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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of July, 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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(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

Petrobras announces first production in ultra-deepwater in USA

(Rio de Janeiro, July 07, 2004). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that it began natural gas production on July 2nd, 2004 from the Coulomb field through the C-3 well. Shell Exploration & Production Company is the operator of the field, which was developed through subsea completions of two wells, the C-2 and C-3, the latter set in 7,570ft (2301m) of water, which established a new world water depth production record. Petrobras America Inc, based in Houston, owns a 33.33% participating interest in the C-3 well whereas the operator Shell owns the remaining interest in the well and 100% interest in the C-2 well. Production from these two wells will be around 100 million cubic feet of gas per day (2.85 million cubic meter), and transported through a dedicated pipeline and processed at the Na KiKa facility located within approximately 23 miles of the Coulomb field. This result confirms the potential for significant gas developments in the Eastern 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.

Following the Coulomb development Petrobras will now focus on the appraisal and development of its other discoveries, Cascade, Chinook and St. Malo, located in the ultra deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The company also intends to consolidate its position as a major player in this region through the drilling of other similar prospects until the end of the current year. This discoveries and production will contribute towards achieving the targets established in Petrobras'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: July 8, 2004

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO
S.A--PETROBRAS

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

**José Sergio Gabrielli de
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