

BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORP
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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 June, 2004

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)

**Avenida República do Chile, 65
20035-900 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Federative Republic of Brazil**
(Address of principal executive office)

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Form 20-F Form 40-F

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

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS
A Publicly Listed company

PETROBRAS DISTRIBUIDORA S.A.
An Unlisted Company

PRESS RELEASE

Petrobras and BR Distribuidora acquire Agip do Brasil S.A.

(Rio de Janeiro, June 25, 2004). - PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that the Boards of Directors of Petrobras and its subsidiary Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. (BR) have approved the final terms and conditions negotiated by BR in order to acquire from ENI S.p.A. the totality of the capital of its Brazilian subsidiary Agip do Brasil S.A.. The value of the acquisition negotiated between the parties involved is US\$ 450 million (four hundred and fifty million US dollars), subject to adjustments based on the closing balance sheet.

Agip do Brasil S.A. is a liquified petroleum gas (LPG), fuel and lubricant distributor, operating in Brazil under the "Liquigás", "Novogás" and "Tropigás" brands for LPG distribution and the "Agip", "Companhia São Paulo de Petróleo" and "Ipê" brands for fuel distribution.

This acquisition will contribute towards achieving the targets established in Petrobras's Strategic Plan for its subsidiary BR for increasing its share of the LPG distribution market as well as consolidating its presence in the automotive fuel distribution market in certain regions of the country.

The transaction will be duly submitted to the Brazilian regulatory authorities as required by law.

The transfer of shareholding control of Agip do Brasil S.A. to BR will not in any way affect the relations of either company with their clients, suppliers and employees.

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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: June 25, 2004

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO
S.A--PETROBRAS

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

**José Sergio Gabrielli de
Azevedo
Chief Financial Officer
and Investor Relations
Director**

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