

MEXICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INC
Form 6-K
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of November 2006

FOMENTO ECONÓMICO MEXICANO, S.A. DE C.V.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Mexican Economic Development, Inc.

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

United Mexican States

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

General Anaya No. 601 Pte.

Colonia Bella Vista

Monterrey, Nuevo León 64410

México

(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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Yes No

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FEMSA Acquires 8% of Coca-Cola FEMSA's Total Outstanding Stock from The Coca-Cola Company

**FEMSA's economic ownership in Coca-Cola FEMSA increases
from 45.7% to 53.7% following the acquisition and its
voting ownership increases from 53.6% to 63.0%**

MONTERREY, Mexico, Nov. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A. de C.V. (FEMSA) (NYSE: FMX) today announced the completion of its acquisition through its subsidiary Compania Internacional de Bebidas, S.A. de C.V. of 148,000,000 Series D shares of Coca-Cola FEMSA, S.A. de C.V. (KOF) from certain subsidiaries of The Coca-Cola Company (TCCC), representing 8.02% of the total outstanding equity of KOF, at a price of US\$ 2.888 per share for an aggregate amount of US\$ 427.4 million. The acquisition of additional shares took place pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between FEMSA and TCCC relating to the acquisition of Panamco by KOF in 2003.

Following the acquisition by FEMSA of shares from TCCC, economic ownership stakes in KOF are 53.7% for FEMSA, 31.6% for TCCC, and the public float remains unchanged at 14.7%. Voting ownership in KOF is now 63.0% for FEMSA and 37.0% for TCCC. The acquisition does not represent a change in the control or management of the company.

FEMSA is the leading beverage company in Latin America. It controls an integrated beverage platform that comprises Coca-Cola FEMSA, the largest Coca-Cola bottler in the region; FEMSA Cerveza, one of the leading brewers in Mexico and important beer exporter to the United States; and Oxxo, the largest and fastest growing convenience store chain in Mexico with over 4,000 stores.

SOURCE Fomento Economico Mexicano, S.A. de C.V.

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The Coca-Cola Company

ST: Mexico

IN: FOD

SU: TNM

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf of the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FOMENTO ECONÓMICO MEXICANO, S.A. DE C.V.

By: /s/ Javier Astaburuauaga

Javier Astaburuauaga
Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 3, 2006
