

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 March, 2011

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)

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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 ☒

This report on Form 6-K is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Petróleo Brasileiro -- Petrobras (No. 333-163665).

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS

Public Company

Material Fact

Merger of Companhia Mexilhão do Brasil

Rio de Janeiro, March 1st, 2011 Petrôleo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras, in compliance with the provision in CVM Instruction 358/02, publicly announces that its Board of Directors approved the merger offer of its wholly-owned subsidiary *Companhia Mexilhão do Brasil* (CMB) and that the cited merger will be voted on by its shareholders in a timely convened Special Shareholders Meeting.

CMB was established in order to raise funds for the construction of a fixed jacket platform which will be used to produce natural gas in the Mexilhão field.

The cited financial structuring provided that, following the Project's termination, Petrobras would acquire the representative shares of CMB's capital stock, which took place on 01.12.2011.

In order to simplify its corporate structure and reduce costs, Petrobras proposes that the merger of CMB be voted on in a Special Shareholders Meeting.

Given that this entails the merger of a wholly-owned subsidiary, there will be no increase in Petrobras's capital stock or issuance of new shares. The representative shares of the capital stock of the cited wholly-owned subsidiary will be dissolved, furthering the necessary accounting adjustments at Petrobras.

The Company will keep its shareholders and the general market timely and adequately informed with respect to any developments related to the merger transaction until it is completed.

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objetiva , deverá , bem como outros termos similares, visam a identificar tais previsões, as quais, evidentemente, envolvem riscos ou incertezas previstos ou não pela Companhia. Portanto, os resultados futuros das operações da Companhia podem diferir das atuais expectativas, e o leitor não deve se basear exclusivamente nas informações aqui contidas.

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: March 01, 2011

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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