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FORM 6-K

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

For August 16, 2006

(Commission File No. 1-31317)

Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo - SABESP

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Basic Sanitation Company of the State of Sao Paulo - SABESP

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Rua Costa Carvalho, 300 São Paulo, S.P., 05429-900 Federative Republic of Brazil (Address of Regristrant's principal executive offices)

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Yes _____ No ___X___

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CIA. DE SANEAMENTO BÁSICO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO - SABESP

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SABESP announces its 2Q06 results

São Paulo, August 14, 2006 - SABESP - Cia. de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo - (Bovespa: SBSP3; NYSE: SBS), one of the largest water and sewage service provider in the world based on the number of customers, announces today its results for the second quarter 2006 (2Q06) The Company s operating and financial information, except when indicated otherwise, is shown in Brazilian Reais, in accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law. <u>All comparisons in this</u> release, unless otherwise stated, refer to the second quarter of 2005.

SBSP3:R\$ 229.50/ thousand shares SBS US\$ 26.56 (ADR=250 shares) Total shares: 28,480 million Market Value: R\$ 6.5 million

Closing Price:08/14/2006

Highlights

- Gross operating revenue grows 11.5% in 1H06
- EBITDA margin reached 48.4% in 1H06
- Net income totaled R\$ 503.5 million in 1H06

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1. 6.9% gross operating revenue growth in 2Q06 and 11.5% growth in 1H06

				R\$ million
HALF YEAR	1H05	1H06	Chg.	%
(+)Gross Operating Revenue	2,582.2	2,878.8	296.6	11.5
(-) COFINS and PASEP	192.2	220.8	28.6	14.9
(+)Net Operating Revenue	2,390.0	2,658.0	268.0	11.2
(-) Costs and Expenses	1,565.6	1,669.3	103.7	6.6
(=)Earnings before financial expenses (EBIT*)	824.4	988.7	164.3	19.9
(+)Depreciation and amortization	295.0	297.8	2.8	0.9
(=)EBITDA**	1,119.4	1,286.5	167.1	14.9
EBITDA Margin (%)	46.8	48.4		
Net Income	487.1	503.5	16.4	3.4
Earnings per 1,000 shares in R\$	17.10	17.68		

^(*) Earnings before interest and taxes

In the first half 2006, Sabesp s gross operating revenue totaled R\$ 2,878.8 million, an 11.5% increase in comparison to the same period of the previous year. EBITDA reached R\$ 1,286.5 million with a 48.4% EBITDA margin. Net income reached R\$ 503.5 million.

R\$ million **QUARTER 2005 2006** Chg. % 91.8 6.9 (+)Gross Operating Revenue 1,330.2 1,422.0 9.8 (-) COFINS and PASEP 98.9 108.6 9.7 (+)Net Operating Revenue 82.1 6.7 1,231.3 1,313.4 52.7 (-) Costs and Expenses 820.6 873.3 6.4 29.4 7.2 (=)Earnings before financial expenses (EBIT*) 410.7 440.1

^(**)Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization

(+)Depreciation and amortization	149.5	151.1	1.6	1.1
(=)EBITDA**	560.2	591.2	31.0	5.5
EBITDA Margin (%)	45.5	45.0		
Net Income	335.7	175.6	(160.1)	(47.7)
Earnings per 1,000 shares in R\$	11.79	6.16		

^(*) Earnings before interest and taxes

In 2Q06 Sabesp s gross operating revenue totaled R\$ 1,422.0 million and the EBITDA totaled R\$ 591.2 million in 2Q06. The 6.9% increase in gross operating revenue was mostly due to the following factors:

- 2.4% increase in billed water and sewage volume; and
- Tariff readjustment of 9.0% as of August 2005, partially offset by a concentration of customers whose consumption was billed at intermediary tariff brackets. This drop in the average tariff was a result of the 2% drop in the consumption calculation period combined with lower temperatures in the period.

^(**)Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization

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2. Billed volume

The following tables show billed water and sewage volume per customer category and region in 2Q05 and 2Q06.

WATER AND SEWAGE BILLED VOLUME ** PER CUSTOMER CATEGORY million in

	Wa	ater	Chg	Sev	vage	Chg	Water +	- Sewage	Chg
	2Q05	2Q06	%	2Q05	2Q06	%	2Q05	2Q06	%
Residential	315.7	323.7	2.5	247.4	255.2	3.2	563.1	578.9	2.8
Commercial	36.5	36.7	0.5	33.2	33.7	1.5	69.7	70.4	1.0
Industrial	8.2	8.6	4.9	8.0	8.2	2.5	16.2	16.8	3.7
Public	12.0	12.2	1.7	9.6	9.7	1.0	21.6	21.9	1.4
Total									
Retail	372.4	381.2	2.4	298.2	306.8	2.9	670.6	688.0	2.6
Wholesale	64.6	65.2	0.9				64.6	65.2	0.9
Total	437.0	446.4	2.2	298.2	306.8	2.9	735.2	753.2	2.4

WATER AND SEWAGE BILLED VOLUME **PER REGION million ran

	Wa	ater	Chg	Sew	age	Chg	Water +	Sewage	Chg
	2Q05	2Q06	%	2Q05	2Q06	%	2Q05	2Q06	%
Metropolitan Regional	248.0	255.8	3.1	202.4	209.4	3.5	450.4	465.2	3.3
Systems*	124.4	125.4	0.8	95.8	97.4	1.7	220.2	222.8	1.2
Total Retail	372.4	381.2	2.4	298.2	306.8	2.9	670.6	688.0	2.6
Wholesale	64.6	65.2	0.9				64.6	65.2	0.9
Total	437.0	446.4	2.2	298.2	306.8	2.9	735.2	753.2	2.4

^{*} Non-metropolitan and coastal regions

3. Costs, administrative and selling expenses

^{**} Figures not reviewed by the independent auditors

Between January and June 2006, product and service costs, administrative and selling expenses recorded a R\$ 103.7 million, or 6.6% increase, when compared to the same period of 2005.

R\$ million

Costs and Expenses	1H05	1H06	Change	%
Salaries and payroll	532.0	621.1	89.1	16.7
Supplies	52.4	58.5	6.1	11.6
Treatment supplies	57.1	59.2	2.1	3.7
Third-party services	218.6	213.2	(5.4)	(2.5)
Electric power	207.1	214.9	7.8	3.8
General expenses	83.6	63.4	(20.2)	(24.2)
Depreciation and amortization	295.0	297.8	2.8	0.9
Credit write-offs	106.3	124.2	17.9	16.8
Tax expenses	13.5	17.0	3.5	25.9
Costs, administrative and selling expenses	1,565.6	1,669.3	103.7	6.6

In 2Q06, product and service costs, administrative and selling expenses, increased by R\$ 52.7 million or 6.4% . The main variation in 2Q06 were:

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R\$ million

Costs and Expenses	2Q05	2Q06	Change	%
Salaries and payroll	278.0	343.3	65.3	23.5
Supplies	28.2	30.3	2.1	7.4
Treatment supplies	26.1	26.7	0.6	2.3
Third-party services	116.9	105.9	(11.0)	(9.4)
Electric power	109.1	109.5	0.4	0.4
General expenses	45.4	41.5	(3.9)	(8.6)
Depreciation and amortization	149.5	151.1	1.6	1.1
Credit write-offs	60.4	55.9	(4.5)	(7.5)
Tax expenses	7.0	9.1	2.1	30.0
Costs, administrative and selling expenses	820.6	873.3	52.7	6.4

3.1. Salaries and payroll

In 2Q06 the Company expanded its productivity per employee by 3.8%. The number of connections per employee grew from 640 in 2Q05 to 664 in 2Q06 and the number of employees dropped from 17,577 to 17,289, respectively.

Salaries and payroll expenses moved up by R\$ 65.3 million or 23.5%, due to the following factors:

- 4.63% readjustment, equivalent to approximately R\$ 25.4 million, as of May 2006, affecting wages, social taxes, benefits and provisions;
- Full provision for a bonus payment per performance evaluation to employees in the amount of R\$ 40.8 million in 2Q06, non-recurring.

3.2. Supplies

In 2Q06, the figure moved up R\$ 2.1 million or 7.4%, primarily due to the following factors:

• Vehicle fuel and lubricants in the amount of R\$ 0.9 million or 16.1% mainly due to price readjustment as shown in the table below.

		Fuel						
	Alcohol	Gas	Diesel	Natural Gas	Total			
Average readjustment (%)	35,3	12,7	10,6	5,2				
SABESP s average consumption (%)	17	43	38	2				
Average impact in expenses (%)	6.00	5.46	4.03	0.10	15.59			

- Network maintenance up by R\$ 0.7 million;
- Vehicle maintenance up by R\$ 0.3 million.

3.3. Treatment supplies

Recorded a R\$ 0.6 million or 2.3% increase. This result was mostly due to the increase in average treatment supply price, offset by the drop in consumption, primarily chlorine.

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3.4. Third-party services

In 2Q06, this figure recorded a R\$ 11.0 million or 9.4% drop in comparison to 2Q05, from R\$ 116.9 million to R\$ 105.9 million, mostly due to:

- Technical services in the amount of R\$ 9.4 million, highlighting costs related to the restructuring of capital market s operations, in June 2005, in the amount of R\$ 7.7 million, non-recurring;
- R\$ 2.5 million decrease in specific software expenses, regarding the implementation of the SIGNOS (geographical information system) system in April 2005, non-recurring;
- R\$ 1.9 million decrease in residential connection maintenance and R\$ 1.8 million decrease in pavement replacing at the São Paulo Metropolitan Region, mostly due to the discontinuance of some contracts regarding the Global Sourcing.

These decreases were partially offset by the following increases:

- R\$ 1.7 million regarding security, due to new hiring and existing contracts price readjustments;
- R\$ 1.2 million with Telecom services;
- R\$ 0.9 million with system maintenance in the São Paulo Metropolitan Region and;
- R\$ 0.6 million, mainly due to the hiring of engineering services regarding the detection of leakage.

3.5. Electric power

In 2Q06 recorded a R\$ 0.4 million or 0.4% growth versus 2Q05, from R\$ 109.1 million to R\$ 109.5 million, in spite of the average readjustment and increase in produced volume.

3.6. General expenses

In 2Q06, general expenses recorded a R\$ 3.9 million or 8.6% drop in comparison to 2Q05, from R\$ 45.4 million to R\$ 41.5 million, mainly as a result, of lower provisions for legal contingencies.

3.7. Credit Write-offs

Showed a R\$ 4.5 million or 7.5% decrease, primarily due to the improved performance of loss recovery, through the reception of provisioned debits as not chargeable.

3.8. Tax expenses

In 2Q06, tax expenses recorded a R\$ 2.1 million or 30.0% growth versus 2Q05, from R\$ 7.0 million to R\$ 9.1 million, mainly attributed to CPMF tax in the amount of R\$ 1.2 million due to the amortization of debt in the capital markets.

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4. Financial expenses and passive monetary variation

4.1. Financial expenses

In 2Q06 recorded a R\$ 50.3 million or 28.2% drop due to:

R\$ million 2Q05 **2Q06** Chg. % Financial expenses 126.9 131.1 4.2 3.3 Interest and charges on domestic loans and financing Interest and charges on international loans and 38.5 25.4 financing (13.1)(34.0)Taxes over offshore remittances 9.1 2.2 2.4 0.2 8.5 11.3 2.8 32.9 Other financial expenses **Provisions** 20.2 (11.7)(31.9)(157.9)Total financial expenses 196.3 158.5 (37.8)(19.3)Financial revenues 18.2 12.5 68.7 30.7 Financial expenses net of revenues 178.1 127.8 (50.3)(28.2)

- R\$ 4.2 million increase in interest on domestic loans and financing regarding the 8th debenture issuance in June 2005 and the credit rights investment fund in March 2006;
- R\$ 13.1 million drop in interest on international loans and financing due to the amortization of the Eurobond that matured in July 2005;
- R\$ 31.9 million decrease in provision for interest related to legal contingencies, due to lower provision during the quarter.

Financial revenues grew R\$ 12.5 million or 68.7%, mainly as a result of interest over settlements, agreements and interest over investments.

4.2. Passive monetary variation

Passive monetary variation recorded a R\$ 284.9 million increase, resulting from a lower Real appreciation versus US Dollars (0.4%) in 2Q06 in comparison to 2Q05 (11.8%).

R\$ million

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	2Q05	2Q06	Chg.	%
Monetary variation over loans and financing	22.4	18.1	(4.3)	(19.2)
Exchange variation over loans and financing	(278.0)	11.2	289.2	(104.0)
	(255.6)	29.3	284.9	(111.5)

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5. Operating indicators*

As shown below, the Company continues to expand its services.

Operating indicators	2Q05	2Q06	Chg. %
Water connections (1)	6,431	6,538	1.7
Sewage connections (1)	4,817	4,938	2.5
Population directly served - water (2)	22.5	22.6	0.4
Population directly served - sewage collection (2)	18.2	18.4	1.1
Number of employees	17,577	17,289	(1.6)
Operational productivity (3)	640	664	3.8

⁽¹⁾ In 1,000 units at the end of the period

6. Loans and financing

The Company s total debt to be paid until the end of the year is of R\$ 351 million, out of which only R\$ 66 million is denominated in US Dollars.

(R\$ million)

DEBT PROFILE

							2012	
INSTITUTION	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	and onwards	TOTAL
DOMESTIC								
Banco do Brasil	100	213	233	253	275	300	775	2,149
Caixa Econômica								
Federal	22	48	52	55	60	64	203	504
Debentures	50	277	-	749	291	351	_	1,718
FIDC - SABESP I	14	55	55	56	56	14	-	250
BNDES	16	32	31	31	31	31	28	200
Others	1	4	6	5	5	5	-	26
Interest and charges	82	20	-	-	-	-	-	102
Domestic Total	285	649	377	1.149	718	765	1,006	4,949
INTERNATIONAL	5	E						10
World Bank	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	10

⁽²⁾ Million Inhabitants at the end of the period. Does not include wholesale services

⁽³⁾ Number of water and sewage connection per employee

^{*} Figures not reviewed by the independent auditors

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Société Génerale	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
IDB	49	97	69	69	69	69	533	955
Eurobonds	-	-	487	-	-	-	-	487
JBIC	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Interest and charges	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
International Total	66	102	556	69	69	69	541	1,472
Total	351	751	933	1,218	787	834	1,547	6,421

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7. Conference call and webcast

English: August 17, 2006

12:00 pm - US EST Ph: +1 (973) 935-8893 Conference code: 7739649

Portuguese: August 17, 2006

9:00 am - US EST Ph: (5511) 2101-4848 Conference code: Sabesp

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Income Statement

Brazilian Corporate Law			R\$ thousand
	2Q06	2Q05	%
Sales/Services Gross Revenues	1,422,064	1,330,236	6.9
Water Supply - Retail	748,238	700,459	6.8
Water Supply - Wholesale	64,204	58,434	9.9
Sewage Collection and Treatment	609,622	571,343	6.7
Other Services	-	-	-
Gross Revenue Deductions (Cofins/Pasep)	(108,656)	(98,891)	9.9
Net Sales	1,313,408	1,231,345	6.7
Cost of Goods and/or Services Sold	(666,685)	(594,793)	12.1
Gross Profit	646,723	636,552	1.6
Selling Expenses	(132,177)	(131,550)	0.5
General & Administrative Expenses	(74,472)	(94,352)	(21.1)
Net Interest Income (Expense)	(147,438)	84,263	(275.0)
Operating Result	292,636	494,913	(40.9)
Non Operating Expenses (Income)	(558)	1,428	(139.1)
Income Before Taxes	292,078	496,341	(41.2)
Provivision for Income Tax/Social Contribution	(114,639)	(155,145)	(26.1)
Provivision for Deferred Income Tax/Social Contribution	6,907	3,325	107.7
Extraordinary Item Net of IT and SC	(8,780)	(8,780)	-
Net Income	175,566	335,741	(47.7)
Shares Outstanding (1000 shares)	28,479,577	28,479,577	-
EPS (R\$/1000 shares)	6.16	11.79	(47.7)
Depreciation and Amortization	151,133	149,538	(1.1)
EBITDA	591,207	560,188	(5.2)
% of net sales	45.0%	45.5%	-

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Balance Sheet

Brazilian Corporate Law		R\$ thousand
ASSETS	06/30/2006	06/30/2005
Cash and Cash Equivalents	336,012	877,949
Accounts Receivable, net	1,214,648	1,115,441
Accounts Receivable from Shareholders	225,612	174,742
Inventory	32,035	25,040
Taxes and contributions	22,161	30,421
Other Receivables	43,904	47,830
Total Current Assets	1,874,372	2,271,423
Accounts Receivable, net	297,250	278,687
Accounts Receivable from Shareholders	823,558	757,727
Indemnities Receivable	148,794	148,794
Judicial Deposits	30,723	15,395
Taxes and contributions	310,827	272,293
Other Receivables	48,879	31,064
Total Long-Term Assets	1,660,031	1,503,960
Investments	740	5,100
Permanent Assets	14,165,702	13,981,250
Deferred Assets	15,389	35,277
Total Permanent Assets	14,181,831	14,021,627
Total Assets	17,716,234	17,797,010
LIABILITIES	06/30/2006	06/30/2005
Suppliers and Constructors	88,032	46,553
Loans and Financing	642,461	1,420,176
Salaries and Payroll Charges	224,208	169,579
Provivion for Judicial Pendencies	10,921	30,979
Interest on Own Capital Payable	381,158	183,526
Taxes and contributions payable	145,150	129,115
Taxes and contributions	72,348	69,980
Other Payables	98,612	86,110
Total Current Liabilities	1,662,890	2,136,018

Loans and Financing Taxes and contributions payable Taxes and Contributions Provision for Contingencies Pension Fund Obligations	5,778,076 244,567 139,454 602,964 299,118	6,041,965 264,998 131,615 528,084 249,736
Other Payables	110,777	103,362
Total Long-Term Liabilities	7,174,956	7,319,760
Capital Stock	3,403,688	3,403,688
Capital Reserves	100,760	72,824
Revaluation Reserves	2,483,566	2,574,594
Profit Reserves	2,470,269	1,863,389
Retained Earnings	420,105	426,737
Shareholder's Equity	8,878,388	8,341,232
Total Liabilities and Shareholder's Equity	17,716,234	17,797,010

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Cash Flow

Brazilian Corporate Law		R\$ thousand
Description	Jan-Jun/06	Jan-Jun/05
Cash flow from operating activities	502.402	407 111
Net income for the period	503,482	487,111
Adjustments for reconciliation of net income Deferred income tax and social contribution	(2 197)	(15.500)
Provisions for contingencies	(3,187) 25,556	(15,590) 68,015
Liabilities related to pension plans	29,977	34,255
Loss in the wirte-off of property, plant and equipment	2,321	2,332
Loss in the write-off of assets	863	2,332
Gain with the sale of property	(1,007)	_
Depreciation and Amortization	297,846	294,999
Interest calculated on loans and financing payable	321,369	334,763
Foreign exchange loss on loans and financing	(39,789)	(264,052)
Monetary exchange loss on interest on own capital	-	715
Passive monetary exchange variation and interest	9,917	12,812
Active monetary exchange variation and interest	(6,911)	(2,479)
Provisions for bad debt	124,118	106,257
(Increase) decrease in assets		
Clients	(91,228)	(212,297)
Accounts receivable from shareholders	(29,067)	(95,155)
Inventories	4,035	4,564
Other accounts receivable	(19,875)	(14,542)
Changes in Long Term Assets	, , ,	, , ,
Clients	(86,182)	(60,233)
Accounts receivable from shareholders	(46,243)	(13,608)
Judicial deposits	(6,866)	794
Other accounts receivable	(15,959)	(3,088)
	(291,385)	(393,565)
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Increase (decrease) in liabilities	10.251	(5.025)
Accounts payable to suppliers and contractors	10,251	(5,025)
Salaries and payroll charges Tayos and contributions	106,919	62,351
Taxes and contributions Other accounts payable	17,555	(6,157)
Other accounts payable	(20,965)	2,308
Contingencies Changes in Long Torm Liabilities	(20,000)	444
Changes in Long Term Liabilities Pension plan	(7,416)	(6,695)
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Other accounts payable	2,288	10,674
	88,632	57,900
Net cash from operating activities	1,061,802	723,473
Cash flow from investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(331,506)	(240,663)
Sale of property, plant and equipment	2,188	- (52)
Increase in Deferred Assets	(55)	(53)
Net cash used in investing activities	(329,373)	(240,716)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Loans and Financing - long term		
Funding	320,528	1,061,414
Payments	(838,963)	(706,227)
Interest on own capital payment	(158,155)	(65,552)
Net cash from financing activities	(676,590)	289,635
Net increase (decrease) in cash equivalents	55,839	772,392
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	280,173	105,557
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	336,012	877,949
Change in Cash	55,839	772,392
Additional information on cash flow:	246 245	220 422
Interests and taxes paid to loans and financing Capitalization of interest and financial charges	346,245 (6,829)	320,422 (14,411)
Payable income tax and social contribution	221,150	183,405
Property, plant and equip. received as donations and/or paid in	21,940	7,533
COFINS and PASEP taxes payable	219,429	184,130
Balancing accounts	, <u>-</u>	(715)

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, in the city São Paulo, Brazil.

Date: August 16, 2006

Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo - SABESP

By: /S/ Rui de Britto Álvares

Affonso

Name: Rui de Britto Álvares

Affonso

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