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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 December, 2007

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

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

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Yes ___ No <u>X</u>

GRUPO PÃO DE AÇÚCAR HIRES CLAUDIO GALEAZZI

São Paulo, December 11, 2007 - The Board of Directors of Grupo Pão de Açúcar [NYSE: CBD; BOVESPA: PCAR4 (PN)] hereby informs its shareholders and the market that Claudio Galeazzi has been appointed as the Company's new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Galeazzi, who takes up office today, will be helping the management team of Grupo Pão de Açúcar to put the corporate plan into practice and achieve the performance targets drawn up by the Board of Executive Officers and approved by the Board of Directors and shareholders.

Mr. Galeazzi s appointment underlines the Group s commitment to the highest standards of corporate governance and professional management practices, which has been strengthened since 2003. The new CEO's responsibilities include grooming a successor from the Company's executive staff.

Grupo Pão de Açúcar s main objectives for 2008 are: growth in same-store sales, intensification of the ongoing expense reduction program, higher efficiency levels and improved returns on invested capital.

Claudio Galeazzi, 67, is the founder and partner of Galeazzi & Associados. His career has focused on business management and he has sat on the Boards of several firms and helped restructure major companies. In the role of CEO, he oversaw the restructuring of Artex, Mococa, Vila Romana, Cecrisa and Lojas Americanas. Before founding Galeazzi & Associados, he was managing director of Drew Chemical Corp s subsidiaries in Brazil and Argentina. He was also CEO of Cesbra and John Sommers (a joint venture between British Petroleum and Brascan), as well as vice-president of British Petroleum Mineração in Brazil. His career also includes terms as Chairman of the Industrial Social Service Program (SESI), a director of the São Paulo Industries Federation (Fiesp) and the Euvaldo Lodi Institute (IEL), vice-president of the Brazilian Factoring Association (ANFAC) and head of administration at the São Paulo Museum of Modern Art (MAM).

São Paulo, December 11, 2007.

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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: December 11, 2007 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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