

BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2005

Commission File Number 1-15106

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Brazilian Petroleum Corporation - PETROBRAS
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Avenida República do Chile, 65
20035-900 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS
Public Company

PRESS RELEASE

Notice to shareholders

Interim payment of interest on own capital

(Rio de Janeiro, February 11, 2005) - PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces to shareholders that it will be making an interim payment of interest on own capital, on February 15 2005, to shareholders of common (ON) and preferred (PN) shares outstanding on September 30 2004, in accordance to Notice to Shareholders issued on September 17 2004, as follows:

| | Value in Reais Per share ON e PN |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Interest on own capital | 3,0000 |
| Restatement at the SELIC Rate | 0,0618 |
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This interest on own capital (R\$ 3,00) will be subject to 15% withholding tax while the value of R\$ 0,0618, corresponding to the variation in the SELIC rate between December 31 2004 and February 15 2005 will be subject to 20% withholding tax. The above-mentioned Withholding Tax is not applicable to tax immune or exempt shareholders.

The interest on own capital will be offset against the total remuneration payable for the fiscal year 2004.

1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CREDITING

Banco do Brasil S.A., as the depository institution for the book entry shares, will effect payment.

- 1.1 The shareholders with current accounts held with Banco do Brasil S.A., or with other banks duly advised by shareholders, will automatically be credited amounts due on the payment date.
- 1.2 In the case of those shareholders where registration information does not contain details of Bank/Branch/Current Account, payment will be credited upon the updating information in Banco do Brasil S.A.'s electronic files through those branches authorized to provide shareholder services.
- 1.3 The interest on own capital corresponding to the shares held in deposit by the **Stock Exchanges Fungible Custody Service** will be credited to the respective Stock Exchanges through member BROKERAGE HOUSES responsible for paying the respective shareholders.
- 1.4 Shareholders with **bearer shares** should personally contact one of Banco Brasil S.A.'s branches presenting Brazilian tax register number (CPF), identity documents, residence voucher, together with share certificates and respective coupons allowing the latter to be converted into book entry form for subsequent payment. Also, in this opportunity, bank account information could be updated for credit of due remuneration.

2. SHAREHOLDER SERVICES

More detailed information may be obtained by calling **BB call center service 0800 78 5678 (in Brazil) or any Banco do Brasil branches.**

3.. FINAL INFORMATION

Rights to interest on own capital unclaimed within 3 (three) years as from payment date (February 15 2005), will lapse and revert in favor of the Company (Law 6404/76, Article 287, Subsection II, Item a).

We would remind all shareholders as to the importance of maintaining personal details current, since payments can only be effected to shareholders with either fully up-dated registration details or holding a current account at any bank and duly registered with Banco do Brasil S.A. (the Institution administering Petrobras Book Entry Share System). To ensure that details are fully up to date, please contact any Banco do Brasil S.A. branch with all personal documentation.

Rio de Janeiro, February 11, 2005.
PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. PETROBRAS

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

Date: February 11, 2005

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: */s/ José Sergio Gabrielli de
Azevedo*

**José Sergio Gabrielli de
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