

COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BASICO DO ESTADO DE SAO PAULO-SABESP

Form 6-K

October 27, 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 October 27, 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)*

**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):

This Report on Form 6-K is incorporated by reference into the registration statement on Form F-3, File No. 333-119352, and into each respective prospectus that forms a part of this registration statement.

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COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BÁSICO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO - SABESP

A PUBLICLY-TRADED COMPANY

CNPJ # 43.776.517/0001-80

RELEVANT NOTICE

In accordance with CVM Instruction no. 358 dated January 3, 2002 and considering the recent news publication regarding a judicial decision issued by a lower court with respect to a lawsuit involving us, we would like to inform our shareholders and the market in general that:

The Public Attorney of the Municipality of Paraguaçu Paulista has brought a civil public action before the Paraguaçu Paulista Courts of Law (*1ª Vara de Paraguaçu Paulista*) which seeks reparation for and cessation of environmental damage allegedly caused by our release of raw sewage into the Alegre River, situated in the Municipality of Paraguaçu Paulista. The lower court has issued a decision against us, requiring that we (i) cease the release of raw sewage into the Alegre River; (ii) invest in a water and sewage treatment facility in the Municipality of Paraguaçu Paulista; and (iii) pay an administrative penalty in the amount of R\$116.93 million for environmental damage. The decision also imposes a daily penalty if we fail to comply with numbers (i) and (ii) above.

The company is using all judicial means of appeal to reverse the decision described above, in particular with respect to the penalties imposed.

São Paulo, October 27, 2004

Reinaldo José Rodriguez de Campos

Corporate Management Officer

(Chief Executive Officer, acting)

**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: October 27, 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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