

BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 June, 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)

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Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

Board of Directors Approves the appointment of an Audit Committee

(Rio de Janeiro, June 17, 2005). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy announces that the Board of Directors has approved the appointment of an Audit Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX).

Approved by the United States Congress in July 2002, the Sarbanes Oxley Act established additional rules for companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Among the Act's requirements is the creation of an Audit Committee made up of independent members of the Board of Directors.

As an alternative, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) allowed Brazilian companies to comply with this requirement through the medium of the Fiscal Council as long as the latter would be installed on a standing basis and the necessary adaptations to the Act's requirements were implemented.

Through the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors will more effectively (i) strengthen its ties with the external auditors permitting closer supervision of their work, and of issues regarding their competency and independence, (ii) better assure legal and regulatory compliance, including, with matters of certification, internal controls, complaint procedures and ethics, and (iii) accompany more closely the financial position of the company, especially as to monitoring of risks, internal auditing work and financial disclosure.

The Board of Directors has decided to appoint an Audit Committee since it believes that such a body will be more readily acceptable to the international capital markets, given that the Company will be following the example of other transnational companies as well as complying with good corporate governance practice. The Company's presence in ten different countries and joint venture with foreign partners were also considerations in the final decision.

The Audit Committee is to be made up of the following members:

- **Fabio Colletti Barbosa**
- **Gleuber Vieira**
- **Jaques Wagner**

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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: June 17, 2005

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

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

**José Sergio Gabrielli de
Azevedo
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Director**

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