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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16
OR 15D-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of May, 2009
(Commission File No. 1-14862)

BRASKEM S.A.

(Exact Name as Specified in its Charter)

N/A

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Rua Eteno, 1561, Polo Petroquimico de Camacari
Camacari, Bahia - CEP 42810-000 Brazil
(Address of principal executive offices)

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BRASKEM ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CAPROLACTAM OPERATIONS

São Paulo, May 13, 2009 - Braskem (BOVESPA: BRKM3, BRKM5, BRKM6; NYSE: BAK; LATIBEX: XBRK), has decided to suspend its caprolactam production, the raw material used to manufacture nylon temporarily halting production at the caprolactam industrial unit located at the Camaçari Complex in the state of Bahia. The decision took into consideration a meticulous assessment of the set of difficulties currently faced by the Brazilian and international caprolactam industries.

Most of the caprolactam produced by Braskem is sold in the international market, which has suffered liquidity problems in the past few years, what has been intensified with the global economic crisis. In view of this situation, the Company was forced to reduce dramatically capacity utilization at this plant, which pressured margins and made continuing these operations temporarily unfeasible. Since these assets may be reactivated in the future, this temporary suspension does not result in any accounting impacts.

Braskem will continue to supply its domestic caprolactam clients through the end of 2009, drawing on current inventories. As of 2010, these Clients may resort to importing caprolactam directly from international suppliers, an alternative already used today by certain Brazilian companies.

In addition to respecting all of its obligations with Clients, Braskem has also adopted measures to minimize the impacts of this decision at the Company, taking advantage of opportunities to reallocate most of the workers involved in caprolactam production to other areas.

Braskem will continue to monitor developments in the caprolactam market to decide on the potential resumption of operations at this industrial unit.

Braskem is the leader in the thermoplastic resins segment in Latin America and the third-largest petrochemical producer in the Americas. The company operates 18 industrial plants across Brazil and has annual production capacity of 11 million tons of chemical and petrochemical products.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 13, 2009

BRASKEM S.A.

By: /s/ Carlos José Fadigas de Souza Filho

Name: Carlos José Fadigas de Souza Filho

Title: Chief Financial Officer

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