

Rio de Janeiro, February 22, 2010

## **Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission - CVM**

Company Relations Superintendence C/O: Mrs. Elizabeth Lopes Rios Machado

Ref: Acquisition of interest higher than 5%

Dear Sirs.

In accordance with Article 12 of CVM Instruction 358/2002, we hereby announce that Magnoliophyta Participações S.A. (corporate taxpayer ID (CNPJ/MF): 09.504.210/0001-91) ("Magnoliophyta") transferred all its stake on Estácio Participações S.A. (corporate taxpayer's ID (CNPJ/MF): 08.807.432/0001-10) ("Company"), representing 8,200,810 (eight million, two hundred thousand, eight hundred and ten) shares, to its controlling shareholders, André Cleófas Uchôa Cavalcanti (individual taxpayer's ID (CPF/MF): 664.209.707-68) and Marcel Cleófas Uchôa Cavalcanti (individual taxpayer's ID (CPF/MF): 820.674.577-72), both holding fifty percent (50%) of said stake.

After the transfer, Magnoliophyta will no longer be a Company shareholder and Mr. André Cleófas Uchôa Cavalcanti and Mr. Marcel Cleófas Uchôa Cavalcanti will directly hold: (i) 4,424,321 (four million, four hundred and twenty-four thousand, three hundred and twenty-one) common shares issued by the Company, representing approximately 5.63% (five point six three percent) of its capital stock; and (i) 4,442,521 (four million, four hundred and forty-two thousand, five hundred and twenty-one) common shares issued by the Company, representing approximately 5.65% (five point six five percent) of its capital stock, respectively.

Andre Cleófas Uchôa Cavalcanti and Marcel Cleófas Uchôa Cavalcanti formally adhered to the Shareholders' Agreement of Estácio Participações S.A., entered into on December 21, 2009 ("Shareholders' Agreement"), as agreed by all other signatories, and shall be subrogated to all rights and obligations previously held by Magnoliophyta in the Shareholders' Agreement, and committed to respect all its terms and conditions.

The ownership transfer of said shares does not alter the control nor has any material effect on the Company, corresponding solely to the interest directly or indirectly held by Andre Cleófas Uchôa Cavalcanti and Marcel Cleófas Uchôa Cavalcanti.

Sincerely,

Estácio Participações S.A.

**Investor Relations Officer**