

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 March, 2008

Commission File Number: 001-14950

ULTRAPAR HOLDINGS INC.  
(Translation of Registrant’s Name into English)

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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Item 1

ULTRAPAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

Oxiteno invests in the expansion of its specialty chemical production capacity (anionic tensoactives) for the detergent and personal care markets

São Paulo, Brazil, March 06, 2008 – ULTRAPAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A. (BOVESPA:UGPA4/NYSE:UGP), a company engaged in fuel distribution (Ultragaz/Ipiranga), the production of chemicals (Oxiteno), and in providing integrated logistics solutions for special bulk cargo (Ultracargo), hereby announces that Oxiteno, the largest producer of ethylene oxide and its main derivatives in Latin America, besides being a major producer of specialty chemicals will invest in the expansion of its sulphating production capacity, aiming at matching its domestic production capacity of specialty chemicals (anionic tensoactives) to the growth in demand in the detergent and personal care market.

This is the third investment carried out by Oxiteno in this segment in less than one year. In December 2006 Oxiteno began operations in a sulphating and sulphonating unit located in Suzano (São Paulo). In April 2007, Oxiteno acquired the assets of Unión Química in San Juan del Río, in Mexico. These investments complement the structure of the company's production line of anionic tensoactives, also produced by Oxiteno at its unit at Tremembé (São Paulo).

This new investment will be made in stages, being the first one scheduled for completion at the beginning of next year, being concluded by the second half of 2009. The estimated investment for this project is R\$ 20 million, as part of Oxiteno's larger investment plan of R\$ 650 million for 2008 and 2009, considering organic expansion, which will result in significant volume growth. This additional production of sulphates will result in a 50% increase in production levels in this line of products in Brazil.

The expansion in this line of anionic tensoactives aims at complementing the investments on going in Oxiteno, specially in the fatty alcohol unit. The new fatty alcohol unit, with the capacity to produce 100,000 tons/year of vegetable oil, will produce fatty alcohols which are the raw materials used in the production chain of anionic tensoactives. In addition to this, Oxiteno has been investing in its capacity for the production of ethylene oxide and tensoactives in Brazil and abroad. At the same time, the company has been opening sales offices outside Brazil, aiming at establishing a closer relationship with customers and markets.

André Covre  
Chief Financial and Investor Relations Officer  
ULTRAPAR PARTICIPAÇÕES S.A.

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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: March 7, 2008

ULTRAPAR HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Eduardo de Toledo  
Name: Eduardo de Toledo  
Title: Officer of Ultrapar

(Notice – Oxiteno)

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