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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

For the month of March, 2005

Commission File Number 1-15250

BANCO BRADESCO S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Cidade de Deus, s/n, Vila Yara 06029-900 - Osasco - SP Federative Republic of Brazil (Address of principal executive office)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.
Form 20-FX Form 40-F
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 NoX
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Cidade de Deus, Osasco, SP, March 22th, 2005

Securities and Exchange Commission Office of International Corporate Finance Division of Corporate Finance Washington, DC

Dear Sirs:

Ref.: . Capital Increase by Subscription - Bradesco

. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on 12.9.2004 and 3.10.2005 (at 4 p.m.) relative to the 3,688612594% subscription

We communicate the approval, by the Central Bank of Brazil, on 3.18.2005, and published today in the Federal Official Gazette, of the capital increase process of Banco Bradesco S.A. by subscription of stocks, disclosed in the EGM held on 12.9.2004 and ratified in the EGM held on 3.10.2005 (at 4 p.m.).

Consequently, the new stocks will be free for trading as of tomorrow, 3.23.2005.

Dividends: The new stocks shall be entitled to Monthly and possibly Complementary Dividends and/or Interest on Own Capital to be declared by the Board of Directors as from this date on, as well as possible advantages to be attributed to the other stocks.

Sincerely yours,

Banco Bradesco S.A. José Luiz Acar Pedro Executive Vice President and Investor Relations Director

SIGNATURES

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 22, 2005

BANCO BRADESCO S.A.

By: /s/ José Luiz Acar Pedro

José Luiz Acar Pedro Executive Vice President and Investor Relations Director

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