

ULTRAPAR HOLDINGS INC
Form 6-K
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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 August, 2003

Commission File Number: 001-14950

ULTRAPAR HOLDINGS INC.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

**Avenida Brigadeiro Luis Antonio, 1343, 9º Andar
São Paulo, SP, Brazil 01317-910**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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ITEM 1

ULTRAPAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

Announcement of a material fact

Ultrapar announces the acquisition of Shell Gás

São Paulo, Brazil August 08, 2003 ULTRAPAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. (Ultrapar) (BOVESPA:UGPA4 -NYSE:UGP), a company engaged in LPG distribution (Ultragaz), chemical and petrochemical production (Oxiten) as well as transportation and storage of related products (Ultracargo), announces that it has acquired the Brazilian LPG distribution operations of Shell (Shell Gás).

Shell Gás holds around 4.5% market share of the Brazilian LPG distribution market, and operates 6 filling plants, located at São Paulo, Minas Gerais, Bahia, Rio Grande do Sul and Goiás states.

The price paid for this acquisition, R\$ 170.6 million, reflects the acquisition of 100% of Shell Gás shares together with the payment of its debt.

Ultrapar's management will host a conference call on August 13, 2003 to discuss the details of the acquisition.

Conference Call: 12:00 p.m. (New York time)

Dial-in to pre-register:

Calling from abroad: **55 11 4613-0513**

Website: **www.ccall.com.br/thomson** (Click on version in English)

Participant Password: **999**

Connecting Telephones:

Calling from the USA: **1-703-788-1236** or **1-866-812-0442 (toll free)**

Participant Password: **999** + Personal Identification Number (PIN)

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SIGNATURES

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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.

ULTRAPAR HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Fabio Schvartsman

Name: Fabio Schvartsman

Title: Chief Financial Officer