BANK BRADESCO Form 6-K February 19, 2003

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 February, 2003

Commission File Number 1-15250

BANCO BRADESCO S.A.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

BANK BRADESCO

(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 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, February 19th, 2003

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

Dear Sirs,

The Board of Executive Officers of this Bank, in a meeting held on this date, decided to propose to the Board of Directors, in a meeting to be held on March 5th, 2003:

1. An increase in the amount paid as Monthly Interest on Own Capital by 20% (twenty percent). Such payments, anticipated to the Company's stockholders, will raise from R\$0.0117650 to R\$0.0141180 for commom stock, and from R\$0.0129415 to R\$0.0155298 for preferred stock, both per lot of one thousand stocks, to take effect beginning with the Interest payment regarding the month of March/2003.

Upon approval of the proposal, the payment will be made at the net amount of R\$0.0120 for common stock and R\$0.0132 to preferred stock, both per lot of one thousand stocks, after deduction of Income Withholding Tax of fifteen percent (15%), except for the legal entity stockholders that are exempt from this respective taxation, which will receive the declared amount.

2. The payment to the Company's stockholders, pursuant to the Corporate Bylaws and legal provisions, of interest on own capital related to the month of March/2003, in the amount of R\$0.0141180 for common stock and R\$0.0155298 for preferred stock, both per lot of one thousand stocks, benefiting the stockholders registered in the Company's records on that date (March 5th, 2003).

Upon approval of the proposal, payment will be made on April 1st, 2003, at the net amount of R\$0.0120 for common stock and R\$0.0132 for preferred stock, both per lot of one thousand stocks for those stockholders with position equal to or over 100,000 stocks, after deduction of Income Withholding Tax of fifteen percent (15%), except for the legal entity stockholders that are exempt from this respective taxation, which will receive the declared amount.

For those with position up to 99,999 stocks, the payment will be made on July 1st, 2003, but may be anticipated if the stockholder presents a written request for that purpose.

The respective interest will be computed in the calculation of the minimum compulsory dividend for the year, as provided in the Corporate Bylaws.

The Interests relating to stocks under custody at CBLC - Brazilian Company and Depository Corporation will be paid to CBLC, independently the stockholder position, which will be transferred to the stockholders through the depository Brokers.

Cordially,

Banco Bradesco S.A.

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Luiz Carlos Trabuco Cappi Executive Vice President and Investor Relations Director

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.

Date: February 19, 2003

BANCO BRADESCO S.A.

By: /s/ Luiz Carlos Trabuco Cappi

Luiz Carlos Trabuco Cappi Executive Vice-President and Investor Relations Director

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