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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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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

Petrobras breaks a new monthly oil production record in Brazil

(Rio de Janeiro, June 02, 2005). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that in May 2005, it posted a monthly average production of 1.729 million barrels of oil per day (bpd) in Brazil, 21.1 % more than the volume produced in May 2004 (1.428 million bpd). This result is also 1.5% up on volume for April of this year (1.704 million bpd) and 15.8 % above the average for last year (1.493 million bpd). With these new production levels, the company remains on track to ensuring Brazilian self-sufficiency in oil by the end of 2005 or early in 2006.

The May monthly average surpasses by 25,000 bpd the previous monthly record in April 2005 of 1.704 million bpd, and by more than 236,000 bpd the average production for 2004 (1.493 million bpd).

During nine days in May, production exceeded 1.750 bpd while the record for daily output was also broken on May 12 when 1.820 million barrels were processed.

This latest jump in domestic production reflects the increased operational efficiency of the platforms located in the waters off the coasts of the states of Rio de Janeiro and Espírito Santo, as well as the enhanced output from mature fields in the North and the North East regions of Brazil and the state of Espírito Santo.

The following table shows the breakdown of volume produced since de 2005, by production area:

| PRODUCTION AREAS | Producing Basins | Production in May 2005 (barrels per day) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Amazonas | Solimões | 59,052 |
| Rio Grande do Norte and Ceará | Potiguar and Ceará | 92,827 |
| Sergipe and Alagoas | Sergipe and Alagoas | 51,781 |
| Bahia | Recôncavo | 51,688 |
| Espírito Santo | Espírito Santos and Campos | 27,025 |
| Rio de Janeiro | Campos | 1,438,241 |
| São Paulo and Paraná | Santos and Xisto | 8,411 |
| TOTAL BRAZIL | | 1,729,025 |

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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 3, 2005

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

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

**José Sergio Gabrielli de
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