

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of June, 2010

Commission File Number 1-15106

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Brazilian Petroleum Corporation - PETROBRAS

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Avenida República do Chile, 65

20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ

Federative Republic of Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

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 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 ☒

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MATERIAL FACT

Approval of the Capitalization and Transfer of Rights with Compensation

Rio de Janeiro, June 10th, 2010, Petróleo Brasileiro S.A - Petrobras announces that the Brazilian Federal Senate approved the Bill concerning the Capitalization of Petrobras and Transfer of Rights with Compensation (Transfer of Rights).

The Bill authorizes the Federal Government to transfer to Petrobras the right to explore and produce oil and natural gas in a specific area of the pre-salt area to be defined, limited to the volume of 5 billion barrels of oil equivalent. In addition, it also authorizes the Federal Government to subscribe for shares of the capital stock of Petrobras.

The Bill approved by the Brazilian Federal Senate is identical to the legislation previously approved by the Chamber of Deputies. As a result, the Bill will be sent to the Brazilian President for signature.

Petrobras expects that the Brazilian President will sign the Bill and will continue negotiating the contract for the Transfer of Rights with the Federal Government, including an analysis of the value of the Transfer of Rights.

Also approved yesterday was the Bill concerning the introduction of a production-sharing model in exploration and production activities in the pre-salt and strategic areas. This model was approved by means of a Bill that consolidated the original bills regarding the creation of a Social Fund and the introduction of a production-sharing regime. The Bill approved by the Brazilian Federal Senate provides that Petrobras will be the exclusive operator of all blocks under production-sharing contracts, with a minimum interest of at least 30%, and the right to participate in the bidding process in order to increase the Company's interest in those areas. The Bill also contemplates the possibility of a transfer from the Federal Government to Petrobras of 100% of the rights to explore new areas, with no bidding. The Bill, as approved by the Senate, must be submitted to the Chamber of Deputies once again due to the consolidation of the two original bills and, if approved, it will be sent to President of the Republic for signature.

Petrobras further announces that, in connection with the proposed public offering of Petrobras shares, it has hired Banco do Brasil as the coordinator of retail marketing in Brazil.

This announcement is not an offer of Petrobras shares. Petrobras shares may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration, and Petrobras currently intends to register the proposed offering in the United States. Any public offering of Petrobras shares will be made by means of a prospectus containing detailed information about Petrobras and the offering.

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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: June 10, 2010

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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