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### FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October, 2003

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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

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## **Petrobras awarded a services contract for development and exploration of the Cuervito block in Mexico**

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(Rio de Janeiro, October 24, 2003). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that, following the strategy of expansion of its operations abroad, it was awarded a Services Contract for development and exploitation of the Cuervito block in the Burgos basin in the North East of Mexico.

The contract was awarded to the consortium where Petrobras participates, as operator, with 45 %, Teikoku Oil from Japan, with 40%, and Diavaz from México with 15%.

The Multiple Services Contracts are being offered by Pemex Exploración y Producción through an international Biding Round for development and production of natural gas reserves. The contract awarded allows expenditures up to US\$ 260 million in fifteen years.

The Cuervito block, located in the central part of the Burgos basin, South West from Reynosa city, has an area of 231 km<sup>2</sup> where 6 fields have already been discovered and the main production comes from Cuervito and Pamorana fields.

Petroleo Brasileiro S. A. Petrobras is one of the world's largest integrated oil & gas companies, with business in a wide range of activities, including exploration, production and transport of oil & gas, oil refining, distribution and marketing of gas, oil and its derived products, and energy generation. Petrobras is based in the city of Rio de Janeiro and has operations in Brazil and the rest of Latin America. It also has operations in the Gulf of Mexico and Africa. According to the consolidated financial statements for year 2002, Petrobras is the largest company in Brazil and the third largest industrial group of Latin America.

Teikoku Oil is one of the leading E&P companies in Japan, established in 1941. The business activities in Japan are E&P of oil and natural gas, extending to refining and gas transportation. The international activities are focused on E&P business development in Latin America and North Africa. Teikoku has been growing through its business experience and applying state-of-the-art technology to develop oil and gas fields.

Grupo DIAVAZ is a Mexican organization of companies and strategic Associations with more than 30 years experience providing and commercializing services inside the national and international energetic sector. The services include: inspection, maintenance, construction and repairing of oil facilities, as well the preparation of high technology studies related to the hydrocarbon exploration and production. The personnel of Grupo DIAVAZ is committed to offering services with quality and professionalism based on a deep knowledge of the sector, respecting safety and the environmental rules.

<http://www.petrobras.com.br/ri/ingles>

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forecasts. These predictions evidently involve risks and uncertainties, whether foreseen or not by the Company. Therefore, the future results of operations may differ from current expectations, and readers must not base their expectations exclusively on the information presented herein.

## 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: October 24, 2003

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO  
S.A--PETROBRAS

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

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

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