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Form 6-K July 30, 2015

#### FORM 6-K

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 July, 2015

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

Av. Brigadeiro Luiz Antonio, 3142 São Paulo, SP 01402-901 Brazil

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes \_\_\_ No <u>X</u>

# COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTRIBUIÇÃO

Publicly-Held Company with Authorized Capital

CNPJ/MF nº 47.508.411/0001-56

NIRE 35.300.089.901

#### **NOTICE OF MATERIAL FACT**

Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição (<u>"Company"</u>), pursuant to Article 3 of CVM Instruction 358/02, hereby informs that it has received the correspondence below on this date from its controlling shareholder Casino Guichard Perrachon.

São Paulo, July 29th, 2015.

Daniela Sabbag

**Investor Relations Officer** 

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Paris, July 29th, 2015

To the

### Members of the Board of Directors of Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição ("CBD")

Copy to: Mr. Ronaldo labrudi - CEO

#### Dear Sirs:

On the date hereof, the Board of Directors of Casino Guichard-Perrachon (<u>"Casino"</u>) approved a new organization of its activities in Latin America with the sale in cash to Almacenes Éxito S.A. (<u>"Éxito"</u>), the Colombian retail company controlled by Casino, of a 50% stake in the French company Segisor that will indirectly own the ordinary shares issued by CBD held by Casino and the sale of 100% of Libertad S.A., Casino's subsidiary in Argentina (<u>"Libertad"</u>) for a total amount of USD 1.8 billion (€ 1.7 billion) (the <u>"Transaction</u>)

The combined entity will become a leading South American retail group in the largest economies of the continent (Brazil, Colombia, Argentina and Uruguay) with over USD 33 billion of sales and USD 2.7 billion of EBITDA (based on 2014 figures) with Brazil being the largest market of the new entity.

The Transaction will allow the implementation of synergies and cross-development opportunities creating significant value for Éxito, Libertad, CBD and Casino. A dedicated Synergy Committee, composed of key executives of each company, will be responsible for the implementation of synergies and development opportunities.

Éxito will fully consolidate the accounts of CBD. Casino will remain Éxito's controlling shareholder, with a 54.8% ownership, and will continue to fully consolidate Éxito and CBD accounts while achieving a rebalancing of its financial structure, supported by the strong cash-flow generation of the Latin American subsidiaries.

Casino and Éxito will share the direct control of CBD through three shareholders' agreements to be entered by the relevant parties upon closing: shareholders' agreement of Segisor, shareholders' agreement of Segisor's Brazilian subsidiary (Wilkes Participações S.A.) and the shareholders' agreement of CBD (the latter two agreements shall be filed with CBD's principal offices).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on a price per share of R\$ 100 for CBD, implying a 21% premium over the average share price of preferred shares of CBD in the last 66 trading sessions and a 2014 sales multiple of 0.55x for Libertad.

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Éxito and Casino have agreed on changes to the composition of the Board of Directors and committees of CBD to reflect the new post-Transaction shareholding structure: (a) the Board of Directors of CBD shall be composed of eleven (11) members, Casino and Éxito shall have the right to appoint three (3) members each; and (b) Casino and Éxito shall have an equal representation in each of CBD's Special Committees. There will be no change to the executive management of CBD as a result of the Transaction.

In addition, the shareholders' agreement of Segisor provides that, prior to all Boards of Directors and Shareholders' Meetings of CBD, the Segisor Board of Directors shall meet to agree on the votes to be cast jointly by the representatives of both Casino and Éxito and instruct such representatives. The resolutions of the Segisor Board of Directors shall be made by unanimous vote, except for certain specific matters provided therein.

The Transaction is subject to customary conditions precedent, notably the favorable resolution of the Shareholders' Meeting of Éxito, convened for August 18, 2015, and is expected to be completed by the end of August 2015. We will maintain this Board fully and promptly informed about all the relevant steps related to the Transaction.

Casino Guichard-Perrachon

Jean-Charles Naouri

#### **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: July 30, 2015 By: /s/ Ronaldo Iabrudi

Name: Ronaldo Iabrudi
Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Daniela Sabbag

Name: Daniela Sabbag

Title: Investor Relations Officer

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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