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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2005

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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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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

Petrobras seals acquisition of Eletrobolt thermal generator

(Rio de Janeiro, May 12, 2005). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that it has concluded the process for the acquisition of Sociedade Fluminense de Energia SFE, owner of the Eletrobolt thermoelectric power generating plant located in Seropédica, state of Rio de Janeiro. The power plant has nominal capacity of 388 MW and is one of the three merchant plants with which Petrobras signed Consortium Contracts in 2001 and 2002, which included clauses establishing contingent liabilities for payment of taxes, rates and tariffs, operating costs and maintenance and capacity investments, in the event the plant was unable to generate sufficient revenues to cover these items.

The previously agreed payment structure provided for 30 fixed monthly payments totaling US\$159 million and a final US\$30 million payment at the end of the seventh year. Petrobras renegotiated the payment terms with the 17 commercial banks at that time the owners of SFE, paying US\$65.1 million for the shares in SFE and assuming debt of US\$98.9 million.

Concomitant with the acquisition of SFE, Petrobras signed documentation extinguishing the Consortium Contract, relieving it of any obligation to make the contingent payments provided for therein and leaving it free to benefit from any gains from the plant's operations.

The conclusion of these negotiations is part of the Company's strategy for the power sector, which provides for limiting any increase in its thermal generation capacity to the conclusion of projects already being executed or to acquisitions that signify reductions in contingency payments.

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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 12, 2005

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

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

**José Sergio Gabrielli de
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Chief Financial Officer and
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