

COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BASICO DO ESTADO DE SAO PAULO-SABESP

Form 6-K

March 10, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**FORM 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**FOR March 9, 2004**

**(Commission File No. 1-31317)**

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**Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo - SABESP**  
*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Basic Sanitation Company of the State of Sao Paulo - SABESP**  
*(Translation of Registrant's name into English)*

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**Rua Costa Carvalho, 300  
São Paulo, S.P., 05429-900  
Federative Republic of Brazil**  
*(Address of Registrant's principal executive offices)*

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

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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

If "Yes" is marked, indicated below the file number assigned to the  
registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):



COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BÁSICO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO SABESP

PUBLICLY HELD COMPANY  
Corporate Taxpayer's ID (CNPJ) N° 43.776.517/0001-80

RELEVANT NOTICE

In compliance with CVM Instruction # 358 as of January 03, 2002, COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BÁSICO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO SABESP hereby announces that, in a meeting held on 03/03/2004, the Board of Executive Officers approved the Program of Incentive for Water Consumption Reduction, which aims to stimulate the population of the São Paulo Metro to reduce water consumption, in order to help facing the water shortage, caused by the low rainfall levels and the following low water levels in the reservoirs that supply the region.

The program will compass the municipalities of the São Paulo Metro supplied by the metropolitan aqueduct system and it will effective for 6 (six) months starting on 03/15/2004.

A 20% (twenty percent) bonus on the water bill, or on the water plus sewage bill, will be granted in the months when consumption is reduced by 20% (twenty percent) in relation to the average consumption calculated by Sabesp, based on the consumption in the same period of the previous year.

Further information on the Program will be available at Sabesp's website ([www.sabesp.com.br](http://www.sabesp.com.br))

São Paulo, March 09, 2004.

Rui de Britto Álvares Affonso  
Economic-Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer

**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, in the city São Paulo, Brazil.

Date: March 9, 2004

**Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo - SABESP**

By:           /s/ Rui de Britto Álvares Affonso

Name: Rui de Britto Álvares  
Affonso  
Title: Economic-Financial Officer  
and Investor Relations Officer

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