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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2003

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)

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(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No



Minister José Dirceu resigns from the Board of Directors of Petrobras

(Rio de Janeiro, February 7, 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 Board Member José Dirceu de Oliveira e Silva in a letter to the President of the Board of Petrobras, Dilma Rousseff, has communicated his resignation from the Board of Directors with effect from February 1, 2003.

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