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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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Yes No

Petrobras announces another hydrocarbon discovery in deepwater Gulf of Mexico

(Rio de Janeiro, April 14, 2004). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announce another hydrocarbon discovery in the deepwaters of the Central Gulf of Mexico through its subsidiary, Petrobras America Inc., based in Houston, Texas.

The well, Coulomb #3, was drilled to test a fault block adjacent to the Coulomb gas field (Mississippi Canyon 657) discovered by Shell in 1988 and successfully confirmed gas reserves in Mississippi Canyon Block 613. Petrobras America Inc has a 33.33% record title interest in this block and Shell, the operator, holds the remaining interest.

The Coulomb # 3 well, located in 7,565 feet (2,306 meters) of water depth, reached a total depth of 18,237 feet (5,586 meters), and found 130 feet (40 meters) of net gas sandstones. The well, temporarily abandoned, will be equipped for future production through the Nakika facility about 37km away. First production is expected to commence in the short term since a pipeline from Coulomb to Nakika has already been installed by Shell.

This result confirms the potential for significant gas reserves in that portion of the Gulf of Mexico, where Petrobras holds 100% participation on three more prospects of similar characteristics, the first of which the company intends to drill early next year.

This was Petrobras fourth consecutive significant discovery in the deepwaters of the Gulf of Mexico in the last two years, which had earlier successfully tested the Cascade, Chinook and St Malo prospects. It represents yet another significant step towards the consolidation of Petrobras as a major player in the ultra deepwaters of the Gulf of Mexico, in compliance with the company's Strategic Plan.

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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: April 14, 2004

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