

BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 6-K  
March 20, 2003

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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, 2003**

**Commission File Number 1-15106**

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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)

**Avenida República do Chile, 65  
20035-900 - 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.

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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

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## PETROBRAS CONTRACTS A NEW CREDIT LINE

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(Rio de Janeiro, March 19, 2003). PETROLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. Petrobras, (BOVESPA: PETR3 / PETR4, NYSE: PBR / PBRA, LATIBEX: XPBR / XPBRA), Brazil's largest oil and gas, petrochemicals and energy company, announces that it has today signed a US\$ 100 million credit line issued by the HSBC and guaranteed by the Export Credits Guarantee Department (ECGD), in order to finance up to 85% of goods and services to be purchased in the United Kingdom.

The term of the financing is 10 years with semi-annual amortizations and interest at Libor + 0.525% p.a. Besides interest, PETROBRAS will pay insurance on the ECGD credit.

Around 70% of the credit line will be drawn down shortly to reimburse payments already made and the balance will be used by the end of this year.

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

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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 20, 2003

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO  
S.A--PETROBRAS

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

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

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