

BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORP
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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 March, 2008

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
20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Federative Republic of Brazil**

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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
Public Company

Press Release

Stock Split

(Rio de Janeiro, March 3, 2008). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian energy company with international operations, announces to its shareholders and investors in general that its Board of Directors, in a meeting held on this date, approved the sending of the Stock Split Proposal of shares issued by Petrobras, to be resolved by the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), to be held on March 24, 2008. The effective date for the split that will be addressed in the referred EGM will be soon informed to the market.

Should said proposal be approved by the EGM, each current share both common and preferred shall be represented by two shares after the stock split. As a result, PETROBRAS's capital stock will comprise eight billion, seven hundred seventy four million, seventy six thousand, seven hundred forty (8,774,076,740) non-par value shares, of which five billion, seventy three million, three hundred forty seven thousand, three hundred forty four (5,073,347,344) are common and three billion, seven hundred million, seven hundred twenty nine thousand, three hundred ninety six (3,700,729,396) are preferred shares. Therefore, the shareholders will receive one (1) new share for each share held of the same class.

For the investors holding American Depository Receipts (ADRs) after the approval of the stock split the exchange ratio of two shares for each ADR of Petrobras traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) will be maintained.

No change in the value of the capital stock is being proposed with this operation.

The purpose of the stock split is to facilitate the purchase of Petrobras's shares by small investors and, as a result, increase the shareholders' basis. This also shows the trust of the Company in its future results.

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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: March 05, 2008

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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