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# 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 December 19, 2003

(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 Regristrant's principal executive offices)

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_X\_\_\_

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#### COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BÁSICO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO SABESP

## A PUBLICLY HELD COMPANY Corporate Taxpayer s ID (CNPJ) # 43,776,517/0001-80

#### RELEVANT NOTICE

As per the dispositions of CVM Instruction # 358, as of January 3, 2002, COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BÁSICO DO ESTADO DE SÃO PAULO SABESP, hereby announces that its Board of Directors, in a meeting held on December 09, 2003, approved the assets purchase proposal involving the transfer of water and sewage services of the Municipality of São Bernardo do Campo to Sabesp, for the amount estimated in the Economic-Financial Valuation Report, including the liquidation of the water wholesale supply accumulated debt.

Transaction terms were the following:

- I All assets and services related to water and sewage services of the Municipality of São Bernardo do Campo are being transferred to Sabesp.
- II The transaction value, estimated in the Economic-Financial Valuation Report, dated as of December 8, 2003, prepared by the specialists appointed in the Company s Extraordinary Shareholders Meeting held on October 28, 2003, is R\$ 415,470,932.00 (four hundred fifteen million, four hundred seventy thousand, nine hundred thirty-two reais).
- III For the purpose of the current transaction, the value of the water wholesale supply debt was estimated based on the debt principal amount, monetarily adjusted up to November 30, 2003, added to projected amounts to be received and billed up to December 31, 2003, totaling R\$ 265,431,939.41 (two hundred sixty-five million, four hundred thirty-one thousand, nine hundred thirty-nine reais and forty-one cents).
- IV The difference between the amount estimated in the Economic-Financial Valuation Report and the total debt amount, of R\$ 150,038,992.59 (one hundred fifty million, thirty-eight thousand, nine hundred ninety-two reais and fifty nine cents) will be paid in cash to the Municipality of São Bernardo do Campo as follows:
  - 33% (thirty-three per cent) of the total up to 12/30/2003;
  - 16% (sixteen per cent) of the total up to 01/30/2004;
  - 10% (ten per cent) of the total up to 02/28/2004;
  - 32.5% (thirty-two point five per cent) of the total divided in 5 (five) equal and successive installments, being 03/30/2004 the due date for the first installment; and
  - 8.5% (eight point five per cent) of the total divided into 4 (four) equal and successive installments, being 08/30/2004 the due date for the first installment.

Sabesp will start operating sewage and water services of the Municipality of São Bernardo do Campo on January 5, 2004.

São Paulo, December 19, 2003

Rui de Britto Álvares Affonso Economic and 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: December 19, 2003

# 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 and Financial Officer and Investor Relations

Officer

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