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November 28, 2003

To the Board of Director and Stockholders of
Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras

We are aware of the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras of our report dated November 13, 2003 relating to the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements of Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras and subsidiaries for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2003 that are included in its Form 6-K dated November 28, 2003.

ERNST & YOUNG
Auditores Independentes S/S

/s/ Paulo Jose Machado

Paulo Jose Machado
Partner

Rio de Janeiro - RJ
Brazil

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.

PETROLEO BRASILEIRO S.A.--PETROBRAS

By: /S/ Jose Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo

Jose Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Director

Date: December 4, 2003