

Rio de Janeiro, May 3, 2010

**To the**  
**Brazilian Securities and Exchange Commission (CVM)**  
Company Relations Superintendence  
Att.: Ms. Elizabeth Lopes Rios Machado

Re.: Acquisition of direct shareholding above 5%

Dear Sirs,

In compliance with Article 12 of CVM Instruction 358/2002, we hereby announce that Jade Empreendimentos Imobiliários e Participações S.A. (Corporate Taxpayer's ID (CNPJ/MF) 11.191.272/0001-32) ("Jade") has transferred to its controlling shareholder, Monique Uchôa Cavalcanti de Vasconcelos (Individual Taxpayer's ID (CPF/MF) 688.656.607-59), all the four million, one hundred thousand, four hundred five (4,100,405) shares it held in the capital stock of Estácio Participações S.A. (Corporate Taxpayer's ID (CNPJ) 08.807.432/0001-10) ("Company").

Following the transfer, Jade is no longer a shareholder of the Company, and Ms. Monique Uchôa Cavalcanti de Vasconcelos has become the direct holder of four million, one hundred thousand, four hundred five (4,100,405) registered common shares representing approximately five point twenty-two percent (5.22%) of the Company's capital stock.

Monique Uchôa Cavalcanti de Vasconcelos has formally adhered to the Shareholders' Agreement of Estácio Participações S.A., executed on December 21, 2009 (the "Shareholders' Agreement"), with the consent and agreement of all the other signatories, thus legally replacing Jade in all rights and obligations held thereby in the Shareholders' Agreement and committing to respect all the terms and conditions of said agreement.

The transfer of ownership of the aforementioned shares does not alter the Company's shareholding control structure, nor does it produce relevant effects thereon; it merely means that the shareholding is held by Monique Uchôa Cavalcanti de Vasconcelos.

Sincerely,

**Estácio Participações S.A.**  
Investor Relations Officer  
Eduardo Alcalay