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FORM F-1 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT** UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Ultrapar Participações S.A.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Ultrapar Holdings Inc.

(Translation of Registrant□s name into English)

Federative Republic of

Brazil (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Classification Code Number)

4924 (Primary Standard Industrial **Not Applicable** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price(2)	Amount of registration fee
Preferred shares, without par value(3)	6,146,901,164	U.S.\$0.019131	U.S.\$117,596,370	U.S.\$13,841

- (1) Includes 5,062,153,900 preferred shares to be offered and sold in the United States and elsewhere and 1,084,747,264 preferred shares subject to the underwriters over-allotment option. Offers and sales of preferred shares outside the United States are being made pursuant to Regulation S under the Securities Act and are not covered by this registration statement. A portion of the preferred shares will be represented by ADSs. Each ADS represents 1000 preferred shares.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of computing the amount of the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act based on the average of the high and low prices of the preferred shares represented by the ADSs on the New York Stock Exchange on January 28, 2005.
- (3) A separate Registration Statement on Form F-6 (File No. 333-10816) was filed on September 10, 1999 and declared effective on October 5, 1999. This Registration Statement on Form F-6 relates to the registration of ADSs evidenced by the American Depositary Shares issuable upon deposit of the preferred shares registered hereby.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS

Subject to Completion

February 2, 2005

Preferred Shares including Preferred Shares in the form of American Depositary Shares

Ultrapar Participações S.A.

R\$ per 1,000 Preferred Shares U.S.\$ per American Depositary Share

The selling shareholders named in this prospectus are offering 7,231,648,428 preferred shares (including preferred shares in the form of American Depositary Shares, which we refer to as ADSs) to be sold in a global offering. Each ADS represents 1,000 preferred shares and will be evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, which we refer to as ADRs. Of the total being sold by the selling shareholders, the underwriters are offering preferred shares and ADSs in the United States and other jurisdictions outside Brazil, preferred shares purchased by U.S. investors will be placed outside the United States by the Brazilian underwriters, settled in Brazil and paid for in reais and their offer is being underwritten by the Brazilian underwriters identified elsewhere in this prospectus, pursuant to an underwriting agreement governed by Brazilian law. U.S. investors purchasing preferred shares must be authorized to invest in Brazilian Securities under the requirements established by the Brazilian National Monetary Council (Conselho Monetário Nacional, or CMN) and the Brazilian Securities Commission (Comissão de Valores Mobiliários, or CVM). The Brazilian underwriters are offering preferred shares in Brazil to Brazilian investors and other non-U.S. international investors authorized to invest in Brazilian securities under the requirements established by the CMN and the CVM. We will not receive any proceeds from this offering unless the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option, as described below. The closings of the international and Brazilian offerings will be conditioned upon each other.

Our preferred shares are traded on the São Paulo stock exchange under the symbol [UGPA4] and our ADSs are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol [UGP]. On , 2005, the last reported sale price on the São Paulo Stock Exchange of our preferred shares was R\$ per 1,000 preferred shares and the last reported sale price on the New York Stock Exchange of our ADSs was U.S.\$ per ADS.

This offering will be registered with the CVM. The CVM has not approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus (or the Portuguese-language prospectus used in the Brazilian offering) is truthful or complete.

Investing in the preferred shares or the ADSs involves a high degree of risk. Before buying any preferred shares or ADSs, you should carefully read the discussion of material risks of investing in our securities under the heading \square Risk factors \square beginning on page 10 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

	Per 1,000 preferred shares	d Total
Public offering price	U.S.\$	U.S.\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	U.S.\$	U.S.\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to the selling shareholders	U.S.\$	U.S.\$

The underwriters and the Brazilian underwriters may also purchase up to an additional aggregate 1,084,747,264 preferred shares (which may include preferred shares in the form of ADSs), from us at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus to cover over-allotments, if any. If the underwriters and the Brazilian underwriters exercise the option in full, the total underwriting discounts and commissions will be U.S.\$, and the total proceeds, before expenses, to us will be U.S.\$

The underwriters are offering the preferred shares and ADSs and the Brazilian underwriters are offering the preferred shares to non-U.S. investors as set forth under <code>[Underwriting.[]</code> Delivery of the preferred shares will be made in Brazil through the facility of the Companhia Brasileira de Liquidação e Custódia (the Brazilian Settlement and Custodial Company), which we refer to as the CBLC, on or about , 2005. Delivery of the ADSs will be made through the book-entry facilities of the Depositary Trust Company on or about , 2005. Delivery of the ADSs will be made in New York, New York on or about , 2005.

Sole Global Coordinator & Joint Bookrunner

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UBS Investment Bank

Pactual Capital Corporation

The date of this prospectus is , 2005.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus or to which we have referred you. We, the selling shareholders and the underwriters have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus. The selling shareholders and the underwriters are not making an offer to sell the preferred shares or ADSs in a jurisdiction or state where such offer is not permitted. The information in this document is only accurate at the date of this prospectus, and our business, results of operations and financial condition may change after the date of this prospectus.

We have prepared this prospectus on the basis of information that we have or have obtained from sources we believe to be reliable. The discussions of documents referred to in this prospectus summarize those documents and we refer you to those documents for more complete information. You should consult your own legal, tax and business advisors regarding an investment in our preferred shares or ADSs.

The offering of preferred shares is being made in Brazil by a Portuguese-language prospectus that has been filed with the CVM and has the same date as this prospectus but has a different format. This offering is being made in the United States and elsewhere outside Brazil solely on the basis of the information contained in this prospectus.

No offer or sale of ADSs may be made to the public in Brazil except in circumstances which do not constitute a public offer or distribution under Brazilian laws and regulations. Any offer or sale of ADSs in Brazil to non-Brazilian residents may be made only under circumstances that do not constitute a public offer or distribution under Brazilian laws and regulations.

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Forward looking statements

The statements contained in this prospectus in relation to our plans, forecasts, expectations regarding future events, strategies, and projections, are forward-looking statements which involve risks and uncertainties and which are therefore not guarantees of future results. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they were made, and we undertake no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements after we distribute this prospectus because of new information, future events and other factors. Words such as <code>[believe, [] [expect, [] [may, [] [will, [] [plan, [] [strategy, [] [prospect, [] [foresee, [] estimate, [] [project, [] [anticipate, [] [can, [] [intend [] an are intended to identify forward-looking statements. We have made forward-looking statements which cover, among other things, our:</code>

- strategy for marketing and operational expansion;
- capital expenditures forecasts; and
- development of additional sources of revenue.

These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, which could mean that our actual results and performance could differ significantly from those anticipated and that anticipated events or circumstances might not occur. The risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to:

- general economic and business conditions, including the price of crude oil and other commodities, refining margins and prevailing foreign exchange rates;
- competition;
- ability to produce and deliver products on a timely basis;
- ability to anticipate trends in the LPG industry, including changes in capacity and industry price movements:
- changes in official regulations;
- receipt of official authorizations and licenses;
- political, economic and social events in Brazil;
- approval of Brazilian antitrust authorities of the Shell Gás acquisition;
- access to sources of financing and our level of debt;
- ability to integrate acquisitions;
- regulatory issues relating to acquisitions;
- availability of tax benefits; and
- \bullet other factors contained in this prospectus under $\square Risk$ factors. \square

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Presentation of information

The audited consolidated balance sheets included herein and the related consolidated statements of income, cash flows, changes in financial position and changes in shareholders equity, including the notes thereto, are our consolidated financial statements. The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2004 and for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 included in this prospectus and the related consolidated statements of income, cash flows, changes in financial position and changes in shareholders equity, including the notes thereto, are our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements. The selected financial information presented in this prospectus should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements, our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, and the notes thereto.

All references herein to the $[real, [] reais, [] or [] R^[] are to the Brazilathe official currency of Brazil. All references to <math>[U.S. dollars, [] dollars [] or [] U.S. [] are to United States dollars.$

Segment information for our businesses are presented on an unconsolidated basis. Consequently, intercompany transactions have not been eliminated in segment information and therefore this information will not sum to consolidated financial information provided. See [Business-Related party transactions] for more information.

Certain figures included in this prospectus have been subject to rounding adjustments. Accordingly, figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

Brazilian GAAP and U.S. GAAP

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting practices adopted in Brazil ([Brazilian GAAP[]), which include accounting principles emanating from the Brazilian corporate law and accounting standards and supplementary procedures established by the CVM and the Brazilian Institute of Independent Auditors (Instituto dos Auditores Independentes do Brasil), or IBRACON. Such accounting practices differ in certain material respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or U.S. GAAP. See note 24 to our consolidated financial statements for a summary of the differences between Brazilian GAAP and U.S. GAAP, and a reconciliation to U.S. GAAP of shareholders[] equity as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and net income for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

Market share information

All market share information for the LPG business in Brazil is obtained from Sindigás, the Brazilian Association of LPG distributors. Unless otherwise specified, all macro economic data is obtained from Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística IBGE, Fundação Getúlio Vargas FGV and the Central Bank of Brazil (Banco Central do Brasil), or the Central Bank.

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Prospectus summary

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before buying shares in this offering. You should read the entire prospectus carefully. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to [Ultrapar,] the [Company,] [we,] [us] or [our] refer to Ultrapar Participações S.A. together with its subsidiaries. [Ultragaz] refers to Ultragaz Participações Ultragaz refers to Ultragaz of Ultragaz refers to Ultragaz refers

OUR BUSINESS

We are one of Brazils leading corporate groups. We are engaged in the distribution of liquified petroleum gas, or LPG, production of chemicals, and the provision of integrated logistics services. Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Ultragaz, is the largest LPG distributor in Brazil with a national market share of 24%. In the chemicals business, our wholly-owned subsidiary, Oxiteno, is the sole producer of ethylene oxide and its principal derivatives in the Mercosur area (comprising Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay) and a major producer of specialty chemicals. Through our wholly-owned subsidiary, Ultracargo, we are a leading provider of integrated road transport, storage and handling services for chemicals and fuels.

The table below sets forth certain financial information for us and our principal businesses1:

Nine months

	ended September 30,		Year ended December 31,		
	2004	2003	2003	2002	2001
		(in millions of reais)			
Net sales and services					
Ultrapar	3,564.1	2,930.3	4,000.3	2,994.5	2,284.7
Ultragaz	2,241.9	1,903.5	2,622.7	1,942.7	1,381.1
Oxiteno	1,210.0	923.9	1,237.8	956.1	832.1
Ultracargo	144.7	131.5	177.1	131.5	105.4
EBITDA2					
Ultrapar	550.8	384.6	498.5	487.3	372.5
Ultragaz	205.5	166.5	208.2	219.8	163.0
Oxiteno	309.3	182.3	243.2	232.7	176.8
Ultracargo	31.4	30.9	40.0	29.2	28.1
Net Income					
Ultrapar	304.7	187.4	246.4	222.3	132.2
Net cash (debt) ³ :					
Ultrapar	(25.0)		(78.1)	54.5	241.3

Segment information for our businesses are presented on an unconsolidated basis. See [Presentation of (1) information for more information.

- (2) See footnote 2 under [Summary financial information] for a more complete discussion of EBITDand its reconciliation to information in our financial statements.
- (3) See footnote 3 under Summary financial information for a more complete discussion of net cash (debt) and its reconciliation to information in our financial statements.

Our origins date to 1937 when our founder, Ernesto Igel, brought LPG to be used as cooking gas in Brazil. In 1966, we formed the operating subsidiaries of Ultracargo to satisfy the demand for high quality transportation services and storage for chemicals and LPG. We were also one of the pioneers in developing Brazil petrochemical industry with the creation of Oxiteno in 1970.

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OUR STRENGTHS

Leading market positions across businesses

Ultragaz is the largest LPG distributor in Brazil and the sixth largest independent in the world in terms of volume sold. It has a national market share of 24% and is present in every state, excluding the Amazon region, reaching more than 7.5 million homes. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, Ultragaz□s total volume sold reached 1.2 million tons of LPG.

Oxiteno is the sole producer of ethylene oxide and its derivatives in the Mercosur region and is also a major producer of specialty chemicals. Our chemical operations supply a broad range of market segments, particularly agricultural chemicals, food, cosmetics, leather, detergents, packaging for beverages, thread and polyester filaments, brake fluids, petroleum, paints and varnishes. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, Oxiteno sold approximately 391,000 tons of chemical products. In the Brazilian market for these products we compete principally with imports. For instance, imports of ethylene glycol and methyl-ethyl-ketone, two of our most important products, represented approximately 30% and 10% respectively, of the volumes sold in Brazil during the nine months ended September 30, 2004.

Ultracargo is a leading provider of integrated logistics for chemicals and fuels, with 21% of Brazil□s tank storage capacity for chemical products. Ultracargo accounts for approximately 71% of all tank capacity for liquids at the Aratu terminal in the State of Bahia, which serves South America□s largest petrochemical complex.

Balanced business mix

Our operations encompass the distribution of LPG, the production of ethylene oxide and its derivatives and the transportation and storage of chemicals and fuels. We believe our businesses provide us with increased financial capability and flexibility across the businesses in which we operate. Our balanced business mix makes us less vulnerable to economic fluctuations and allows us to pursue growth opportunities as they arise in any of our business segments.

Highly efficient LPG distribution network

In addition to making direct sales of bottled LPG, Ultragaz is the only LPG distributor in Brazil with an exclusive network of independent dealers. This network comprises approximately 4,400 dealers who exclusively represent Ultragaz. This has enabled Ultragaz to control the quality and productivity of its dealers leading to a strong brand name recognition associated with quality, safety and efficiency, and also allows frequent contact with its customers. In addition, Ultragaz was the first to introduce LPG small bulk delivery in Brazil, with lower distribution cost than bottled distribution, and over the years has built a strong client base.

Flexibility across the petrochemical cycle

Oxiteno is the sole producer of ethylene oxide and its principal derivatives in the Mercosur region. Approximately 96% of its ethylene oxide production is used internally in the production of ethylene oxide derivatives which can be classified in two groups: specialty and commodity chemicals. Oxiteno is a major producer of specialty chemicals, which are traditionally products with better margins and less exposure to petrochemical cycles than commodity chemicals.

Cost efficient operations

Oxiteno[s operations have a high degree of production efficiency derived from scale similar to that of the largest producers in the world. Ultragaz has significant market presence in densely populated areas which allows it to operate its filling plants and distribution system with a high level of capacity utilization and efficiency.

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Strong operational track record

Our business has exhibited a solid operational track record. During the last five years, we experienced consolidated annual compounded average growth rates of % in EBITDA¹ and % in net income, in spite of the

overall macroeconomic volatility in Brazil during this same period. This growth has been driven by the operational performance of all our businesses.

Experienced management team

We are led by a strong and experienced management team with a proven track record in the LPG, petrochemical and specialized logistics industries. Our senior management team possesses an average of 31 years of experience in the relevant industries, is a significant shareholder in our company, and has a performance-linked remuneration based on an economic value-added model (EVA®).

Alignment of shareholders interests

Our by-laws provide important rights that align the interests of all our shareholders, including our controlling shareholders, management shareholders and minority shareholders. If our controlling shareholders sell their controlling stake in our Company, our by-laws provide that holders of our preferred and common shares are entitled to sell their shares in a public tender offer at the same price and with the same payment terms as our controlling shareholders.

OUR STRATEGY

Build on the strength of our LPG brand

Our LPG distribution business has a high brand recognition associated with quality, safety and efficiency. We intend to reinforce this market perception by continuing to supply high quality products and services and introducing new services and distribution channels.

Maintain exclusivity in LPG distribution

We intend to preserve our strong relationship with dealers by keeping their distribution exclusivity and avoiding geographic overlap. We plan to continue to invest in training our dealers, in order to maximize efficiency, further strengthen our relationships with them and promote the high standards of our distribution network. In parallel, we plan to increase our operational efficiency and productivity at Ultragaz.

Expand capacity at Oxiteno

We intend to continue to expand Oxiteno \square s production capacity ahead of demand in Brazil. As we expand, we plan to continue our efforts to apply the best global practices to Oxiteno \square s plants and production processes with a view to remain technologically competitive.

Continue to enhance product mix at Oxiteno

We plan to increase Oxiteno[s capacity to produce a variety of value-added ethylene oxide derivatives in order to optimize its sales mix across petrochemical cycles. Oxiteno[s investments in research and development has resulted in the introduction of 135 new applications for its products during the last three years. Oxiteno will continue to invest in research and development focused on developing new product applications to meet clients[needs. In addition, we intend to focus Oxiteno[s sales on the domestic market, which allows us to have higher margins.

¹ See footnote 2 under \square Summary financial information \square for a more complete discussion of EBITDA and its reconciliation to information in our financial statements.

Maintain financial strength

We seek to maintain a sound financial position to allow us to pursue investment opportunities and enhance our shareholders return on their investment in our Company. Our net debt position for the year ended September 30, 2004 was R\$ 25 million. Additionally, all foreign currency denominated debt is hedged until its maturity.

We have been consistently distributing dividends to our shareholders. During the last five years we have paid yearly dividends representing an average of approximately 48% of our net income.

Continue to grow our businesses

Our main objective is to enhance shareholder value and strengthen our market presence by growing our business. Historically, we have grown our business organically and through acquisitions. We intend to continue this strategy, both domestically and internationally.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Stock dividend and share exchange by controlling shareholders

At our Board of Directors meeting held on February 2, 2005, our directors approved a stock dividend of 10,453,690,324 preferred shares of Ultrapar, or 15 shares for each 100 outstanding common or preferred shares on February 16, 2005. As a result of the stock dividend, we will issue 10,453,690,324 new preferred shares to our shareholders through a capitalization of reserves.

At an upcoming extraordinary shareholders meeting, our shareholders will consider approving the issuance of additional preferred shares by us to permit certain shareholders, including Ultra, to exchange common shares of Ultrapar held indirectly by them into preferred shares at a ratio of one common share for one preferred share. Common shares tendered for exchange into preferred shares will be cancelled.

Bond offering in Brazil

On February 2, 2005, our shareholders approved an offering to Brazilian investors of R\$ 300 million principal amount of Ultrapar bonds due 2008. The proceeds from this bond offering will be used to retire outstanding debt and for general corporate purposes.

Other projects under study

We have signed a protocol with Petróleo Brasileiro S.A., or Petrobras, to study the viability of a project to produce basic petrochemicals, including ethylene, from heavy oil. Currently, we purchase ethylene from Brazilian suppliers whose production is based on naphtha. We have not made a commitment to invest in this project should it prove to be viable and we can give no assurance that the project will prove viable or, if so, that we will participate or make an investment in such project.

We are also studying the viability of building a pipeline together with Petrobras to transport ethanol from the producing regions of Riberão Preto to Paulínia, one of Brazil principal centers of ethanol distribution. We have not made a commitment to invest in this project should it prove to be viable and we can give no assurance that the project will prove viable or, if so, that we will participate or make an investment in such project.

We are in the advanced stages of studying the viability and planning of a new production plant for specialty chemicals which have various applications in the cosmetics and detergents, agrochemical and textile market segments.

PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Our principal offices are located at Av. Brigadeiro Luis Antônio, 1343, 9° Andar, São Paulo, SP, Brazil 01317-910. Our telephone number is (011-55-11) 3177-6482. We maintain a website at www.ultra.com.br. Information contained in our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

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The offering

Securities offered

Preferred shares, including preferred shares in the form of ADSs, are being offered in a global offering. Of this total, the underwriters are offering preferred shares and ADSs in the United States and other jurisdictions outside Brazil, preferred shares purchased by U.S. investors will be placed outside the United States by the Brazilian underwriters, settled in Brazil and paid for in *reais* and their offer is being underwritten by the Brazilian underwriters pursuant to the Brazilian underwriting agreement. U.S. investors purchasing preferred shares must be authorized to invest in Brazilian Securities under the requirements established by the CMN and the CVM. The Brazilian underwriters are offering preferred shares in Brazil to Brazilian investors and to other non-U.S. international investors that are authorized to invest in Brazilian securities under the requirements established by the CMN and the CVM.

Selling shareholders

Fábio Igel, Márcia Igel Joppert, Rogerio Igel, Joyce Igel de Castro Andrade, Lúcio de Castro Andrade Filho, Paulo Guilherme Aguiar Cunha, Fabio Schvartsman, José Carlos Guimarães de Almeida, Pedro Wongtschowski, Maria da Conceição de Moraes Coutinho Beltrão, Helio Marcos Coutinho Beltrão, Cristiana Coutinho Beltrão, Maria Coutinho Beltrão and Monteiro Aranha S.A. Following this offering, the holdings beneficially owned by each of these shareholders will be as follows:

Shares beneficially owned after this offering

	Common	Preferred
Fábio Igel	5.7%	0.0%
Márcia Igel Joppert	7.1%	0.1%
Rogerio Igel	6.7%	0.0%
Joyce Igel de Castro Andrade	6.7%	0.0%
Lúcio de Castro Andrade Filho	2.8%	0.0%
Paulo Guilherme Aguiar Cunha	9.9%	0.0%
Fabio Schvartsman	1.2%	0.0%
José Carlos Guimarães de Almeida	0.1%	0.0%
Pedro Wongtschowski	1.2%	0.0%
Maria da Conceição de Moraes		
Coutinho Beltrão	3.0%	0.0%
Helio Marcos Coutinho Beltrão	1.8%	0.0%
Cristiana Coutinho Beltrão	1.8%	0.0%
Maria Coutinho Beltrão	1.8%	0.0%

Monteiro Aranha S.A. Over-allotment option 10.5%

3.3%

We have granted the underwriters and the Brazilian underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional aggregate 1,084,747,264 preferred shares (or its equivalent in ADSs) from us, solely to cover over-allotments.

The ADSs

Each ADS represents 1000 preferred shares. The depositary for the ADSs is The Bank of New York.

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The preferred shares represented by the ADSs will be deposited with Banco Itaú S.A. Payments for the ADSs may be made only in U.S. dollars.

Use of proceeds

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the ADSs or preferred shares by the selling shareholders. If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option, the proceeds from the sale of the over-allotment shares will be used by us for general corporate purposes.

Voting rights

Holders of the preferred shares and the ADSs do not have voting rights except in limited circumstances. See ∏Description of American depositary receipts- Voting of deposited securities. ☐

Dividends

Pursuant to our by-laws, we are required to distribute annually dividends equal to at least 50% of our adjusted net income, as calculated under Brazilian GAAP and adjusted as required by Brazilian corporate law (which may differ significantly from net income under US GAAP). Holders of our preferred shares are entitled to receive dividends per share in the same amount as the dividends per share paid to holders of our common shares. Holders of our preferred shares are entitled to receive dividends declared by us from the date of the acquisition of such shares. See \square Distribution policy and dividends. \square

Tag-along rights

In case our controlling shareholders sell their controlling stake in our Company, holders of our preferred shares are entitled to sell their shares pursuant to a public tender offer to be made by the purchaser of the controlling stake at the same price and with the same payment terms as our controlling shareholders.

Lock-up

We and each of our directors, executive officers and the selling shareholders have agreed, for 180 days following the date of the final prospectus, not to offer, sell, offer to sell, contract to sell, or otherwise dispose of any of our shares of our capital stock or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for or any other rights to purchase or acquire shares of our capital stock, including preferred shares and ADSs, without the prior written consent of UBS Securities LLC.

Listing and trading markets

The preferred shares are listed on the São Paulo Stock Exchange under the symbol []UGPA4.[] The ADSs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol []UGP.[]

Risk factors

See \square Risk factors \square and the other information included in this prospectus for a discussion of factors you should consider before deciding to invest in the preferred shares or the ADSs.

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Summary financial information

The following tables present summary consolidated financial data for our company under Brazilian GAAP. The financial data presented are derived from our consolidated financial statements and our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements and notes thereto, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. You should read those sections for a further explanation of the financial data summarized here. You should also read the

[Management] s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations] section, which describes a number of factors that have affected our financial results.

	Nine mo (unaudited Septemb	l) ended	Year ended December 31,				
	2004	2003	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Compalitate discourse	(in millions of reais)						
Consolidated income statement data:	R\$	R\$	R\$	R\$	R\$	R\$	R\$
Net sales and services	3,564.1	2,930.3	4,000.3	2,994.5	2,284.7	1,878.0	1,594.6
Cost of sales and services	(2,738.2)	(2,329.8)	(3,196.4)	(2,247.1)	(1,698.3)	(1,399.6)	(1,106.7)
Gross profit	825.9	600.5	803.9	747.4	586.4	478.4	487.9
Selling, general and administrative expenses Operating income before	(408.2)	(323.8)	(458.9)	(382.3)	(317.7)	(266.2)	(233.6)
financial items	422.2	279.8	351.6	365.5	278.9	213.5	258.1
Financial income (expenses), net Nonoperating income	(35.5)	(43.6)	(57.2)	28.5	(31.1)	43.4	(34.4)
(expenses), net	(12.1)	0.4	1.0	(44.1)	(17.0)	(16.5)	(18.3)
Income before income and social contribution taxes,							
equity in earnings (losses) of affiliated companies and minority							
interest	374.6	236.6	295.4	349.9	230.8	240.4	205.4
Net income Balance Sheet Data:	304.7	187.4	246.4	222.3	132.2	128.5	87.9
Total current assets	1,253.9	-	1,220.4	1,186.9	1,045.2	1,190.8	1,112.9
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,024.5	-	968.6	779.5	707.9	655.9	665.7
Total assets	2,549.2	-	2,408.0	2,127.9	1,952.0	2,014.5	1,922.6
Short-term financing	372.4	-	381.6	219.8	124.5	134.1	190.1

Long-term financing	283.1	-	306.3	363.6	290.2	291.8	279.1
Total liabilities	950.6		1,019.1	905.8	712.3	705.6	708.6
Shareholders∏ equity	1,562.5		1.356.7	1.191.1	799.9	897.7	819.6
Other financial data: Depreciation and amortization(1)	128.6	104.8	146.9	121.8	102.4	90.8	013.0