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ULTRAPAR ACQUISITION OF IPIRANGA GROUP

Ultrapar has announced an agreement to acquire Ipiranga Group

s fuel distribution network in the South and Southeast regions in Brazil. Ultrapar, the largest LPG distributor in Brazil with 24% market share, will become the largest Brazilian private fuel distribution company, holding 15% of this market share.

Through this acquisition, Ultrapar is taking an important step in the reorganization and consolidation of sectors that are fundamental to the growth of the Brazilian economy, creating differentiated investment conditions and reinforcing its commitment to sustainable growth, ethics and transparency.

□We will significantly expand our operations in the fuel and oil byproducts distribution with two major brands: Ultragaz and Ipiranga. We are investing in the fuel and biofuel market and, especially, in Brazil□, says Pedro Wongtschowski, Ultra Group CEO.

Grupo Ipiranga, one of Brazil\[\]s largest and most traditional groups, operates in the industries of oil refinery, petrochemical products and fuel distribution. Last year, its net revenue amounted to R\$ 30 billion, with an EBITDA of R\$ 1 billion and net profit of R\$ 534 million. Ipiranga is one of the ten most valuable brands in Brazil and it has a strong relationship with the Brazilian people. Ultra Group will continue to use the Ipiranga brand.

The acquisition of Ipiranga Group is being made together with Petrobras and Braskem, who are seeking to acquire Grupo Ipiranga's fuel distribution business in other regions and Grupo Ipiranga's petrochemical operations.

Other than the information contained in this document, Ultrapar Participacoes S.A. has not filed with the SEC any information relating to the merger of the acquisition of the Ipiranga Group, including with respect to the tender and exchange offer transactions referred to above (the "transactions"). As they become available, Ultrapar Participacoes S.A. will be filing with the SEC additional documents relating to the transactions. **WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE DEFINITIVE OFFERING DOCUMENTS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

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