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## FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

### **Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of June, 2009

Brazilian Distribution Company
(Translation of Registrant s Name Into English)

Av. Brigadeiro Luiz Antonio, 3126 São Paulo, SP 01402-901

<u>Brazil</u>

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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

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Yes \_\_\_ No \_X\_

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Yes \_\_\_ No <u>X</u>

## GRUPO PÃO DE AÇÚCAR ANNOUNCES ACQUISITION OF PONTO FRIO

(São Paulo, June 8, 2009) Further underlining its commitment to the country s growth, in which it has been investing for more than 60 years, Grupo Pão de Açúcar announces the acquisition of the Ponto Frio network (Globex Utilidades S/A and its subsidiaries). The agreement was signed today, June 8<sup>th</sup>, reaffirming the Company s determination to expand its presence in the non-food segment, specifically in electronics and household appliances. As a result, the Group becomes Brazil s leading retailer, with gross sales of approximately R\$ 26 billion, more than 1,000 stores and 79,000 employees. The former controlling shareholders stake, equivalent to 70.24% of the total capital stock, was acquired for R\$ 824.5 million. Part of this amount was paid with Grupo Pão de Açúcar s shares. Further details regarding the transaction can be found in the Material Fact disclosed to the market.

With a solid capital structure that ensures future growth, Grupo Pão de Açúcar consolidates its presence in the retail electronics and household appliance segment, bringing together the operational and commercial activities of the two retail giants. This operation is expected to bring synergies and gains in scale that should benefit our customers.

This acquisition reinforces our confidence in the Brazilian economy. We are extremely pleased and convinced that it will make the Group even more competitive, generating substantial benefits for the business and, consequently, our customers and shareholders, affirmed Abilio Diniz, chairman of Grupo Pão de Açúcar s board of directors. The transaction s main benefits include the wide distribution of stores and their privileged locations, the renowned e-commerce and financial services expertise integrated logistics, among others.

Grupo Pão de Açúcar s expansion in the non-food segment will generate even more opportunities for the professionals of both companies, who are distinguished for their ability and extensive experience in their respective areas, qualities which are absolutely essential for growth. We are fully committed to Brazil and the Brazilians, and this acquisition will increase the opportunities for talents of both companies, now brought together as single Group, that may generate new job positions across the country, added Abilio Diniz.

"We are happy with the agreement and pleased to become shareholders of the largest retail group in Brazil, of which Ponto Frio is now part", declared the controlling shareholders of Globex.

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With the purchase of Ponto Frio, Grupo Pão de Açúcar is now one of the country s leading electronics / household appliance retailers, with strong presence in 18 Brazilian states and the Federal District. Grupo Pão de Açúcar has now entered states where it has not previously held operations, such as Espírito Santo, Mato Grosso, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul, consolidating its presence nationwide.

As in other segments of the economy, this transaction is taking place against a backdrop of important changes and opportunities in Brazil, with national companies building up strength and expanding their competitive capacity, thus achieving the required solidity to meet consumer demands and the domestic market growth in a more efficient manner.

## X-RAY OF GRUPO PÃO DE AÇÚCAR FOLLOWING THE PONTO FRIO ACQUISITION

Approximately R\$ 26 billion consolidated gross sales in 2008

1,055 Stores / 75 Gas Stations / 145 Drugstores.

79,000 employees

Diverse range of store formats: hypermarkets (Extra), supermarkets (Pão de Açúcar, Extra Perto, CompreBem and Sendas), electronics / household appliance stores (Extra-Eletro and Ponto Frio), convenience stores (Extra Fácil), atacarejo (wholesale/retail) (Assai), e-commerce operations (www.extra.com.br and www.pontofrio.com.br), gas stations and drugstores.

28 Distribution Centers

Presence in 18 Brazilian states (RS, SC, PR, SP, RJ, MG, ES, GO, MS, MT, BA, RN, AL, SE, PE, PB, CE and PI) and the Federal District

Grupo Pão de Açúcar s and Globex s shares are listed on the São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa). Since 1997, Grupo Pão de Açúcar s ADRs are also listed on the New York Stock Exchange (ADR level III).

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirement 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.

COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

Date: June 8, 2009 By: /s/ Enéas César Pestana Neto

Name: Enéas César Pestana Neto Title: Administrative Director

By: /s/ Daniela Sabbag

Name: Daniela Sabbag

Title: Investor Relations Officer

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