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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 May, 2003

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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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(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

Additional provision for the Energy segment

(Rio de Janeiro, May 8, 2003) PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. PETROBRAS, [BOVESPA: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, LATIBEX: XPBR/XPBRA], Brazil's biggest oil & gas, petrochemicals and energy company announces that the Executive Board has authorized an increase in fiscal year 2003 provisions for the energy sector to US\$ 416 million from US\$ 205 million, equivalent to 94% of the Company's revised maximum monetary exposure for the period.

The additional provisioning of US\$ 211 million will be booked in the financial statements for the first quarter 2003 to be announced in the report to the financial market.

The reasons for the increased provisions were the failure to realize forecasted sales of available energy through the PPA's in 2003 and the level at which the thermal plant is operating.

With a view to reducing its exposure to the energy business, Petrobras continues to make every effort to sell all available electric energy as well as adjusting its investments to the new reality of the Electric Sector as a whole.

The Board believes any provisioning for subsequent years is still premature.

Finally, we would point out that the Net Present Value of the maximum financial exposure to the energy sector as at March 31, 2003, assuming a discount rate of 12% p.a., is US\$1.74 billion.

Rio de Janeiro, May 8, 2003.
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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: May 13, 2003

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO
S.A--PETROBRAS

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