

COMPANHIA DE SANEAMENTO BASICO DO ESTADO DE SAO PAULO-SABESP

Form 6-K

January 16, 2009

**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 January 16, 2009

(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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file
annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K
in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1).

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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 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 COMPANY
CORPORATE TAXPAYER S ID (CNPJ) 43.776.517/0001 -80

PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON OWN CAPITAL

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

We hereby inform the Shareholders that on January 15, 2009, the Board of Executive Officers, having heard the Fiscal Council, proposed and the Board of Directors resolved on, pursuant to item XI of article 14, and paragraph 1 of article 29 of the Company's Bylaws, the payment of dividends in the form of interest on own capital related to the period from July to December 2008, to the Shareholders registered as such on January 26, 2009.

I AMOUNT, DATE AND CREDIT AND PAYMENT TERMS

The dividends as interest on own capital, totaling ninety five million, six hundred ninety one thousand, three hundred eighty one reais and sixty six cents (R\$95,691,381.66) corresponding to forty two cents (R\$ 0.42) per common share will be paid no later than sixty (60) days after the 2009 Annual Shareholders' Meeting.

II WITHHOLDING INCOME TAX

Income tax shall be withheld from payment of dividends as interest on own capital, pursuant to the laws in force, except for the immune or exempt shareholders proving such condition until February 13, 2009, and corresponding documents shall be sent to the Company's headquarters located at Rua Costa Carvalho, 300 Sala 265 São Paulo SP CEP 05429-900, in attention to the Superintendência de Captação de Recursos e Relações com Investidores.

Referring to the entities of Supplementary Private Pension, Insurance Companies and Fapi, such proof shall occur by means of Declaration, a model of which is available at the Investors Area, in the item Information to Shareholders on the website www.sabesp.com.br.

III CONTRIBUTION TO DIVIDENDS

The aforementioned interest on own capital will be computed in the calculation of the mandatory minimum dividends, as provided for in the *caput* of Article 29 of the Company's Bylaws, pursuant to article 9, paragraph 7, of Law 9,249/95.

IV INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CREDIT AND PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON OWN CAPITAL

The shareholders will have their credits available on the initial date of payment of such right, as set forth in above item I, in accordance with their checking account and domicile provided to Banco Itaú S.A.

To shareholders whose registry information does neither include their Individual/Corporate Taxpayer's Identification Number (CPF/CNPJ) nor completion of banking instructions (bank, branch and account number), the interest will be credited, pursuant to item I above, as of the third business day counted from the date of registry update in Banco Itaú S.A.'s electronic files. This update may be carried out either at any of its branches or by mail sent to Banco Itaú S.A. - Diretoria de Serviços para o Mercado de Capitais Unidade de Ações e Debêntures at Avenida Engenheiro Armando de Arruda Pereira, 707, 9º andar - Jabaquara CEP: 04344-902 São Paulo SP.

V RECORD DATE

The shares now are traded ex-interest from January 27, 2009.

VI - Further information may be obtained at any of Banco Itaú S.A.'s branches, which are specialized in assisting shareholders, during banking hours.

São Paulo, January 16, 2009.

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: January 16, 2009

**Companhia de Saneamento Básico do Estado de São Paulo -
SABESP**

By: /S/ Rui de Britto Álvares
Affonso

Name: Rui de Britto Álvares
Affonso
Title: Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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