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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 February, 2006

Commission File Number 1-15106

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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Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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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

PRESS RELEASE**Distribution of Interest on Own Capital and Dividends**

(Rio de Janeiro, February 17, 2006) - PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces to its shareholders and the market in general that its Board of Directors, meeting today, approved and will propose to the General Shareholders Meeting, to be held on April 03 2006, the payment to shareholders of R\$ 7.018 million, equivalent to R\$ 1,60 per share in the form of interest on own capital and dividends, related to the Income of FY 2005.

The proposed interest on own capital and dividends are broken-down as shown below:

| DIVIDENDS TO BE DELIBERATED AT THE GENERAL ORDINARY MEETING | Value per Share ON and PN | Value R\$ Million |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Interest on Own Capital - Approved by the Board of Directors on 06.17.2005 - Paid on 01.05.2006, on the shareholder position of 06.30.2005 | 0,50 | 2.193 |
| Interest on Own Capital - Approved by the Board of Directors 12.16.2005, to be held up to 03.31.2006, on the shareholder position of 12.31.2005 | 0,50 | 2.193 |
| Interest on Own Capital - Proposed by the Board of Directors 02.17.2006 -The payment date will be established at the General Ordinary Meeting to be held on 04.03.2006, on the shareholder position of the same date | 0,25 | 1.097 |
| Dividends - Proposed by the Board of Directors on 02.17.2005 - The payment date will be determined at the General Ordinary Meeting to be held 04.03.2006, on the shareholder position of the same date | 0,35 | 1.535 |
| TOTAL DIVIDENDS | 1,60 | 7.018 |

This amount is equivalent to 31.78% of the adjusted profit for dividend purposes. In 2004, this percentage was 29.88%.

The interest on own capital and dividends still to be disbursed are subject to monetary correction from December 31, 2005 through the effective payment date, in accordance with SELIC rate.

The gross value of R\$ 1.60 of interest on own capital and dividends per common and preferred shares corresponds to R\$ 6.40 per share before the effect of the September 2005 stock split.

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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 17, 2006

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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