Buy/Sell Rating: Neutral S&P 500: 834 Intraday

## Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. Revise to Neutral – Stop Loss

	Price			Net							
	(\$/sh)		Market	Present	Debt/		EV/	EV/		Div'd	PV/
	27-Sep	Shares	Cap	Value	Present	McDep	Sales	Ebitda	P/E	NTM	Ebitda
Symbol	<i>l</i> 2002	(mm)	(\$mm)	(\$/sh)	Value	Ratio	NTM	NTM	NTM	(%)	NTM
PBR	10.10	1,086	11,000	30.00	0.27	0.52	1.0	2.6	2	13.4	5.0
McDep Ratio = $\mathbf{M}$ arket $\mathbf{c}$ ap and $\mathbf{D}$ ebt to $\mathbf{p}$ resent value of oil and gas and other businesses											
EV = Enterprise Value = Market Cap and Debt:										US\$mm	23,300
Ebitda = Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization:										US\$mm	9,000
NTM = Next Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2003; P/E = Stock Price to Earnings											
PV = Present Value of energy businesses:										US\$mm	44,800
Present Value of Equity:										US\$mm	32,600

## **Summary and Recommendation**

We withdraw our recommendation for current purchase of the shares of Petroleo Brasileiro (Petrobras) because the shares have declined too much in a short period. Aside from political uncertainty in Brazil there are no fundamental developments in the energy industry to account for the magnitude of the decline in market value. Moreover there may not be much intellectual justification for taking stop loss action, but it is a practical course for the times we live in. We regret any losses sustained and will continue to provide fundamental coverage of the stock. At a new rating of neutral, Petrobras will not appear in the McDep Energy Portfolio except as a past transaction that did not work out profitably.

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