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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)

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Yes No

**Negotiations between Petrobras and Repsol YPF
to develop gas production of the Santos Basin**

Rio de Janeiro, February 24, 2005 PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, addresses the market to clarify the news articles published today under the titles: Petrobras enters into a joint venture with Repsol to develop Santos gas and Petrobras Repsol conclude joint venture for gas .

As part of its routine business operations, Petrobras has on going negotiations with several oil companies concerning possibilities of establishing joint ventures both in Brazil and internationally. Normally, as is the case in point, such preliminary negotiations imply the signing of a Confidentiality Agreement between the parties in order not to create external expectations about their future settlement.

In implementing Petrobras current business plan, various alternatives are under study regarding the production development of the gas found in the Santos basin and to supply the Brazilian natural gas market. The latter takes into account the possible utilization of all gas reserves in the Southern Cone, including Brazil, Bolivia and Argentina.

Among many funding alternatives, Petrobras considers BNDES, as it does so with other sources, in the structuring of the financial requirements of its projects.

Negotiations with Repsol YPF were begun due to their long experience in the production of natural gas and their strategic position in the Southern Cone gas market. This company also jointly participates with Petrobras in the production and selling of Bolivian gas to Brazil, in conditions that promote the development of the Brazilian natural gas market.

Petrobras is routinely reexamining its Strategic Plan to reflect the changes that occurred in the Brazilian and international oil and gas markets in 2004, since the approval of the 2010 Business Plan. Once this review is concluded, it will be submitted to the Board and subsequently an announcement will be made to the market.

Should negotiations with Repsol YPF reach an advanced stage pointing to an eventual positive outcome, including obtaining the necessary approvals, Petrobras will also officially announce this development to the market.

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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 25, 2005

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

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

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