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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2004

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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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Federative Republic of Brazil**
(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

Production from FPSO Brasil halted

(Rio de Janeiro, May 26, 2004). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, informs that in the afternoon of May 25, an abnormality was noted in the flare stack onboard FPSO BRASIL, operating in the Roncador field, and indicating an effective risk to its structure and, consequently, the safety of the platform and its crew.

Production was halted at 11:30 p.m. to allow an inspection of the flare stack and determine appropriate repairs. During today, May 26, the plant was inertized and depressurized to allow safe access to the flare stack. Due to weather conditions, it has still not been possible to identify the problem precisely or to assess the time necessary for repairs and resumption in oil and gas production.

Gas exports from FPSO BRASIL had been suspended since May 22 to enable work to take place on the linking of a new stretch of gas pipeline to the main network in the northern area of the Campos Basin and in line with the production program already notified to the National Oil Agency (Agência Nacional do Petróleo).

The FPSO BRASIL is a production unit owned by Single Buoy Moorings Inc. - SBM, and was chartered by Petrobras for lifting oil in the region known as Módulo 1A in the Roncador Field. FPSO BRASIL went into production in December 2002 and currently produces about 95,000 bpd of oil and 1.6 million m3/day of gas.

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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: May 27, 2004

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO
S.A--PETROBRAS

By: */s/* José Sergio Gabrielli de
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