

COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BASICO DO ESTADO DE SAO PAULO-SABESP

Form 6-K

March 24, 2005

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

FORM 6-K

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

For March 24, 2005

(Commission File No. 1-31317)

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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annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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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 CORPORATION

Corporate Taxpayer's Identification (CNPJ) #43.776.517/0001-80

MATERIAL FACT

Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo SABESP (the Company) informs and clarifies its shareholders and the market in general that:

(i) on March 24, 2005, it made available to the Securities and Exchange Commission of Brazil (the CVM) and to the São Paulo Stock Exchange (the BOVESPA), by means of the Periodical and Eventual Information System (the IPE), the Company's Management proposal for the allocation of the net income for the year ended December 31, 2004, as well as for the transfer of the retained earnings balance to the investment reserve, which is subject, however, to the approval of the Company's shareholders who shall meet at the Annual and Extraordinary General Meeting as of April 29, 2005, to resolve on this and other issues;

(ii) the content of the Management's proposal is as follows:

The proposal of allocation of the net income for the year 2004 is in conformity with the Article 192 of the Law 6,404/1976 and amendments:

Net income for the year	R\$ 513,028,255.11
(+) Realization of the Revaluation Reserve	R\$ 104,499,586.67
(-) Interest on Own Capital	R\$ 152,935,332.45
(-) Legal Reserve 5%	R\$ 25,651,412.76

In order to meet the Company's investment needs for the years 2005 to 2007, at the amount of R\$ 2,390.0 million (estimated in the Company's Multiyear Plan 2004 - 2007 Capital Budget), we propose to transfer R\$ 438,941,096.57 of the Retained Earnings balance to the Investment Reserve.

(iii) an incorrect information was unduly sent to the CVM and the BOVESPA, by means of the IPE which are reference (a) to R\$ thousand in the table which informs on the Net income for the year; and (b) that the Company's investment needs estimated at the amount of R\$ 2,390.0 million refer to the Multiyear Plan 2004 to 2007 Capital Budget.

(iv) the Company's financial statements relating to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 shall be published on March 29, 2005.

São Paulo, March 24, 2005.

Rui de Britto Álvares Affonso
Chief 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 24, 2005

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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