

BRAZILIAN DISTRIBUTION CO COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DISTR CBD

Form 6-K

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## 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 January, 2016

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)

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Yes  No

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Press Release

**Rating ‘brAA+’ assigned to Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição (CBD) placed on negative CreditWatch to reflect the same rating action taken for Casino**

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**Summary**

- On January 15, 2016, Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services placed the ‘BBB-’ ratings of Casino on CreditWatch negative.
- We placed CBD’s rating on CreditWatch negative because, in accordance with the methodology adopted by the group, a company’s rating may not be higher than that attributed to its parent company.
- The CreditWatch negative listing means that we could affirm or downgrade by one notch CBD's rating if Casino's ratings are affirmed or downgraded by one notch; or that we could downgrade the company’s ratings by one or more notches if Casino’s rating is downgraded by two notches.

**Rating Action**

**São Paulo (Standard & Poor’s), January 18, 2016** – Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services placed today the rating of ‘brAA+’ on the Brazilian National Scale assigned to **Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição (“CBD”)** on the CreditWatch negative list, reflecting the same action taken for the ‘BBB-’ ratings of its controlling group **Casino Guichard-Perrachon & Cie S.A.** (Casino: BBB-/CW Neg./A-3).

**Fundamentals**

The action reflects our belief that the rating of a subsidiary (e.g., CBD) may not be higher than the rating of its parent company, reflecting the risk of the latter interfering negatively in the subsidiary in a stress scenario. Accordingly, a downgrading of Casino’s ratings could lead to a similar move in CBD’s rating.

Based on our group's rating methodology, we consider CBD to be a subsidiary of “strategic importance” to Casino, given our belief that the company is important to the group’s long-term strategy and accounts for a significant portion of its revenue and EBITDA generation, and as such is unlikely to be sold.

**CreditWatch**

CreditWatch negative means that in the next 90 days we may affirm or downgrade by one notch CBD's rating if Casino's ratings are affirmed or downgraded by one notch, or that we could downgrade CBD’s rating by one or more notches if Casino’s ratings are downgraded by two notches, which is in line with our mapping table on the Brazil National Scale.

**Criteria and Related Articles**

**Criteria**

- [Standard & Poor's National and Regional Scales Mapping Tables](#), September 30, 2014.
- [National and Regional Scale Credit Ratings](#), September 22, 2014.
- [General Criteria: Group Ratings Methodology](#), November 19, 2013.
- [Corporate Ratings Methodology](#), November 19, 2013.
- [General Criteria: Use of CreditWatch and Outlook](#), September 14, 2009.

**Articles**

- [Retailer Casino 'BBB-/A-3' Ratings On CreditWatch Negative On Weak Trading In Brazil, In The Context Of High Debt Level](#), January 15, 2016.
- [Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição \(CBD\) ratings reaffirmed at 'brAA+'; outlook remains positive](#), September 18, 2015.

**LIST OF RATINGS**

	<b>CreditWatch Action</b>	
Credit Rating of Issuer	From	To
Brazil National Scale	brAA+/Positive/--	brAA+/CW Neg./--

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>Date Rating was Initially Assigned</b>	<b>Date of Previous Rating Action</b>
<b>Companhia Brasileira de Distribuição</b>		

*Credit Rating of Issuer*

Brazil National Scale, Long Term

July 21, 2009

December 22, 2015

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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: January 19, 2016

By: /s/ Ronaldo Iabrudi  
Name: Ronaldo Iabrudi  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Daniela Sabbag  
Name: Daniela Sabbag  
Title: Investor Relations Officer

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