's interests remains at 10.02% and 8.45% of the voting and total capital of the Company, respectively.

. On October 18, 2005, the Company sold to Braskem Distribuidora Ltda. (Braskem Distribuidora) 900,000 shares in Braskem Cayman Limited (Cayman), representing 100% of its capital, for R\$ 174,696, with no goodwill.

. On November 30, 2005, the Company increased the capital of Braskem Distribuidora from R\$ 3,542 to R\$ 316,490, by the subscription of credits held by the Company with the subsidiary, in the amount of R\$ 312,948. The Company recorded goodwill of R\$ 223,467 on this transaction, fully amortized.

The Company and its subsidiaries, as participants in the corporate restructuring process, may be affected by economic and/or corporate aspects as a result of the outcome of this process.

(c) Administrative Council for Economic Defense - CADE

On September 14, 2005, CADE approved by unanimous vote, with no restrictions, the change in control of the Company, which in 2002 had given rise to a notice of potential economic concentration.

(d) Corporate governance

Braskem is enrolled in Level 1 of Differentiated Corporate Governance of the Bovespa, which mainly commits the Company to improvements in providing information to the market and in the dispersion of shareholdings. The Company intends to reach Level 2 of Bovespa's Governance in due time.

(e) Reverse split of shares and split of American Depositary Shares ("ADS")

In order to facilitate trading and increase the liquidity of the Company's shares, the Extraordinary General Meeting, held on March 31, 2005, approved the reverse split of shares, of all types and classes, in the proportion of 250 shares to each share. As a result, the ADS split was also approved, in the proportion of 2 ADS for each existing ADS.

Shareholders were given a 30-day period, as from April 5, 2005, to adjust their positions. After this date, the remaining share fractions were rounded and auctioned on the São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa). The auction proceeds were transferred to the shareholders on a pro rata basis, through current account deposits.

2 Presentation of the Financial Statements

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with the accounting practices adopted in Brazil and also in compliance with the standards and procedures determined by the Brazilian Securities Commission (CVM).

To improve the presentation and comparability of the Company financial statements, the following reclassifications were made:

parent company in compliance with Instituto Brasileiro dos Auditores Independentes - IBRACON (Brazilian Institute of Independent Auditors) Technical Interpretation 01/2006, the balance of maintenance shutdowns, amounting to R\$ 356,121 at December 31, 2005, was reclassified from deferred charges to property, plant and equipment. Additionally, to improve the Company accounting practices, the balance of the catalysts account of R\$ 41,412 at December 31, 2005 was reclassified from deferred charges to property, plant and equipment.

These catalysts are used by the basic petrochemicals unit for periods varying from 5 to 10 years.

consolidated the consolidated statement of income for the quarter ended March 31, 2005 was adjusted to include the proportional merger of Petroflex Indústria e Comércio S.A. (Petroflex) and exclude the proportional merger of Companhia de Desenvolvimento Rio Verde (CODEVERDE).

3 Significant Accounting Practices

(a) Use of estimates

In the preparation of the financial statements, it is necessary to use estimates to record certain assets, liabilities and transactions. The financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries include, therefore, various estimates regarding the selection of the useful lives of property, plant and equipment, deferred charges amortization periods, as well as provisions required for contingencies, income tax and other similar amounts.

(b) Determination of net income

Net income is determined on the accrual basis of accounting.

Sales revenues are recognized when the risk and product title are transferred to customers. This transfer occurs when the product is delivered to customers or carriers, depending on the type of sales.

The provisions for income tax and Value-Added Tax on Sales and Services (ICMS) are recorded gross of the tax incentive portions, with the amounts related to tax exemption and reduction recorded in capital reserve.

In accordance with the requirements of CVM Deliberation 273 and Instruction 371, the deferred income tax is stated at probable realizable value, expected to occur as described in Note 17 (b).

Monetary and foreign exchange variations on assets and liabilities are classified in Financial income and Financial expenses, respectively.

The Company has recognized in financial results for the year the market value of derivative contracts relating to liabilities indexed to foreign currency or international interest rates. At March 31, 2006, the Company had one outstanding contract tied to foreign currency financing, the market value of which is zero (March 31, 2005 - R\$ 6,315 negative). This accounting practice does not apply to the swap contract mentioned in Note 14(d) in view of its specific characteristics, as explained in that Note.

Earnings per share are calculated based on the number of outstanding shares on the balance sheet date.

(c) Current assets and long-term receivables

Cash and cash equivalents comprise primarily demand deposits and marketable securities or investments maturing within 90 days (Note 4).

Marketable securities are valued at the lower of cost or market, including accrued income earned to the balance sheet date. Derivative instruments are valued at their estimated fair values, based on market quotations for similar instruments in relation to future exchange and interest rates.

The allowance for doubtful accounts is set up at an amount considered sufficient to cover estimated losses on the realization of the receivables, taking into account the Company's loss experience, and includes amounts in litigation. To determine the amount of doubtful accounts the Company analyzes, on a monthly basis, the amounts and characteristics of trade accounts receivable.

Inventories are stated at average purchase or production cost, which is lower than replacement cost or realization value. Imports in transit are stated at the accumulated cost of each import. Inventories of maintenance materials are classified in current assets or long-term receivables, considering their history of consumption.

Deferred income tax is recognized when its realization is probable. Periodically, the amounts recorded are reassessed in accordance with CVM Deliberation 273/98 and CVM Instruction 371/02.

Judicial deposits are stated net of the related contingent liabilities.

Other assets are shown at realizable values, including, where applicable, accrued income and monetary variations, or at cost in the case of prepaid expenses.

(d) Permanent assets

These assets are stated at cost plus restatements for inflation through December 31, 1995 considering the following:

investments in subsidiaries, jointly-controlled entities, joint ventures and associated companies are accounted for on the equity method, plus unamortized goodwill/negative goodwill. Goodwill is calculated as the difference between the amount paid and the book value of net assets acquired. Goodwill is based on the expected future profitability of the investees and appreciation of the assets, and is amortized over a period of up to 10 years. Goodwill in merged companies is transferred to property, plant and equipment and deferred charges, when based on asset appreciation and future profitability of the investees, respectively. Other investments are carried at the cost of acquisition;

interests in foreign subsidiaries are valued under the equity accounting method and foreign exchange variances on equity are recorded in a separate account under operating profits. Balance sheet and income statement accounts are converted into Brazilian currency at the exchange rates ruling as of the financial statement date, according to CVM Deliberation 28/86;

property, plant and equipment is shown at acquisition or construction cost and, as from 1997, includes capitalized interest incurred on borrowings specifically obtained to finance projects. This capitalization ceases when the projects begin their operations;

depreciation of property, plant and equipment is recorded on the straight-line basis at the rates mentioned in Note 12;

amortization of deferred charges is recorded over a period of up to ten years, as from the time benefits begin to accrue;

as from January 2006, in accordance with IBRACON (Brazilian Institute of Independent Auditors) Technical Interpretation 01/2006, the Company records all programmed maintenance shutdown expenses in property, plant and equipment, as Machinery, equipment and facilities . Such expenses occur at scheduled intervals from one to six years and are depreciated to production cost until the beginning of the next maintenance shutdown.

(e) Current and long-term liabilities

These are stated at known or estimated amounts, including accrued charges and monetary and exchange adjustments, as applicable.

The provision for loss of subsidiaries is recorded based on the net capital deficiencies (excess of liabilities over assets) of these companies, and is recorded as a long-term liability against the equity results.

Defined-benefit pension plans are accounted for based on the calculations made by independent actuaries, which in turn are based on assumptions provided by the Company.

The provisions are recorded based on (i) current legislation (even when management believes that this legislation may be considered unconstitutional); (ii) the need to eliminate contingent gains upon credit offsetting resulting from litigation; and (iii) estimated payments of indemnities considered probable.

(f) Deferred income

Deferred income includes negative goodwill of merged companies, supported by the expected future profitability.

(g) Consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with the consolidation principles set forth in the Brazilian corporate law and supplementary provisions of CVM and include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and jointly-controlled entities, joint ventures and Special -purpose Companies (EPEs) in which the Company has direct or indirect share control, as shown below:

| | Head office (country) | Interest in total capital - % | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Mar 2006 | Dec 2005 |
| Subsidiaries | | | |
| Braskem Incorporated Ltd. (Braskem Inc.) | Cayman Islands | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Braskem International Ltd. ("Braskem International") | (i) Bahamas | | 100.00 |
| Braskem Participações S.A. (Braskem Participações) | Brazil | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Braskem Distribuidora | Brazil | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Companhia Alagoas Industrial (CINAL) | Brazil | 86.82 | 86.82 |
| CPP - Companhia Petroquímica Paulista ("CPP") | Brazil | 79.70 | 79.70 |
| Polialden Petroquímica S.A. (Polialden) | Brazil | 63.68 | 63.68 |
| Tegal Terminal de Gases Ltda. ("Tegal") | Brazil | 90.79 | 90.79 |
| Jointly-controlled entities | | | |
| CETREL S.A. - Empresa de Proteção Ambiental ("CETREL") | (ii) Brazil | 48.02 | 48.02 |
| Companhia Petroquímica do Sul (COPEL) | Brazil | 29.46 | 29.46 |
| Politeno Indústria e Comércio S.A. ("Politeno") | Brazil | 33.96 | 33.96 |
| Petroflex | Brazil | 20.12 | 20.12 |
| Petroquímica Paulínia | (iii) Brazil | 60.00 | 93.75 |
| Special-purpose entities | | | |
| Chemical Fundo de Investimento em Direitos Creditórios (Fundo Chemical) | (iv) Brazil | 11.10 | 11.58 |
| Chemical Fundo de Investimento em Direitos Creditórios (Fundo Chemical II) | (v) Brazil | 9.54 | 9.09 |
| Fundo Parin | Guernsey | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Sol-Fundo de Aplicação em Cotas de Fundos de Investimento (FIQ Sol) | Brazil | 100.00 | 100.00 |

| | Head office (country) | Interest in total capital - % | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Mar 2006 | Dec 2005 |
| Direct subsidiary of Polialden | | | |
| Polialden America Inc. ("Polialden America") | USA | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Direct subsidiary of Braskem Participações | | | |
| Investimentos Petroquímicos Ltda. ("IPL") | Brazil | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Direct subsidiary of Copesul | | | |
| COPEL International Trading Inc. | Bahamas | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Direct subsidiary of IPL | | | |
| Braskem Importação e Exportação Ltda. (Braskem Importação) | Brazil | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Direct subsidiary of Braskem Distribuidora | | | |
| Cayman | Cayman Islands | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Direct subsidiaries of Cayman | | | |
| Overseas | Cayman Islands | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Lantana | Bahamas | 100.00 | 100.00 |

- (i) Subsidiary wound up on March 30, 2006.
- (ii) Investments consolidated on a pro rata basis, pursuant to CVM Instruction 247/96.
- (iii) Jointly-controlled subsidiary as a result of shareholders' agreement provisions.
- (iv) Investments consolidated in accordance with CVM Instruction 408/04.
- (v) Interest corresponding to subordinated quotas held by Braskem.

In the consolidated financial statements, the intercompany investments and the equity in results, as well as the intercompany assets, liabilities, income, expenses and unrealized gains arising from transactions between consolidated companies, were eliminated.

Minority interest in the equity and in the results of subsidiaries has been segregated in the consolidated balance sheets and statements of operations, respectively. Minority interest corresponds to the respective participations in CINAL, CPP, Polialden and Tegal.

Goodwill not eliminated on consolidation is reclassified to a specific account in permanent assets, in accordance with CVM Instruction 247/96. Negative goodwill is reclassified to "Deferred income".

For a better presentation of the consolidated financial statements, the cross-holding between the subsidiary Braskem Participações and the Company, which arose from the corporate restructuring, was reclassified to treasury shares. The subsidiary Braskem Participações holds 580,331 common and 290,165 preferred Class A shares, representing 0.24% of the Company's total capital.

Pursuant to paragraph 1, article 23 of CVM Normative Instruction 247/96, the Company no longer consolidates on a pro rata basis the financial statements of the jointly-controlled subsidiary CODEVERDE. This subsidiary is in pre-operating stage. Its information does not show significant changes and does not lead to distortions in the Company consolidated financial statements.

The reconciliation between the parent company and consolidated shareholders equity and the net income is as follows:

| | Shareholders equity | | Net income for the period | |
|---|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------|---------|
| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 | Mar/06 | Mar/05 |
| Parent company | 4,650,558 | 4,647,101 | 119,747 | 206,831 |
| Cross holding classified as treasury shares | (13,110) | (13,110) | | |
| Exclusion of profits in subsidiary s inventories | (5,020) | (5,188) | 168 | (2,179) |
| Exclusion of the gain on the sale of investment between related parties | (38,476) | (38,476) | | |
| Exclusion of the gain on financial transactions between related parties | (13,034) | (14,044) | 1,010 | |
| Reversal of amortization of goodwill on the sale of investments between related parties | 15,114 | 14,085 | 1,030 | 1,030 |
| Exclusion of the gain on the assignment of right of use between related parties | (34,942) | (54,602) | | |
| Consolidated | 4,561,090 | 4,535,766 | 121,955 | 205,682 |

(h) Supplementary information

In order to improve information provided to the market, the Company presents its Statements of Cash Flow as supplementary information.

4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash and banks | 53,359 | 110,759 |
| Financial investments | | |
| Domestic | 611,144 | 641,285 |
| Abroad | 566,476 | 709,046 |
| | 1,230,979 | 1,461,090 |

The domestic investments are mainly represented by quotas of a Braskem exclusive fund, which, in turn, holds quotas of domestic investment funds, such as fixed income investment funds, multiportfolio funds, quotas in credit rights investment funds, and other fixed-income securities. Foreign investments mainly comprise an investment funds portfolio, regularly reassessed for risk by the Company. The fund amounts are highly liquid (up to 90 days) and are recorded at realizable values.

The Company maintains cash and cash equivalents sufficient to cover: (i) its working capital needs; (ii) investments anticipated in the business plan; and (iii) adverse conditions that may reduce the available funds.

Such funds are allocated in order to: (i) seek a return compatible with the maximum volatility determined by the investment and risk policy; (ii) provide a broad spread of the consolidated portfolio; (iii) avoid the credit risk arising from the concentration in a few securities; and (iv) follow the market interest rate changes both in Brazil and abroad.

5 Marketable Securities

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Current assets | | |
| Derivative transactions | | 3,466 |
| Investment and other funds | 8,539 | 37 |
| | 8,539 | 3,503 |
| Long-term receivables | | |
| Investment funds | 511,600 | 551,235 |
| Debentures with share in profit | 6,826 | 7,305 |
| Subordinated quotas of investment fund - redit rights | 67,275 | 66,791 |
| FINOR and other securities | 10,184 | 10,972 |
| | 595,885 | 636,303 |
| Total | 604,424 | 639,806 |

Investment funds comprise a portfolio of foreign investment funds, the risk of which is regularly reassessed by the Company. These funds are recorded at realizable value.

6 Trade Accounts Receivable

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Customers | | |
| Domestic market | 590,093 | 602,783 |
| Foreign market | 363,114 | 480,974 |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (82,648) | (72,945) |
| | 870,559 | 1,010,812 |
| Long-term receivables | (28,546) | (47,479) |
| Current assets | 842,013 | 963,333 |

The Company has introduced an additional policy for realizing domestic trade accounts, by selling its receivables to investment funds with credit rights (Fundos Chemical and Chemical II - Note 3(g)), which pay the Company earlier than the normal maturity of these customer receivables.

Changes in the allowance for doubtful accounts are as follows:

| | Mar/06 | Mar/05 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| At the beginning of the period | 72,945 | 46,201 |
| Additions classified as selling expenses | 12,421 | 9,878 |
| Recovery of credits | (2,718) | |
| Exchange variation | | 98 |
| | | |
| At the end of the period | 82,648 | 56,177 |

7 Inventories

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Finished products | 784,658 | 673,609 |
| Work-in-process | 38,476 | 43,704 |
| Raw materials, production inputs and packaging | 226,026 | 265,614 |
| Maintenance materials (*) | 312,295 | 303,749 |
| Advances to suppliers | 40,654 | 43,715 |
| Imports in transit and others | 8,520 | 8,430 |
| Provision for adjustment to realization value | (15,641) | (16,932) |
| | | |
| Total | 1,394,988 | 1,321,889 |
| Long-term receivables (*) | (53,345) | (71,817) |
| | | |
| Current assets | 1,341,643 | 1,250,072 |

(*) Based on its turnover, part of the maintenance materials inventory was reclassified to long-term.

Advances to suppliers and expenditures for imports in transit mainly relate to the acquisition of petrochemical naphtha, which is the main raw material of the Company.

8 Related parties

| | | | | | | Balances |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| | Current assets | Long-term receivables | Current liabilities | | | Long-term liabilities |
| | Trade accounts receivable | Related parties | Suppliers | Suppliers | Debentures | Related Parties |
| Subsidiaries | | | | | | |
| Braskem Distribuidora | | 22 | | | | |
| Braskem Importação | | | | | | 1,246 |
| Braskem Participações Cayman | 10,687 | 50 | | | | 1,046 |
| CINAL | | | 2,603 | | | |
| CPP (i) | | 13 | | | | |
| IPL | | | | | | 10 |
| Lantana | 16,677 | | | | | |
| Polialden | 4,412 | | 1,299 | | | |
| Tegal (i) | | 2,420 | 1,549 | | | 862 |
| Jointly-controlled entities | | | | | | |
| CETREL (i) | 53 | 39 | 110 | | | |
| Copesul | 602 | | 618,620 | | | |
| Petroflex | 53 | | | | | |
| Petroquímica Paulínia (11 (c)) | | 58,240 | | | | |
| Politeno | 32,711 | | | | | |
| Associated company | | | | | | |
| Borealis | 1,962 | | | | | |
| Related parties | | | | | | |
| ODBPARG Investimentos S.A. ("ODBPARG") (ii) | | | | | 1,032,965 | |
| Construtora Norberto Odebrecht ("CNO") | | | 6,957 | | | |
| Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. ("Petrobras") | | 36,227 | 492,871 | 21,172 | | |
| Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. | | | 7,842 | 1,589 | | |
| Other | | 1,700 | | | | |
| At March 31, 2006 | 67,157 | 98,711 | 1,131,851 | 22,761 | 1,032,965 | 3,164 |
| At December 31, 2005 | 156,987 | 57,181 | 604,176 | 23,110 | 999,347 | 3,372 |

- (i) Amounts stated under Related parties , in long-term receivables, refer to advances for future capital increase.
- (ii) Debentures issued by Braskem (Note 15).

Related Parties (continued)

| | | | Transactions | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Product sales | Raw materials, services & utilities purchases | Financial income | Financial expenses |
| Subsidiaries | | | | |
| Braskem Distribuidora | | | 1 | |
| Braskem Importação | | | | 49 |
| Braskem Participações Cayman | 9,977 | | 1 | 43 |
| CINAL | | 8,299 | | |
| Lantana | 35,509 | | | |
| Polialden | 65,211 | 8,110 | | 7,255 |
| Tegal | | 4,575 | 5 | 11 |
| Jointly-controlled entities | | | | |
| CETREL | 474 | 6,540 | | |
| Copesul | 1,079 | 648,308 | | |
| Petroflex | 100,855 | | | |
| Politeno | 252,501 | | | |
| Associated company | | | | |
| Borealis | 28,991 | | | |
| Related parties | | | | |
| ODBP | | | | 33,617 |
| CNO | | 19,844 | | |
| Petrobras | | 1,212,721 | 948 | |
| Petrobras Distribuidora | | 47,963 | | |
| Other | | | 56 | |
| At March 31, 2006 | 494,597 | 1,956,360 | 1,011 | 40,975 |
| At March 31, 2005 | 886,893 | 1,691,604 | 13,258 | 12,363 |

Trade accounts receivable and Suppliers mainly include the balances resulting from transactions with related parties, arising from the following sales and purchases of goods and services:

Sales of Braskem:

| Company | Products/inputs |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Borealis / Cayman / Lantana | Thermoplastic resins |
| Polialden / Politeno | Ethylene and utilities |
| Petroflex | Butadiene |

Purchases of Braskem:

| Company | Products/inputs/services |
|-------------------------|--|
| CINAL | Utilities, treatment and incineration of waste |
| Copesul | Ethylene, propane and utilities |
| Petrobras | Naphtha |
| Petrobras Distribuidora | Fuel |
| Polialden | Thermoplastic resins |
| CNO | Construction and maintenance services |
| Tegal | Gas storage services |

Transactions with related parties are carried out at normal market prices and conditions, considering (i) for the sale of ethylene, the process that shares the margin with the second generation companies, and (ii) for the purchase of naphtha supplied by Petrobras, prices charged on the European market. During the first quarter of 2006, the Company also imported naphtha at a volume equal to 21% of its consumption (not reviewed by independent accountants).

The related parties balance includes current account balances, mainly as follows:

| Participating companies | Annual financial charges | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Subsidiaries | | | |
| Long-term liabilities | | | |
| Braskem Importação | 100% of CDI | 1,246 | 1,207 |
| Braskem Participações | 100% of CDI | 1,046 | 1,137 |
| Tegal | 100% of CDI | 862 | 1,017 |

The current accounts are used by the Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries to centralize available cash in a central pool for settlement of their obligations. Financial charges on remittances and balances of the pool of funds are agreed upon by the account holders, considering the costs of funds charged to the individual participants by financial institutions, so that such charges are paid/transferred to the Company.

9 Taxes Recoverable

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Excise tax (IPI) | 64,407 | 65,102 |
| Value-added Tax on Sales and Services (ICMS) | 439,550 | 412,865 |
| Social Integration Program (PIS) and Social Contribution on Revenues (Cofins) (standard operations) | 64,548 | 27,303 |
| Import duty | 41,943 | 17,962 |
| PIS Decree-laws 2,445 and 2,449/88 | 50,896 | 50,896 |
| Income tax and social contribution | 21,406 | 38,666 |
| Income Tax on Net Income (ILL) | 12,675 | 12,675 |
| Finsocial | 14,221 | 14,221 |
| Other | 26,409 | 19,962 |
| | 736,055 | 659,652 |
| Current assets | (305,666) | (263,677) |
| Long-term receivables | 430,389 | 395,975 |

IPI

In the 1st quarter of 2005, the Company concluded the offset of the amount of IPI tax credit from acquisition of raw materials and inputs that are exempt from IPI, not subject to IPI taxation or taxed at a zero rate, related to transactions involving the establishments of the merged company OPP Química S.A. (OPP Química), located in the State of Rio Grande do Sul. This credit arose from a claim lodged in July 2000, when OPP Química filed a lawsuit for full applicability of the non-cumulative principle for this tax to the establishments mentioned.

On December 19, 2002, the Federal Supreme Court (STF), based on past determinations of its Full Bench with respect to the matter, judged an extraordinary appeal lodged by the National Treasury and confirmed the decision of the Regional Federal Court (TRF), 4th Circuit, recognizing the entitlement to an IPI tax credit from said acquisitions during a 10-year period prior to the filing date, plus monetary restatement and accrual of interest at the SELIC benchmark rate until actual use of these credits.

The STF determination was challenged by the National Treasury via special appeal, which is pending judgment by the Second Panel of the STF. In this special appeal, the National Treasury is no longer challenging the Company's entitlement to the IPI tax credit itself, but rather alleging some inaccuracies in the court determination as to non-taxed inputs and raw materials, the restatement of tax credits, and the respective calculation rate.

According to the opinion of the Company's legal advisors, however, all these aspects have already been settled in the STF and TRF decisions favorably to OPP Química, or even in the STF full-bench precedents. For this reason, the special appeal referred to above poses no risk of changes in OPP Química's entitlement to the tax credit, even though the STF itself is revisiting this matter in a similar lawsuit involving another taxpayer (this judgment is currently on hold).

In December 2002, OPP Química booked the related tax credit of R\$ 1,030,125, which was offset by the Company with IPI itself and other federal tax debts. Similar lawsuits have also been filed by the Company's branches located in the States of São Paulo, Bahia and Alagoas (Note 16(ii)).

ICMS

Braskem has accumulated ICMS credits, basically on account of the high export volumes and product sales with tax deferral. Company management is taking steps to maximize the use of these credits, and no losses are expected at present. Considering management projections with respect to the realization of such credits, R\$ 247,669 was classified in long-term receivables at March 31, 2006 (R\$ 221,819 at December 31, 2005).

10 Judicial Deposits and Compulsory Loan Long-term Receivables

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Judicial deposits | | |
| Tax contingencies (i) | 59,370 | 13,325 |
| Other | 9,511 | 9,476 |
| Compulsory loan | | |
| Eletrobrás | 12,098 | 12,098 |
| | 80,979 | 34,899 |

(i) Refers to deposits made in connection with challenging of PIS and COFINS, the final ruling on which was issued in February 2006 (Note 16 (iii)). In December 2005, these deposits were shown as deductions from the related liabilities, as required by CVM Deliberation 489/05. Based on final favorable decisions, such liabilities were reversed and recognized in results for the period (Note 16(iii)).

11 Investments**(a) Information on investments**

| | Number of shares or quotas held (thousand) | | | | | | | | Interest t capital | |
|--|---|-----------------|--------|------------|------------------|-----------------|--------|------------|-----------------------|-----|
| | Mar/06 | | | | Dec/05 | | | | Mar/06 | Dec |
| | Common shares | Pref. shares | Quotas | Total | Common shares | Pref. shares | Quotas | Total | Mar/06 | Dec |
| Subsidiaries | | | | | | | | | | |
| Braskem Inc. | 40,095 | | | 40,095 | 40,095 | | | 40,095 | 100.00 | 100 |
| Braskem International (i) | | | | | 5 | | | 5 | | 100 |
| Braskem Participações | 6,500,000 | | | 6,500,000 | 6,500,000 | | | 6,500,000 | 100.00 | 100 |
| Braskem Distribuidora | | | 31,649 | 31,649 | | | 31,649 | 31,649 | 100.00 | 100 |
| CINAL | 77,589 | 52,857 | | 130,446 | 77,589 | 52,857 | | 130,446 | 86.82 | 86 |
| CPP | 8,465 | | | 8,465 | 8,465 | | | 8,465 | 79.70 | 79 |
| Polialden | 263,690 | 147,214 | | 410,904 | 263,690 | 147,214 | | 410,904 | 63.68 | 63 |
| Tegal | | | 21,938 | 21,938 | | | 21,938 | 21,938 | 90.79 | 90 |
| Jointly-controlled entities | | | | | | | | | | |
| CETREL | 715 | | | 715 | 715 | | | 715 | 48.02 | 48 |
| CODEVERDE | 9,639 | | | 9,639 | 9,639 | | | 9,639 | 35.52 | 35 |
| Copesul | 44,255 | | | 44,255 | 44,255 | | | 44,255 | 29.46 | 29 |
| Politeno | 21,847,901 | 618,266 | | 22,466,167 | 21,847,901 | 618,266 | | 22,466,167 | 33.96 | 33 |
| Petroflex | 4,759 | 2,321 | | 7,080 | 4,759 | 2,321 | | 7,080 | 20.12 | 20 |
| Petroquímica Paulínia (ii) | 4,500 | | | 4,500 | 45,000 | | | 45,000 | 60.00 | 93 |
| Associated companies | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borealis | 18,949 | | | 18,949 | 18,949 | | | 18,949 | 20.00 | 20 |
| Rionil | | | 3,061 | 3,061 | | | 3,061 | 3,061 | 33.33 | 33 |
| Sansuy | | | 271 | 271 | | | 271 | 271 | 20.00 | 20 |
| Information on subsidiaries investments | | | | | | | | | | |
| Braskem Distribuidora | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cayman | 900 | | | 900 | 900 | | | 900 | 100.00 | 100 |
| Braskem Participações | | | | | | | | | | |
| IPL | | | 295 | 295 | | | 295 | 295 | 100.00 | 100 |

IPL

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|---------|---------|----|---------|---------|------------|
| Braskem | | | | | | | |
| Importação | | 252,818 | 252,818 | | 252,818 | 252,818 | 100.00 100 |
| Cayman | | | | | | | |
| Overseas | (iii) | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 100.00 100 |
| Lantana | | 5 | 5 | 5 | | 5 | 100.00 100 |
| Polialden | | | | | | | |
| Polialden | | | | | | | |
| América | (iii) | 40 | 40 | 40 | | 40 | 100.00 100 |

(i) Company wound up on March 30, 2006.

(ii) The jointly-controlled subsidiary s subscribed capital amounts to R\$ 75,000, of which 60% of the shares were subscribed by the Company and 40% by Petroquisa. In September 2005, the shareholders paid in kind 10% of the subscribed capital. As agreed by the stockholders, the payment for shares will always be made so that Braskem and Petroquisa hold 60% and 40% of the paid capital, respectively. For this reason, the payment made by Braskem in December 2005 was cancelled and will be made simultaneously of future payments by Petroquisa. The classification of Petroquímica Paulínia as a jointly-controlled entity reflects the stockholders' agreements with respect to the management of this company.

(iii) Number of shares or quotas in units.

Information on investments (continued)

| | Adjusted net income (loss) for the period | | Adjusted stockholders equity (net capital deficiency) | |
|--|--|----------|--|-----------|
| | Mar/06 | Mar/05 | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
| Subsidiaries | | | | |
| Braskem Inc. | 12,221 | (12,194) | 125,921 | 122,509 |
| Braskem International (i) | 6,469 | 72,354 | | (190,517) |
| Braskem Participações | (49) | (90) | 20,511 | 20,560 |
| Braskem Distribuidora (ii) | (7,235) | | 70,153 | 77,388 |
| CINAL | 785 | (4,704) | 81,671 | 80,784 |
| CPP | | | 10,621 | 10,621 |
| Polialden | (3,028) | 11,820 | 289,939 | 294,608 |
| Tegal | 22 | (544) | 15,728 | 15,705 |
| Jointly-controlled entities | | | | |
| CETREL | 6,310 | 549 | 104,301 | 97,991 |
| CODEVERDE | | | 42,811 | 42,814 |
| Copesul | 146,139 | 197,783 | 1,447,953 | 1,240,509 |
| Petroflex | (4,827) | 42,622 | 226,831 | 278,891 |
| Petroquímica Paulínia | | | 7,500 | 48,000 |
| Politeno | 7,685 | 28,165 | 499,864 | 489,603 |
| Associated companies | | | | |
| Borealis | | 1,087 | 114,115 | 114,115 |
| Rionil | 2 | (124) | 5,885 | 5,838 |
| Sansuy | (32,808) | 1,982 | (15,145) | 4,962 |
| Information on subsidiaries investments | | | | |
| Braskem Distribuidora | | | | |
| Cayman | (2,697) | 504 | (23,106) | (21,990) |
| Braskem Participações | | | | |
| IPL | 41 | | 430 | 391 |
| IPL | | | | |
| Braskem Importação | 39 | 35 | 419 | 379 |
| Cayman | | | | |
| Lantana | (1,194) | (76,889) | (18,924) | (17,730) |
| Overseas | (796) | (1,128) | (87,982) | (87,186) |
| Polialden | | | | |
| Polialden America | 726 | 1,771 | 5,588 | 5,238 |

(i) Company wound up on March 30, 2006.

(ii) Equity in the result of subsidiary (Note 3(g)).

(b) Investment activity of subsidiaries, jointly-controlled entities and associated companies**Subsidiaries and jointly-controlled entities**

| | Braskem Distribuidora | Braskem Inc. | Braskem Participações | CETREL | CINAL | COPEL | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| At January 1 | 77,388 | 122,509 | 20,560 | 60,476 | 61,428 | 556,512 | |
| Equity in the results | (7,235) | 12,221 | (49) | 3,030 | 770 | 61,114 | |
| Amortization of (goodwill)/negative goodwill | | | | (391) | | (8,069) | |
| Exchange variation on foreign investment | | (8,809) | | | | | |
| At the end of the quarter/year | 70,153 | 125,921 | 20,511 | 63,115 | 62,198 | 609,557 | |
| | | | | | Mar/06 | Dec/05 | |
| | Petroquímica | | Polialden | Politeno (i) | Other | Total | Total |
| | Paulínia | Petroflex | (i) | | | | |
| At January 1 | 45,000 | 55,497 | 487,735 | 508,679 | 28,929 | 2,024,713 | 3,474,144 |
| Addition through exchange/purchase of shares/mergers | | | | | | | 163,906 |
| Addition through capital increase | | | | | | | 442,307 |
| Reversal of capital payment | (40,500) | | | | | (40,500) | |
| Write-off through transfer/disposal/merger | | | | | | | (1,515,880) |
| Dividends | | 2,567 | | | | 2,567 | (334,681) |
| Equity in the results | | (971) | (2,972) | 3,484 | 19 | 69,411 | 221,357 |
| Amortization of (goodwill)/negative goodwill | | | (15,760) | (15,186) | | (39,406) | (385,717) |
| Exchange variation on foreign investment | | | | | | (8,809) | (43,044) |
| Other | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2,321 |
| At the end of the quarter/year | 4,500 | 57,093 | 469,003 | 496,977 | 28,950 | 2,007,978 | 2,024,713 |

(i) Equity in the results includes the effect of the distribution of dividends for preference shares with incentives.

| | Associated companies | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
| | Borealis | Rionil | Sansuy | Total | Total | |
| At January 1 | 22,823 | 1,946 | 992 | 25,761 | 4,851 | |
| Transfer of investment | | | | | 22,138 | |
| Equity in the results | 13 | 16 | (992) | (963) | 772 | |
| Dividends | (641) | | | (641) | (2,000) | |
| At the end of the quarter/year | 22,195 | 1,962 | | 24,157 | 25,761 | |

Goodwill and negative goodwill underlying the investments

| | | | | | | | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Cetrel | Copesul | | | Polialden | Politeno | Total | Total |
| | (i) | Cinal | (ii) | (ii) | (ii) | Other | | |
| Goodwill cost | 15,559 | | 309,121 | 510,674 | 492,270 | | 1,327,624 | 1,327,624 |
| (-) Accumulated amortization | (2,590) | | (126,142) | (173,345) | (167,064) | | (469,141) | (429,673) |
| Negative goodwill cost | | (8,711) | | (52,962) | | (2,114) | (63,787) | (63,787) |
| Goodwill (negative goodwill), net | 12,969 | (8,711) | 182,979 | 284,367 | 325,206 | (2,114) | 794,696 | 834,164 |

(i) Goodwill based on the appreciation or property, plant and equipment and amortized over up to 2015.

(ii) Goodwill based on future profitability and amortized over up to 2011.

In the consolidated financial statements, goodwill is stated in property, plant and equipment or deferred charges, while negative goodwill is stated in deferred income, in accordance with CVM Instruction 247/96.

Provision for loss on investments

Provision for loss on investments Long-term liabilities

| | | | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Braskem International | Other | Total | Total |
| At January 1 | 190,517 | 9,280 | 199,797 | 535,604 |
| Provision increase/(reversal) | | | | |
| Winding-up | (170,349) | | (170,349) | |
| Operating result | (6,469) | | (6,469) | (280,702) |
| Non-operating result | | 3,062 | 3,062 | 4,154 |
| Exchange variation on shareholders equity | (13,699) | | (13,699) | (64,385) |
| Other | | | | 5,126 |
| At the end of the quarter/year | | 12,342 | 12,342 | 199,797 |

(c) Information on the main investees with operating activities

Copesul

COPEsul is engaged in the manufacture, sale, import and export of chemical, petrochemical and fuel products and the production and supply of utilities, as well as providing various services used by the companies in the Triunfo Petrochemical Complex in the State of Rio Grande do Sul and management of logistic services related to its waterway and terrestrial terminals.

Polialden

Polialden is engaged in the manufacture, processing, sale, import and export and any other activities related to the production or sale of high-density polyethylene and other chemical and petrochemical products. The main raw material for all of its products is ethylene, which is supplied by Braskem. Polialden operates an industrial plant in Camaçari - Bahia.

Politeno

Politeno is engaged in the manufacture, processing, direct or indirect sale, consignment, export, import and transportation of polyethylene and by-products, as well as the participation in other companies. The main raw material for all of its products is ethylene, which is supplied by Braskem. Politeno operates an industrial plant in Camaçari - Bahia. On April 4, 2006 the Company acquired common and preferred shares of Politeno and now owns 100% of the voting capital and 96.15% of total capital (Note 27).

CETREL

The activities of CETREL are to supervise, coordinate, operate and monitor environmental protection systems; carry out research in the environmental control area and in the recycling of waste and other materials recoverable from industrial and urban emissions; monitor the levels of environmental pollution of air quality, water resources and other vital elements; perform environmental diagnostics; prepare and implement projects of environmental engineering solutions; develop and install environmental management systems and those relating to quality, laboratory analyses, training, environmental education and also specification, monitoring and intermediation in the acquisition of materials of environmental protection systems.

CINAL

CINAL is engaged in the implementation of the Basic Industrial Nucleus of the Alagoas Chlorinechemical Complex and the production and sale of goods and various services, such as steam, industrial water, industrial waste treatment and incineration of organochlorine waste for the companies located in the mentioned Industrial Nucleus.

Petroquímica Paulínia

On September 16, 2005, Braskem and Petroquisa formed Petroquímica Paulínia, which will be responsible for the implementation and operation of a new polypropylene unit to be built at Paulínia - São Paulo, using as raw material polymer-grade propylene supplied by Petrobras. Operations are scheduled to start by the end of 2007, using last-generation Braskem technology. The assignment of the right to use this technology gave rise to a gain of R\$ 58,240 for the Company.

Investments in the new plant are estimated at US\$ 240 million. The capital structure will comprise approximately 30% of own funds and 70% of third-party funds, represented by long-term loans and financing.

12 Property, Plant and Equipment

| | | | Mar/06 | Dec/05 | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | Cost | Accumulated depreciation | Net | Net | Annual depreciation rates (%) |
| Tangible assets | | | | | |
| Land | 21,264 | | 21,264 | 21,264 | |
| Buildings and improvements | 853,620 | (366,235) | 487,385 | 471,254 | 2 to 10 |
| Machinery, equipment and facilities | 6,593,204 | (2,671,092) | 3,922,112 | 4,151,173 | 3.33 to 20 |
| Mines and wells | 27,645 | (22,420) | 5,225 | 3,800 | 4 to 10 |
| Furniture and fixtures | 37,214 | (31,834) | 5,380 | 5,544 | 10 |
| Information technology equipment | 55,273 | (44,299) | 10,974 | 7,183 | 20 |
| Construction in progress | 1,054,508 | | 1,054,508 | 955,467 | |
| | | | | | Up to 20 years |
| Other | 109,486 | (45,331) | 64,155 | 59,711 | |
| | 8,752,214 | (3,181,211) | 5,571,003 | 5,675,396 | |
| Intangible assets | | | | | |
| Brands and patents | 512 | (493) | 19 | 22 | 10 |
| Rights of use | 2,441 | (1,012) | 1,429 | 1,449 | 5 |
| | 2,953 | (1,505) | 1,448 | 1,471 | |
| Total | 8,755,167 | (3,182,716) | 5,572,451 | 5,676,867 | |

Construction in progress relates principally to projects to expand the capacity of the industrial units, for operating improvements and to increase the useful life of the machinery and equipment, development of a new integrated management system for the Braskem businesses, projects for excellence in the areas of maintenance and production, as well as programs in the areas of health, technology and security.

At March 31, 2006, property, plant and equipment includes the appreciation, in the form of goodwill, in conformity with CVM Instruction 319/99, in the net amount of R\$ 864,081 (December 31, 2005 - R\$ 878,857).

As from January 2006, in accordance with IBRACON (Institute of Independent Auditors of Brazil) Technical Interpretation 01/2006, the Company records all programmed maintenance shutdown expenses in property, plant and equipment, as Machinery, equipment and facilities. Such expenses occur at scheduled intervals from one to six years and are depreciated to production cost until the beginning of the next maintenance shutdown.

Until December 2005, such expenses were recorded in deferred charges and amortized at production cost also through the beginning of the next shutdown. Accordingly, the adoption of Technical Interpretation 01/2006 will not impact the determination of production costs and the results of the Company. At December 31, 2005, scheduled shutdown expenses, amounting to R\$ 253,006, and current shutdown expenses, totaling R\$ 103,115, were reclassified to Machinery, equipment and facilities, and Construction in progress, respectively.

Also as a consequence of the adoption of Technical Interpretation 01/2006, the Company recorded additional depreciation of machinery and equipment of R\$ 164,890. As this is a change in accounting criteria and depreciation for years prior to 2006, this amount, net of income tax effects, was recorded in Stockholders equity, in the Retained earnings account, as provided for in Technical Interpretation 01/2006 (Note 19 (e)).

13 Deferred Charges

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Costs | | |
| Pre-operating expenses | 61,018 | 61,018 |
| Rights to manufacturing processes | 27,421 | 27,421 |
| Organization and system implementation expenses | 243,450 | 238,966 |
| Expenditures for structured operations | 314,442 | 314,442 |
| Goodwill on merged/consolidated investments (i) | 1,528,222 | 1,698,572 |
| Research and development | 59,386 | 59,386 |
| Other | 17,504 | 36,185 |
| | 2,251,443 | 2,435,990 |
| Accumulated amortization | (1,000,085) | (922,521) |
| | 1,251,358 | 1,513,469 |

(i)The goodwill on merged investments is based on future profitability and is being amortized in up to ten years, according to the appraisal reports issued by independent experts. The recording of this goodwill in deferred charges is in conformity with CVM Instruction 319/99.

14 Loans and Financing

| | Annual financial charges | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|---------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Foreign currency | | | |
| Eurobonds | Note 14 (a) | 1,220,802 | 1,294,005 |
| Export prepayment | Note 14 (b) | 405,343 | 592,044 |
| Medium Term Notes | Note 14 (c) | 1,188,661 | 1,277,405 |
| Raw material financing | US\$ exchange variation + interest of 1.38% to 2.50% above LIBOR | 27,114 | 28,682 |
| Permanent asset financing | US\$ exchange variation + interest of 3.88% above LIBOR | 16,699 | 30,211 |
| | US\$ exchange variation + fixed interest of 6.49% to 7.14% | 6,431 | |
| BNDES | Fixed interest of 6.50% to 12.60% + floating restatement | | |
| | (TJLP and UMBNDES) Note 14 (e) | 164,056 | 178,877 |
| BNB | Fixed interest of 11.81% Note 14 (e) | 60,270 | 60,270 |
| FINEP | Floating restatement - TJLP | 22,346 | 22,191 |
| Acquisition of shares | Note 14 (f) | 181,805 | 176,339 |
| Project financing (NEXI) | YEN exchange variation + interest of 0.95% above TIBOR - Note 14(d) | 281,633 | 283,618 |
| | | 3,575,160 | 3,943,642 |
| Less: Current liabilities | | (476,972) | (612,227) |
| Long-term liabilities | | 3,098,188 | 3,331,415 |

UMBNDDES = BNDES monetary unit.

LIBOR = London Interbank Offered Rate.

TIBOR = Tokyo Interbank Rate.

(a) Eurobonds

Composition of bonds issued by the Company:

| Issue | Amount US\$ thousands | Maturity | Interest p.a. | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Jun/97 | 150,000 | June/2007 | 9.00% | 333,599 | 351,632 |
| Jul/97 | 250,000 | July/2015 | 9.375% | 559,931 | 589,747 |
| Jun/05 | 150,000 | None | 9.75% | 327,272 | 352,626 |
| | | | | 1,220,802 | 1,294,005 |

b) Prepayments of exports

Main transactions:

| Issue | Amount US\$ thousands | Settlement date | Charges | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Dec/02 | 97,200 | Jun/2006 | 1.25% p.a. + 6-month LIBOR | 578 | 37,289 |
| Jun/04 | 200,000 | Jun/2009 | 1.45% p.a. above LIBOR | 332,806 | 410,656 |
| Aug/04 | 50,000 | Oct/2006 | 3.00 % p.a. + LIBOR | (i) | 47,477 |

(i) Transaction settled in January 2006

The Company has also other prepayments of export operations, the outstanding balance of which amounts to US\$ 33.124 thousand - R\$ 71,959 at March 31, 2006 (December 31, 2005 -US\$ 41,279 thousand - R\$ 96,622). These transactions will be settled at various dates through January 2008. In addition to the exchange variation, the amounts bear annual interest of 1.55% to 3.00%, above LIBOR.

(c) Medium-Term Notes ("MTN") program

MTN issues and balance:

| Issue | Amount US\$ thousands | Maturity | Interest p.a. | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 3rd Tranche | 275,000 | Nov/2008 | 12.50% | 597,410 | 643,693 |
| 4th Tranche | 250,000 | Jan/2014 | 11.75% | 543,100 | 585,175 |
| | | | | 1,140,510 | 1,228,868 |
| | | | Interest | 48,151 | 48,537 |
| | | | | 1,188,661 | 1,277,405 |

(d) Project finance

In March and September 2005, the Company obtained loans in Japanese currency from Nippon Export and Investment Insurance ("NEXI"), in the amount of YEN 5,256,500 thousand R\$ 136,496 and YEN 6,628,200 thousand R\$ 141,529, respectively. Principal will be paid in 11 installments as from March 2007, with final maturity in June 2012.

As part of its risk management policy (Note 21), the Company signed swap contracts in the total amount of these debts, changing the annual financial charges to 101.59% of CDI, 103.98% of CDI and 104.29% of CDI for the tranche released in March and for the tranche released in September 2005, respectively. The swap contract was carried out with a first line foreign bank and its characteristics as to maturity, currencies, rates and amounts perfectly match the debt contract. Results from this contract are shown in financial results, in the Monetary exchange of financing line (Note 22).

(e) BNDES, BNB and FINEP

These loans relate to various transactions aiming at increasing production capacity, as well as environmental programs, operating control centers, laboratory and waste treatment stations. Principal and charges are payable monthly up to June 2016.

In June 2005 a further BNDES credit line was approved, in the amount of R\$ 384,600. The first tranche of R\$ 100,789 was released on July 27, 2005 and the second tranche of R\$ 30,015 was released on December 21, 2005.

(f) Acquisition of shares

This loan refers to the acquisition from BNDESPAR of one billion shares of Braskem Participações, made in September 2001, by the merged company Nova Camaçari Participações S.A. (Nova Camaçari). The loan principal is payable in full in August 2006. The principal bears interest of 4% p.a. and TJLP, due annually as from August 2002.

(g) Repayment schedule and guarantees

Long-term loans mature as follows:

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2007 | 550,838 | 621,191 |
| 2008 | 812,750 | 866,769 |
| 2009 | 143,502 | 145,947 |
| 2010 | 81,357 | 80,091 |
| 2011 and thereafter | 1,509,741 | 1,617,417 |
| | 3,098,188 | 3,331,415 |

In the case of short-term loans, the Company has given security such as trade bills receivable and promissory notes.

Long-term loans are secured by liens on fixed assets, shares, shareholders endorsements, bank guarantees and promissory notes. Certain long-term operations are guaranteed by Surety Bonds and mortgages of the Company's industrial plants.

15 Debentures

| Issue | Unit value | Final maturity date | Remuneration | Payment of remuneration | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1st (i) | R\$ 10 | 07/31/2007 | TJLP variation. + interest of 5% p.a | Upon maturity | 1,032,965 | 999,347 |
| 12th (ii) | R\$ 100 | 06/01/2009 | 117% of CDI | Semi-annually as from 12/01/04 | 319,389 | 304,920 |
| 13th.(ii) | R\$ 10 | 06/01/2009 | 104.10% of CDI | Semi-annually as from 12/01/05 | 317,192 | 304,375 |
| | | | | | 1,669,546 | 1,608,642 |

(i) Debentures convertible into preference class A shares. At present, these securities are held by ODBPAR (Note 8).

(ii) Debentures not convertible into shares.

The debenture activity can be summarized as follows:

| | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Balance at January 1 | 1,608,642 | 1,172,839 |
| Financial charges | 60,904 | 229,448 |
| Issue | | 300,000 |
| Amortization | | (93,645) |
| Balance at the end of the year/ period | 1,669,546 | 1,608,642 |
| Less: Current liabilities | (36,581) | (9,295) |
| Long-term liabilities | 1,632,965 | 1,599,347 |

16 Taxes and Contributions Payable Long-term Liabilities

| | | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| IPI credits offset | | | |
| IPI export credit | (i) | 609,657 | 550,263 |
| IPI zero rate | (ii) | 311,184 | 308,728 |
| IPI consumption materials and property, plant and equipment | | 38,482 | 37,673 |
| Other taxes and contributions payable | | | |
| PIS /COFINS - Law 9,718/98 | (iii) | 230,077 | 285,521 |
| Education contribution, SAT and INSS | | 32,521 | 33,360 |
| PAES - Law 10,684/03 | (iv) | 42,059 | 43,151 |
| Other | | 6,114 | 2,746 |
| (-) Judicial deposits | | (66,288) | (102,971) |
| | | 1,203,806 | 1,158,471 |

The Company has brought suit against some changes in Brazilian tax law, defending among other claims its entitlement to Excise Tax (IPI) credits originating from the purchase of assets and from product exports. As for contingent IPI credits, which had been offset against several federal tax debts, the Company recognized them as liabilities to eliminate contingent gains, and provisioned interest on these liabilities at the SELIC benchmark rate. The Company has not recorded tax credits that may be viewed as unrealized contingent assets.

(i) IPI Tax Credit on Exports (*Crédito-prêmio*)

This refers to lawsuits for court recognition of the IPI credit (*crédito-prêmio*) introduced by Decree-law 491/69 as an incentive to manufactured product exports.

The Company and the merged company Nitrocarbano filed a motion for writ of mandamus in September 2003, and the resulting court decision granted an entitlement to these credits for a five-year period preceeding the filing date, which may be offset against all taxes administered by the Federal Revenue Secretariat. The Federal Government lodged an appeal, which is pending judgment by the TRF, 1st Circuit.

The merged company OPP Química obtained a court decision holding the case partially valid, authorizing the offset of the tax credit against federal tax debts for the units located in Rio Grande do Sul. This decision was overturned by the TRF, 4th Circuit. Special and extraordinary appeals were then lodged by the Company, and are pending judgment by the Superior Court of Justice (STJ) and the Federal Supreme Court (STF), respectively.

The merged company Trikem, in its São Paulo unit, filed a motion for writ of mandamus on these same grounds. This case is pending judgment by first-instance courts.

The merged companies OPP Química and Trikem, in their Bahia industrial units, also filed a lawsuit on these same grounds. The case was ruled against them, and the Company appealed this unfavorable decision. This appeal is pending judgment by the TRF, 1st Circuit.

The merged company Trikem, in its Alagoas units, filed a motion for writ of mandamus over this same matter. A mandamus was granted and entitlement to this tax credit on exports was given for a 10-year period prior to the filing date. The TRF, 5th Circuit upheld this favorable decision, but reduced the time span to five years. Special and extraordinary appeals lodged against this ruling are pending judgment by the STJ and STF, respectively.

The outside legal counsel of the Company believe that the chances of success with respect to the IPI tax credit (*crédito-prêmio*) itself and the effects of monetary restatement (recovery of understated inflation indexes, monetary restatement and accrual of the SELIC benchmark rate) are good, in light of issuance of Federal Senate Resolution No. 71 in December 2005 and, above all, considering the favorable decision recently handed down by STJ in this specific regard.

(ii) IPI Zero rate

The merged companies OPP Química and Trikem have filed lawsuits in the States of São Paulo, Bahia and Alagoas, claiming IPI tax credits from the purchase of raw materials and inputs that are exempt, non-taxed or taxed at a zero rate.

An injunctive relief was denied to the lawsuit underway in São Paulo, but the TRF, 3rd Circuit granted staying effects to recognize the Company's entitlement to said tax credit. A first-instance decision is pending.

The TRF, 1st Circuit found in favor of the lawsuit lodged in Bahia, and the Federal Government filed special and extraordinary appeals against such decision. The special appeal was not accepted by both the TRF and the STJ, and the extraordinary appeal is pending judgment by the STF.

Finally, the Alagoas case was held valid by the TRF, 5th Circuit, but a formal defect in this judgment caused the STJ to remand the case to the TRF for remediation of this defect. The case is at the STJ pending judgment on the Company's motion to clarify. According to the Company external legal advisors, a favorable outcome of these claims is possible.

(iii) PIS/COFINS - Law 9,718 of 1998

The Company has brought a number of lawsuits to challenge the constitutionality of the changes deriving from Law 9718/98, which, in practice, increased the value of PIS and COFINS contributions as from February 1999, as described below:

- COFINS - increase in rate from 2% to 3%, and the tax base was expanded to include nearly every corporate income in addition to the sale of goods and services;
- PIS - expansion of the tax base as in COFINS.

For the period after December 2002 (when Law 10637/02 came into effect), all discussions over the constitutionality of the PIS tax base (Law 9718/98) became void, due to the new non-cumulative system adopted for this tax. Similarly, after February 2004, when Law 10833/03 came into force, the discussions over the COFINS tax base became void as well. As from such dates, the Company started paying these contributions as prescribed by legislation, without prejudice to claims related to past periods.

As court disputes still hold valid for the period that Law 9718/98 was in effect, and since the STF Full Bench determined in November 2005 that the increase in PIS and COFINS tax bases under said law is unconstitutional, the status of each case is as follows:

- The Company brought a lawsuit alleging that the COFINS tax base expansion in March 1999 was unconstitutional. An injunctive relief only authorized a judicial deposit of the amount under dispute. A writ of mandamus was eventually granted, but the TRF, 1st Circuit overturned the first-instance decision. The Company lodged an extraordinary appeal. A court decision was published favorably to the Company in December 2005, and became final and conclusive in February 2006. As a consequence, the Company other operating income" at the end of the period. Out of this sum, R\$ 64,322 have been deposited in court. As the final decision was favorable to the Company, it has requested that the deposit be released. This request is pending approval.
Finally, the undue payment of such contribution at R\$ 14,583 was recognized in the Company's quarterly results.
- The Company filed for a writ of mandamus challenging the constitutionality of the PIS tax base expansion in March 1999. A writ of mandamus was issued, but the TRF, 1st Circuit overturned this decision. The Company lodged an extraordinary appeal at the STF, which rendered a favorable decision (published in December 2005). This decision became final and conclusive in February 2006, and amounted to R\$ 7,103. The liability was reversed to results under "Other Operating Income". Finally, the undue payment of such contribution at R\$ 6,381 was recognized in the Company's quarterly results.
- The Company filed a lawsuit for non-payment of COFINS at a rate of 3%, in October 2001. A writ of mandamus was rejected, and the Company appealed this decision, which is pending judgment by the TRF, 1st Circuit.
- In other cases pending judgment, the Company is challenging the PIS and COFINS tax base expansions as well as the COFINS rate increase for merged subsidiaries Proppet S.A. (Proppet), Nitrocarbono and CEMAN - Central de Manutenção Ltda. (CEMAN), All of these cases were found for the Company, and the corresponding decisions became final and conclusive in February 2006. The amount relating to said cases (R\$ 1,373) was reversed from the Company's liability when computing the results at the end of the period. The amount of R\$ 11,190 is still provided for as a liability.

- The merged companies OPP Química and Trikem brought a lawsuit together with other companies, challenging the lawfulness and constitutionality of the COFINS tax base expansion. This case was held valid, and the Federal Government appealed this decision.

The case is pending judgment by the TRF, 1st Circuit. In August 2003, the merged company Trikem opted partially to desist from the case as regards the tax rate increase, and enrolled in PAES (Note 16(iv)) for payment of its tax liabilities in installments. The amount provisioned for in this regard was R\$ 196,650 as of March 31, 2006.

- The merged companies OPP Química and Trikem, along with other companies, filed a motion for writ of mandamus challenging the lawfulness and constitutionality of PIS tax base expansion in July 1999. A writ of mandamus was granted, but the TRF, 1st Circuit overturned this decision. An extraordinary appeal lodged against this ruling is pending judgment by the STF. After distribution of the extraordinary appeal, an incidental motion for writ of prevention was lodged at the STF to stay payment of PIS at the expanded tax base.

The writ of prevention was granted, and the extraordinary appeal is pending judgment. The amount provisioned for in this regard was R\$ 22,237 as of March 31, 2006.

Based on those court orders, OPP Química was released from paying or depositing any amounts relating to the tax increases introduced by Law 9718/98 up to its merger into the Company. Except for the increase in the COFINS rate, in which it partially desisted from the action, the company Trikem is in the same situation as OPP Química.

Given the recent final decisions favorable to the taxpayers concerning the increase in the calculation basis of PIS and COFINS, and also based on the opinion of their legal advisors, management believes in the successful outcome of the claims filed by OPP Química and Trikem. Should this occur, the Company net income will increase by R\$ 99,967, taking into account the provision amounts at March 31, 2006.

(iv) Special Installment Program (PAES) - Law 10,684/03

Federal Law No. 10684 was published on May 30, 2003, instituting the PAES program which offers taxpayers with liabilities to the Federal Revenue Secretariat or the National Treasury Attorney's Office (whether past-due tax liabilities already acknowledged or being challenged in court) the possibility of paying their overdue debts as at February 28, 2003 in up to 180 monthly successive installments.

Among other benefits, this legislation provides for a 50% reduction in the default fine as well as the adoption of the Long-Term Interest Rate (TJLP) for restatement of installments (replacing the SELIC rate, which is higher).

In August 2003, the merged company Trikem opted to desist from its lawsuit against the COFINS rate increase, thus qualifying for the favorable payment conditions under the PAES program. The amount due is being paid in 120 monthly installments, and this option was confirmed upon payment of the first installment on August 31, 2003. At March 31, 2006 the outstanding debt is R\$ 48,067, of which R\$ 6,008 is classified in current liabilities and R\$ 42,059 in long-term liabilities (on December 31, 2005 R\$ 49,706, being R\$ 6,555 as current liabilities and R\$ 43,151 in long-term liabilities).

Even though the Company has made timely payments to date as successor by merger to Trikem S/A, the National Treasury Prosecutor Office in the State of Bahia (PFN/BA) disqualified the Company from PAES on the argument that the installments should have been recalculated because the Company's gross revenues are higher than those of the merged company Trikem and, accordingly, the Company was paying such installments at less than 1.5% of its gross revenues.

As explained above, however, Trikem joined PAES to settle a specific debt (corresponding to an increase in the COFINS rate) in at least 120 installments, in accordance with the PAES rules.

The Company filed a motion for writ of mandamus against this decision, and the courts entered an injunction on March 13, 2006 reinstating the Company in PAES for payment of the debt in at least 120 installments without regard to the Company's gross revenues.

PFN/BA also held that the consolidated debt value under PAES was higher than the amount corresponding to the increase in the COFINS rate. On April, 28 2006, the Company filed a request for administrative review of such PFN/BA opinion at the Federal Revenue Secretariat.

Management believes that the instalment plan is in conformity with the pertinent legislation and will be upheld as initially proposed.

17 Income Tax and Social Contribution on Net Income**(a) Current income tax parent company**

| | Mar/06 | Mar/05 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Income before income tax | 150,323 | 274,283 |
| Adjustments to net income for the period | | |
| Permanent additions | 4,873 | 5,298 |
| Temporary additions | 79,902 | 71,389 |
| Permanent exclusions | (73,801) | (18,843) |
| Temporary exclusions | (84,847) | (65,087) |
| Taxable income before offset of tax loss carryforward | 76,450 | 267,040 |
| Utilization of tax losses (30%) | (22,935) | (80,112) |
| Taxable income for the period | 53,515 | 186,928 |
| Income tax (15%) and surcharge (10%) | 13,373 | 46,726 |
| Other | 1,062 | (259) |
| Income tax expenses for the period | 14,435 | 46,467 |

Of the income tax expense, R\$ 7,377 is covered by the exemption/abatement benefit (Note 18(a)) (March 31, 2005 - R\$ 29,306).

(b) Deferred income tax**(i) Composition of deferred income tax**

In accordance with the provisions of CVM Deliberation 273/98, which approved the Institute of Independent Auditors of Brazil (IBRACON) standards on the accounting for income tax, and CVM Instruction 371/02, the Company has the following accounting balances of deferred income tax:

| Composition of deferred income tax asset: | Mar/06 | Dec/05 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Tax loss carryforwards | 417,994 | 441,068 |
| Amortized goodwill on investments in merged companies | 146,764 | 151,163 |
| Amortized goodwill on permanent investments | 963,754 | 923,070 |
| Effect of adoption of Technical Interpretation 1/2006 of IBRACON | 164,890 | |
| Temporarily non-deductible expenses | 835,790 | 1,009,240 |
| Potential calculation basis of deferred income tax | 2,529,192 | 2,524,541 |
| Potential deferred income tax (25%) | 632,298 | 631,135 |
| Unrecorded portion of deferred income tax | (330,114) | (353,885) |
| Deferred income tax asset | 302,184 | 277,250 |

Activity:

| | | |
|---|---------|----------|
| Opening balance | 277,250 | 301,527 |
| Realization of deferred income tax on tax losses | (5,769) | (24,672) |
| Deferred income tax on amortized goodwill of merged companies | (1,099) | (3,374) |
| Income tax on the effects of Technical Interpretation 1/2006 of I BRACON (Note 12) | 41,222 | |
| Deferred income tax on temporary provisions | (9,240) | 3,769 |
| Closing balance | 302,184 | 277,250 |

Deferred income tax (liabilities) on accelerated depreciation:

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Opening balance | (8,525) | (9,115) |
| Realization of deferred income tax | 147 | 590 |
| Closing balance | (8,378) | (8,525) |
| Deferred income tax in income statement | (16,141) | (23,687) |

Deferred income tax assets arising from tax losses and timing differences are recorded taking into account analyses of future taxable profits, supported by studies prepared based on internal and external assumptions and current macroeconomic and business scenarios approved by the Company's management.

(ii) Estimated timing of the realization of deferred income tax assets

In addition to the positive impacts from the corporate restructuring, the Company's business plan at December 31, 2005 foresees the generation of future taxable income based on projections and feasibility studies primarily influenced by price, foreign exchange, interest rate and market growth assumptions and other variables relevant to the performance of Braskem. The studies show that the credit from tax losses, in the amount of R\$ 104,499, will be fully utilized between 2006 and 2010.

Deferred income tax credits on timing differences, mainly comprised of goodwill in the amount of R\$ 32,267 and provisions in the amount of R\$ 117,986, are justified by their full utilization due to the tax realization of goodwill and provisions.

The realization of corporate income tax credits on goodwill is expected to occur as follows:

| | |
|------|-------|
| 2006 | 3,299 |
| 2007 | 4,398 |
| 2008 | 4,398 |
| 2009 | 4,951 |
| 2010 | 4,951 |
| 2011 | 4,901 |
| 2012 | 2,294 |
| 2013 | 1,025 |
| 2014 | 1,025 |
| 2015 | 1,025 |

32,267

The accounting for deferred income tax assets does not consider the portion of amortized goodwill on investments in merged companies, the realization term of which exceeds 10 years (R\$ 17,698), as well as amortized goodwill on permanent investments (R\$ 963,754), the realization of which is uncertain over the next 10 years.

Concerning temporarily non-deductible expenses, deferred income tax was calculated on tax expenses which are currently being challenged in court and other operating expenses, as is the case of the provision for doubtful accounts. Provisions for losses on permanent investments (R\$ 339,875) were not considered, as their realization is uncertain over the next 10 years.

It should be pointed out that assets recorded refer only to those amounts the realization of which is supported by projections of taxable income, brought to present value, utilized by the Company over up to 10 years, considering also that tax losses available for offset are limited to 30% of net income for the year before income tax and tax exemption and abatement benefits.

As the income tax taxable basis is determined not only by the potential future profits, but also the existence of non-taxable revenues, non-deductible expenses, fiscal incentives and other variables, there is no immediate correlation between the Company's net income and the income tax results. Accordingly, the expectation of using tax credits should not be construed as an indication of the Company's future results.

(c) Social Contribution on Net Income (CSL)

In view of the discussions over the constitutionality of Law 7689/88, the Company and the merged companies OPP Química and Trikem filed a lawsuit against payment of CSL.

The TRF, 1st Circuit had expressly recognized the unconstitutionality of this tax, and the decisions favorable to the Company and the merged companies became final and conclusive. However, the Federal Government filed a rescission action against the decisions on the lawsuits of the Company and Trikem, on the argument that after the final decision favorable to those companies the Full Bench of STF declared the constitutionality of this tax except for 1988. As the Federal Government did not file a rescission action in the case of OPP Química, the first final and conclusive decision remained in force.

The rescission action filed by the Federal Government was held valid in the first and second instances, but tax payments are still on hold. Currently, appeals to the rescission action are pending judgment by the STF and STJ.

Based on the referred STF decision, the Federal Revenue Secretariat has issued tax infraction notices against the Company and the merged companies, and administrative defenses have been filed against such notices.

Based on the opinion of its outside legal counsel, the Company believes that the following is likely to occur: (i) the courts will eventually release the Company from paying this tax; and (ii) even if the rescission action is held valid, it cannot be applied retroactively to enactment of the law, and thus the Company has created no provisions for this tax.

If retroactive payment is required (contrary to the opinion of the Company's outside legal counsel), the Company believes that the possibility of imposing a fine is remote. Accordingly, the amount payable, restated based on the SELIC benchmark rate, would be R\$ 607,872 (December 31, 2005 - R\$ 582,621), excluding the fine.

18 Tax Incentives

(a) Corporate income tax

From calendar years 2002 to 2011, the Company has the right to reduce by 75% the income tax on the profit arising from the sale of basic petrochemical products and utilities. The Camaçari polyethylene plant has the same right for the same period. The PVC plant at Camaçari has the same right from 2005 to 2014. The PVC plant in Alagoas and the PET plant at Camaçari are exempt from corporate income tax calculated on the results of their industrial operations until 2008.

Productions of caustic soda, chloride, ethylene dichloride and caprolactama enjoy the benefit of the 75% decrease in the income tax rate up to 2012.

At the end of each fiscal year, in the case of taxable profit resulting from the benefited operations, the income tax amount is recorded as expense for the year and credited to a capital reserve account, which can only be used to increase the capital or absorb losses.

(b) Value-added tax - ICMS

The Company has ICMS tax incentives granted by the States of Rio Grande do Sul and Alagoas, through the Company Operation Fund - FUNDOPEM and State of Alagoas Integrated Development Program - PRODESIN, respectively. Such incentives are designed to foster the installation and expansion of industrial facilities in those States. No incentives were determined for the 1st quarter of 2006 (1st quarter of 2005 - R\$ 815). The accounting treatment of such incentives is the same applied to the income tax incentive.

19 Stockholders Equity

(a) Capital

At March 31, 2006, the Company's subscribed and paid-up capital is R\$ 3,402,968, divided into 120,860,099 common, 240,860,356 Class A preference, and 803,066 Class B preference shares, all with no par value. At the same date, the Company's authorized capital comprises 488,000,000 shares, of which 175,680,000 are common, 307,440,000 are Class A preference, and 4,880,000 are Class B preference shares.

(b) Share rights

Preferred shares are non-voting but ensure priority to the receipt of a non-cumulative dividend of 6% p.a. on their unit value, in accordance with the net income available for distribution. Only Class A preference shareholders share equally with the common shares in the remaining net income, and common shares are entitled to dividends only after priority dividends have been paid to the holders of preference shares. Only Class A preference shareholders share equally with common shares in the distribution of shares resulting from the incorporation to capital of other reserves. Class B preference shares are not convertible into common shares. However, at the end of the non-transfer period provided for in the applicable law, they can be converted into Class A preference shares at any time, at the ratio of 2 Class B preference shares for each Class A preference share. Class A and Class B preference shares have priority to the return of capital in the case of liquidation.

Shareholders are ensured a mandatory dividend of 25% of net income for the year, adjusted in accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law.

Pursuant to the Understanding Memoranda for the Execution of Shareholders Agreement, the Company must distribute dividends corresponding to not less than 50% of the net income for the year, as long as the necessary and sufficient reserve amounts are kept to allow for the efficient operation and development of the Company's businesses.

Under the terms of Eurobond and MTN agreements (Notes 14(a) and (c)), the payment of dividends, interest on capital or any other profit distribution is limited to the higher of 50% of net income for the year, or 6% of the nominal value of Class A and B preference shares, whichever is higher.

(c) Treasury stock

At March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the Company's treasury stock comprised 467,347 Class A preference shares.

(d) Appropriation of net income

The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on April 7, 2006 approved the appropriation of the net income for 2005, in the amount of R\$ 685,775, as follows: (i) R\$ 270,000 distributed as interest on own capital, of which R\$ 179,369 to Class A preference shareholders, R\$ 452 to Class B preference shareholders, and R\$ 90,179 to common shareholders; (ii) R\$ 55,743 as dividends, of which R\$ 37,094 to Class A preference shareholders, and R\$ 18,649 to common shareholders; (iii) R\$ 34,289 to the Legal reserve, and (iv) R\$ 325,743 to the Revenue reserve for expansion. Payment of interest on own capital and dividends started on April 18, 2006.

(e) Statement of changes in shareholders' equity

| | Capital reserves | | | Revenue reserves | | | Treasury stock | Retained earnings | Total |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|-------|------------------|----------------------|---------|----------------|-------------------|-------|
| | Capital | Tax | | Legal reserves | Retention of profits | | | | |
| | | incentives | Other | | | | | | |
| At January 1, 2006 | 3,402,968 | 396,264 | 557 | 68,923 | 780,294 | (1,905) | | 4,647,101 | |
| Change in accounting Practice | | | | | | | (123,667) | (123,667) | |
| Tax incentives | | 7,377 | | | | | | 7,377 | |
| Net income for the period | | | | | | | 119,747 | 119,747 | |
| At March 31, 2006 | 3,402,968 | 403,641 | 557 | 68,923 | 780,294 | (1,905) | (3,920) | 4,650,558 | |

Effective 2006, the Company adopted the accounting practice established in IBRACON Technical Interpretation 01/2006, addressing the recording of maintenance shutdown at industrial installations. The rule determines that expenses with goods and services to reestablish the future economic benefits of assets must be separately recorded in property, plant and equipment and aggregated to the items subject to maintenance during the shutdown period.

Braskem carries out regular, constant shutdowns of its industrial facilities at intervals from one to six years. Up to December 2005, these expenses were recorded in deferred charges to be amortized until the beginning of the next shutdown. Furthermore, the new rule implies the requirement of recording the depreciation of parts and components that were replaced at each shutdown. As this is a change in accounting practice relating to depreciation for periods prior to 2006, the adjustment was recorded in Retained earnings, as shown below:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Effect of adoption of Technical Interpretation | |
| 01/2006 | (164,889) |
| Deferred income tax asset | 41,222 |
| Net effect recorded in stockholders' equity | (123,667) |

20 Contingencies

(a) Collective Bargaining Agreement Section 4

The Petrochemical, Plastics, Chemicals and Related Companies Employees Union in the State of Bahia (SINDIQUIMICA) and the Employers' Association of the Petrochemical and Synthetic Resins Industries in the State of Bahia (SINPEQ) are disputing in court the validity of a wage and salary indexation clause contained in the collective bargaining agreement (convenção coletiva de trabalho), given the matter of public policy involved, namely, the adoption of an economic plan in 1990 that put a limit on wage adjustments. The Company ran plants in the region in 1990, and is a member of SINPEQ. The employees' labor union seeks retroactive adjustment of wages and salaries. In December 2002, the STF judged an appeal from SINPEQ and affirmed a previous decision from the Superior Labor Court (TST), determining that economic policy legislation should prevail over collective bargaining agreements and, as such, no adjustment was due. SINDIQUIMICA appealed this decision. The case was included in the trial docket in June 2003, but judgment was stayed when two out of five opinions (both favorable to SINPEQ) had already been rendered. When judgment resumed on May 31, 2005, the appeal was rejected by unanimous opinion. On October 24, 2005, SINDIQUIMICA filed a motion to review (embargos de divergência), which was accepted for trial.

Based on the opinion of the Company's outside legal counsel, Management believes in a favorable outcome for the companies, and thus no amount was thus provisioned in connection with this case.

(b) Holders of Preferred Shares

Some holders of Class B preferred shares issued by the Company under a tax incentive program claim that they are entitled to profit distribution on a par with the holders of common and Class A preferred shares. One of these lawsuits was found against the Company, which prompted Braskem to file a rescission action to set aside such unfavorable ruling; as a result, the courts entered an injunctive relief staying the enforcement of this award until a final and conclusive decision were eventually rendered in the rescission action. On December 11, 2003, the Bahia State Court of Justice held Braskem's rescission action fully valid, vacating the previous judgment handed down by this same court and rejecting the pleadings of shareholders on account of an express breach of special laws. In June 2004, the shareholders filed a special appeal (*recurso especial*) at the Superior Court of Justice (STJ), but it was not accepted by resolution of the Chief Justice of the Bahia State Court of Justice in November 2004; as a result, the shareholders appealed this decision once again at the STJ. In September 2005, after discussions over the timeliness of the shareholders' special appeal, it was passed up to the STJ. The Company's legal counsel believes that the chances of success in this case are high, notably because the Company's case is backed by legal opinions from renowned jurists and by court rulings on this specific issue.

(c) Offsetting of tax credits

From May through October 2000, the merged companies OPP Química and Trikem offset their own federal tax debts with IPI tax credits (*créditos-prêmio*) assigned by an export trading company (Assignor). These offsetting procedures were recognized by the São Paulo tax officials (DERAT/SP) through offset supporting certificates (DCC's) issued in response to an injunctive relief entered in a motion for writ of mandamus (MS SP). Assignor also filed a motion for writ of mandamus against the Rio de Janeiro tax officials (DERAT/RJ) (MS RJ) for recovery of IPI tax credits and their use for offsetting with third-party tax debts, among others. The MS SP was dismissed without judgement of merit, confirming the Rio de Janeiro administrative and jurisdictional authority to rule on Assignor's tax credits.

In June 2005, DERAT/SP issued ordinances (*portarias*) canceling the DCC's. Based on said ordinances, the Federal Revenue unit in Camaçari/BA sent collection letters to the Company. Notices of dispute were presented by the Company, but the administrative authorities declined to process them. As a result, past-due federal tax liabilities (*dívida ativa*) at R\$ 276,620 were posted by the Government in December 2005 concerning the Company's alleged tax debts originating from the offsetting procedures.

Both Assignor and the Company commenced a number of judicial and administrative proceedings to defend the lawfulness and validity of those offsetting procedures, and the legal counsels to both companies classified the chances of success in those cases as probable, mostly in light of the indisputable validity and liquidity of those credits as confirmed in a specific audit conducted by DERAT/RJ.

Finally, on October 3, 2005, the Federal Supreme Court held the MS RJ favorably to Assignor in a final and conclusive manner, confirming Assignor's definite right to use the IPI tax credits from all its exports and their availability for offsetting with third-party debts. As a result, the legal counsels to Assignor and to the Company believe that the offsetting procedures carried out by the merged companies and duly recognized by DERAT/SP are confirmed, and for this reason they also hold that the tax liabilities being imputed to the Company are not due. Irrespective of the final and conclusive decision in MS RJ, the legal counsels to Assignor and to the Company, in addition to a jurist consulted on this specific issue, believe that the tax liabilities purportedly related to offsetting procedures carried out by the merged companies have become time-barred and, as such, can no longer be claimed by the tax authorities.

In January 2006, the Company was ordered to post bond in aid of execution of the tax claim referred to above; this bond was submitted in the form of a judicial bond insurance policy (seguro garantia). Finally, the Company filed a motion against enforcement, which is pending judgment.

The Company's legal counsel has classified the chances of success in all claims listed above as probable; nevertheless, if the Company is eventually defeated in all those cases, it will be entitled to full recourse against Assignor concerning all amounts paid to the National Treasury, as per the assignment agreement executed in 2000.

(d) National Social Security Institute INSS

The Company is a party to several social security disputes in the administrative and judicial spheres, totaling R\$ 160,548 as of March 31, 2006. The Company has made judicial deposits for R\$ 15,100, and R\$ 18,200 is secured by a portion of the Company's inventory. The Company has provisioned social security contingencies in the amount of R\$ 8,500. Further, the Company has credits with INSS under court dispute, totaling R\$ 54,855. These credits are off the balance sheet.

Based on the outside legal counsel's opinion that the possibility of loss in these cases is remote no provisions have been made.

(e) Other court disputes involving the Company

The Company is defendant in civil lawsuits filed by a former caustic soda distributor, totaling R\$ 25,488 on March 31, 2006. This former distributor seeks redress of damages caused by the Company's alleged non-fulfillment of the distributor agreement. In reliance on the opinion of outside legal counsel sponsoring the Company in these lawsuits, the Management believes that the cases will possibly be rejected, no provisions have been made for this matter.

In the 2nd quarter of 2005, the Petrochemical and Chemicals Companies Employees Union in Triunfo (RS) and Camaçari (BA) lodged labor actions claiming overtime payment. The Company has filed the proper defense to these claims and the Management does not expect any loss to result from the final judgment.

As of 2006, the Company is respondent in approximately 1,120 labor claims, including those mentioned above, totaling R\$ 247,219 (December 2005 R\$ 223,400). Based on the opinion of outside legal counsel, most of these labor claims are likely to be judged favorably to the Company and, for this reason, no amounts were provisioned in this respect. The cases classified as a probable loss have been provisioned at R\$ 7,930 by the Company.

21 Financial Instruments

(a) Risk management

Since the Company operates in the domestic and international banking markets, obtaining funds for its operations and investments, it is exposed to market risks mainly arising from changes in the foreign exchange and interest rates. The bank accounts, financial investments and other accounts receivable are subject to credit risk. The Company has developed policies and procedures for risk evaluation, report preparation and mathematical models for the monitoring of these risks and possible use of derivatives to help mitigate these risks.

To cover the exposure to market risk, the Company utilizes various types of currency hedges, some involving the use of cash and others not. The most common types which use cash, as adopted by the Company, are financial applications abroad (Certificates of deposit, securities in U.S. dollars, foreign mutual funds, time deposits and overnight deposits) and put and call options. The types of currency hedge which do not involve the use of cash are swaps of foreign currency for CDI and forwards.

To hedge its exposure to exchange and interest risks arising from loan and financing agreements, the Company adopted the following methodology: hedging of the principal and interest falling due in the next 12 months in, at least (i) 60% of the debt linked to exports (trade finance), except for Advances on Exchange Contracts (ACCs) of up to six months and Advances on Export Contracts (ACEs); and (ii) 75% of the debt not linked to exports (non-trade finance).

Exposure to foreign exchange risks

The Company has long-term loans and financing to finance its operations, including cash flows and project financing. Part of the long-term loans is linked to the U.S. dollar (Note 14).

(b) Exposure to interest rate risks

The Company is exposed to interest rate risks on its debt. The debt in foreign currency, bearing floating interest rates, is mainly subject to LIBOR variation, while the domestic debt, bearing local interest rates, is mainly subject to fluctuations in the Long-term Interest Rate (TJLP) and the Interbank Deposit Certificate (CDI) rate and IGPM inflation index.

(c) Exposure to commodities risks

The Company is exposed to fluctuations in the price of several petrochemical commodities, especially its main raw material, naphtha. Since the Company seeks to transfer to its own selling prices the effect of price changes in its raw material, arising from changes in the naphtha international quotation, part of its sales may be carried out under fixed-price contracts or contracts stating maximum and/or minimum fluctuation ranges. Such contracts are commercial agreements or derivative contracts relating to future sales.

(e) Exposure to credit risk

The operations that subject the Company to concentration of credit risk are mainly bank accounts, financial investments and other accounts receivable, exposing the Company to the risk of the financial institution involved. In order to manage the credit risk, the Company keeps its bank accounts and financial investments with large financial institutions.

In relation to customer credit risk, the Company protects itself by performing detailed analyses before granting credit and by obtaining real and personal guarantees, when necessary.

(f) Market value of derivative instruments

To determine the estimated market value of financial instruments, the Company uses quotations for similar transactions or public information available in the financial market, as well as valuation methodologies generally accepted and utilized by counterparties. These estimates do not necessarily guarantee that such operations could be realized in the market at the indicated amounts. The use of different market information and/or valuation methodologies could have a significant effect on the estimated market value.

22 Financial Income (Expenses)

| | Mar/06 | Mar/05 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Financial income | | |
| Interest income | 28,653 | 36,525 |
| Monetary variation of financial investments, related parties and accounts receivable | 1,967 | 1,673 |
| Monetary variation of taxes recoverable | 25,826 | 13 |
| Exchange variation on foreign currency assets | (124,385) | 6,109 |
| Other | 4,915 | 4,617 |
| | (63,024) | 48,937 |
| Financial expenses | | |
| Interest on financing and related parties | (79,188) | (101,179) |
| Monetary variation of financing and related parties | (51,933) | (52,567) |
| Monetary variation and interest on taxes, contributions and suppliers | (61,417) | (29,950) |
| Losses on derivative transactions | (3,466) | (6,315) |
| Expenses with vendor transactions | (21,738) | (27,208) |
| Discounts granted | (11,595) | (5,422) |
| Exchange variation on foreign currency liabilities | 302,892 | (20,608) |
| Taxes and charges on financial transactions | (18,049) | (22,621) |
| Financial expenses on receivable transactions | (20,137) | (9,906) |
| Other | (37,826) | (11,293) |
| | (2,457) | (287,069) |
| Financial results, net | (65,481) | (238,132) |

23 Other Operating Income and Expenses

| | Mar/06 | Mar/05 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Income (expenses) | | |
| Rental of facilities and assignment of right to use | 6,190 | 6,498 |
| Recovery of taxes (Note 16(iii)) | 112,367 | 129 |
| Sale of sundry materials | 1,773 | 2,631 |
| Recovery of costs and expenses | 2,292 | 109 |
| Inventory adjustments | (1,896) | (2,516) |
| Other operating income/(expenses), net | (29,508) | (627) |
| | 91,218 | 6,224 |

24 Insurance Coverage

The Company has a broadly-based risk management program designed to provide cover and protection for all assets, as well as possible losses caused by production stoppages, through an "all risks" insurance policy. This policy establishes the amount for maximum probable damage, considered sufficient to cover possible losses, taking into account the nature of the Company's activities and the advice of insurance consultants. At March 31, 2006, insurance coverage for inventories, property, plant and equipment, and loss of profits of the Company amounts to R\$ 4,120,178 per claim, while the total of all insured assets is R\$ 8,957,304.

25 Private Pension Plans

The actuarial obligations relating to the pension and retirement plans are accrued in conformity with the procedures established by CVM Deliberation 371/2000.

The formation of Braskem involved the integration of six sponsoring companies and three different pension plans managed by Fundação PETROBRAS de Seguridade Social - PETROS ("PETROS"), PREVINOR - Associação de Previdência Privada ("PREVINOR") and ODEPREV - Odebrecht Previdência ("ODEPREV"). In addition to sponsoring different private pension plans, the Company has approximately 800 employees who do not participate in company-sponsored pension plans, as no new benefits were granted to employees since the inception of the Company.

Management ceased to provide benefits to new employees in order to devise a single, legitimate solution for all participants, with a view to protecting the plan participants' financial assets.

Experts engaged by the Company recommended that ODEPREV be the only supplementary pension plan entity sponsored by the Company. Furthermore, employees who do not participate in the PETROS and PREVINOR plans were offered the opportunity of joining the ODEPREV plan, retroactively to August 16, 2002.

In early June 2005, the Company communicated to PETROS and PREVINOR its intended withdrawal as a sponsor effective June 30, 2005. With regard to PETROS, the Company is completing the calculation of mathematical reserves of participants, that define potential requirements of contribution by the Company to settle previous commitments. Following the completion of actuarial calculations, the proposed withdrawal as a sponsor will be submitted for the approval of the Supplementary Pension Plan Secretariat, a Social Security Ministry department in charge of regulating and inspecting private pension plans. To support the potential contribution mentioned above, the Company recorded a provision of R\$ 58,554 in long-term liabilities.

During the 1st quarter of 2006, neither the Company nor the participants made contributions to the plan (1st quarter of 2005 - R\$ 1,406 and R\$ 897, respectively).

As to PREVINOR, the reserve computations have been completed and the entity has a surplus, so that no contributions by the Company are required. The process is under review by the Supplementary Pension Plan Secretariat. Following the approval, the rights of active participants and beneficiaries will be settled.

During the 1st quarter of 2006, neither the Company nor the participants made contributions to the plan (1st quarter of 2005 - R\$ 322 and R\$ 182, respectively).

Benefits to retired employees and pensioners will continue to be paid on a regular basis up to completion of the process.

(a) ODEPREV

The Company has a defined-contribution plan for its employees. The plan is managed by ODEPREV - Odebrecht Previdência which was set up by Odebrecht S.A. as a closed private pension entity. ODEPREV offers its participants, employees of the sponsoring companies, the Optional Plan, a defined-contribution plan, under which monthly and sporadic participant contributions and annual and monthly sponsor contributions are accumulated and managed in individual retirement savings accounts.

The Board of Trustees of ODEPREV defines each year, in advance, the parameters for contributions to be made by the participants and the sponsoring companies. With regard to the payment of benefits under the Optional Plan, the obligation of ODEPREV is limited to the total value of the quotas held by its participants and, to comply with the regulations for a defined-contribution plan, it will not be able to require any obligation or responsibility on the part of the sponsoring company to assure minimum levels of benefits to the participants who retire.

Currently, the active participants in ODEPREV total 2,137 (1st quarter of 2005 - 1,122).

Up to March 31, 2006, sponsor s and employees contributions amounted to R\$ 2,018,400 (1st quarter of 2005 - R\$ 1,479) and R\$ 2,801 (1st quarter of 2005 - R\$ 1,396), respectively.

26 Raw Material Purchase Commitments

The Company has contracts for consumption of electric energy for its industrial plants located in the states of Alagoas, Bahia and Rio Grande do Sul. The minimum commitment for consumption under these four-year contracts amounts to approximately R\$ 102,340 (not reviewed).

The Company acquires from Copesul ethylene and propylene for its units at the Southern Petrochemical Complex, under a contract in force until 2014. The minimum annual purchase commitment corresponds to 268,200 metric tons of ethylene and 262,200 metric tons of propylene. Considering the prices ruling at March 31, 2006, this commitment corresponds to R\$ 1,202,302 (not reviewed). If the Company does not acquire the minimum volume, it must pay 40% of the current price of the amount not purchased. Based on 40% of prices charged as of March 31, 2006, the amount would be equal to R\$ 480,921 (not reviewed).

Braskem purchases naphtha under contracts establishing a minimum annual purchase volume equal to R\$ 5,262,552 (not reviewed), based on market prices as of March 31, 2006.

27 Subsequent Event

(a) Acquisition of Politeno

In a Communication to the Market released on April 5, 2006, Braskem informed that on April 4, 2006, it entered into an agreement with Suzano Petroquímica, Sumitomo Chemical and Itochu Corporation, to purchase 100% of the common and preference shares in Politeno held by those companies.

With this transaction, the Company will hold 100% of the voting and 96.15% of the total capital of Politeno, a company with a production capacity of 360 thousand t/year of polyethylene, located in the Petrochemical Complex of Camaçari, state of Bahia.

The final amount to be paid by the Company for these shares will be computed based on the performance of Politeno over the next 18 months, reflecting the evolution of the difference between polyethylenes and ethene in the Brazilian market.

The initial amount payable by Braskem was equal to US\$ 111.3 million, of which US\$ 60.6 million was paid to Suzano Petroquímica and US\$ 50.7 million to the other shareholders. This payment was calculated by applying the percentage acquired (62.2%) to the value of 100% of Politeno (US\$ 225 million), less US\$ 46.1 million for contingencies and working capital adjustments. This sum will be applied to the final amount mentioned above.

(b) Issue of Perpetual Bonds

On April 24, 2006, Braskem completed the issue of perpetual bonds for a total of US\$ 200 million. The bonds are redeemable at the Company's option in 360 months and on a quarterly basis as from 2011 and will pay annual coupon of 9%. The Company intends to use the proceeds of the offer in general corporate activities, including formation of working capital and financing the acquisition of certain common and preferred shares in Politeno.

Supplementary Information

Statement of cash flows for the quarters ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

| | Parent company | | Consolidated | |
|--|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Mar/06 | Mar/05 | Mar/06 | Mar/05 |
| Net income for the quarter | 119,747 | 206,831 | 121,955 | 205,682 |
| Adjustment to reconcile net income: | | | | |
| Depreciation, amortization and depletion | 197,680 | 191,935 | 232,089 | 208,382 |
| Amortization of goodwill (negative goodwill), net | 39,406 | 37,933 | 38,433 | 37,924 |
| Equity accounting | (68,448) | (19,897) | 966 | (355) |
| Reversal of (provision for) loss on investments | (3,440) | (45,728) | 3,029 | |
| Tax incentives | | | (7,423) | (11,544) |
| Exchange variation on investments | (4,890) | 1,170 | (148) | 5,635 |
| Adjustment to realizable value of investments (change in criterion) | | | (99) | 402 |
| Gain (losses) on interest in investments and Others | | 299 | (11,243) | (151) |
| Gains (losses) on permanent asset disposals | 1 | 12 | 854 | 1,659 |
| Interest and monetary and exchange variations, net | 15,041 | 190,624 | 36,935 | 207,743 |
| Recognition of tax credits | (80,737) | | (80,737) | |
| Minority interests | | | (994) | 3,246 |
| Deferred income tax | 16,141 | 20,985 | 11,006 | 21,051 |
| Other | 7,589 | 12,738 | 9,987 | 15,114 |
| | 238,090 | 596,902 | 354,610 | 694,788 |
| Effect of mergers of investments | | 2 | | |
| Effect of merger of cash | 121,777 | 7,643 | 114,552 | (3,095) |
| Cash generation before changes in operating working capital | 359,867 | 604,547 | 469,162 | 691,693 |
| Changes in operating working capital | | | | |
| Marketable securities | (6,845) | 955 | (85,707) | (17,341) |
| Trade accounts receivable | 140,253 | (239,593) | 6,094 | (276,010) |
| Inventories | (70,854) | 82,426 | (88,407) | 100,396 |
| Taxes recoverable | (69,643) | (28,870) | (66,777) | (26,838) |
| Prepaid expenses | 9,350 | 15,140 | 9,405 | 14,325 |
| Dividends received | 28,221 | 39,449 | | |
| Other accounts receivable | (5,037) | (13,875) | (36,437) | (30,298) |
| Suppliers | (37,482) | 103,220 | (63,418) | 234,584 |
| Taxes, charges and contributions | (48,138) | 36,999 | (55,919) | 38,192 |

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|---|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|
| Tax incentives | 7,380 | 30,121 | 15,764 | 41,694 |
| Advances from customers | (3,603) | 35,877 | (4,650) | 16,998 |
| Other accounts payable | 17,705 | (21,971) | 26,423 | (9,524) |
| Generation of cash from operations before financial effects | 321,174 | 644,425 | 125,533 | 777,871 |
| Exclusion of financial cash effects | (121,777) | (7,643) | (114,552) | 3,095 |
| Generation of accounting cash from operations | 199,397 | 636,782 | 10,981 | 780,966 |

Cash flows (continued)

| | Parent company | | Consolidated | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Mar/06 | Mar/05 | Mar/06 | Mar/05 |
| Proceeds from the sale of investments | 42 | | 42 | |
| Additions to investments | | (15,841) | | (15,841) |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | (152,539) | (84,756) | (174,048) | (101,379) |
| Additions to deferred charges | (4,485) | (20,389) | (4,762) | (20,862) |
| Cash used for investments | (156,982) | (120,986) | (178,768) | (138,082) |
| Short-term debt, net | | | | |
| Funds obtained | 127,750 | 32,214 | 515,504 | 131,018 |
| Repayment | (363,929) | (843,020) | (428,715) | (910,605) |
| Long-term debt | | | | |
| Funds obtained | | 244,118 | 61,807 | 248,823 |
| Repayment | | | (82,362) | (24,065) |
| Related parties | | | | |
| Funds obtained | 3,549 | 143,176 | 1 | 22 |
| Repayment | (4,622) | (255,807) | (867) | (37,958) |
| Dividends paid to shareholders and minority interests | (35,274) | (20,372) | (35,168) | (10,178) |
| Other | | | (2,841) | |
| Generation (use) of cash in financing | (272,526) | (699,691) | 27,359 | (602,943) |
| Generation (use) of cash and cash equivalents | (230,111) | (183,895) | (140,428) | 39,941 |
| Represented by | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 1,461,090 | 1,556,869 | 2,135,740 | 1,793,958 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | 1,230,979 | 1,372,974 | 1,995,312 | 1,833,899 |
| Generation (use) of cash and cash equivalents | (230,111) | (183,895) | (140,428) | 39,941 |

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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: August 28, 2006

BRASKEM S.A.

By: /s/ Paul Elie Altit

Name: Paul Elie Altit
Title: Chief Financial Officer
