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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

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS
Public Company

PRESS RELEASE

Installation of the SAP R/3 Enterprise Resource Planning System

(Rio de Janeiro, October 1, 2004) - PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that on October 4 2004, the SAP R/3 Enterprise Resource Planning system will be installed on a comprehensive basis throughout the Company. SAP R/3 is a series of software programs integrating all the information on Petrobras' standard processes using a single data base and up- dated in real time. This will allow the Company to control its full range of operational activities such as production, refining, distribution, procurement, inventory, and finance, among others, using a single information system.

This integration will improve response time and facilitate the analyses of business in progress. The new system will enable the Company to maintain a continually updated database, providing greater safety and control of corporate processes. In essence, SAP increases Petrobras' competitiveness placing the Company on an equal footing with the major international oil companies as well as other corporations that use the same system.

Petrobras initiated studies on the installation of SAP R/3 in early 1996. Activities involving the installation of the system itself began on March 15 2000 with the Synergy Project. Before taking the final decision on installation of SAP R/3 throughout the Company, Petrobras conducted field tests at various units. The first trial run was made on January 7 2003 at the UN-RNCE's Mossoró asset followed by other successful tests. Finally, on July 5 2004, the Alberto Pasqualini Refinery (REFAP), which uses 70% of all Petrobras' processes, began operating the SAP R/3 system on a comprehensive basis, substituting 35 major systems.

Given the complexity of a transformation of this size involving 22,000 users, some instability during the installation process may occur. However, we are taking all the necessary steps to minimize the impacts of this change, which is vital to the Company's insertion in an organizational reality better equipped to meet future challenges.

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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: October 4, 2004

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO
S.A--PETROBRAS

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