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## 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)

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#### Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders

Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, cash flows and changes in shareholders' equity present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras and its subsidiaries (the "Company") at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2015 in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, in 2014, the Company wrote off US\$ 2,527 million of overpayments on the acquisition of property plant and equipment incorrectly capitalized, according to testimony obtained from Brazilian criminal investigations conducted by the Brazilian authorities.

/s/

PricewaterhouseCoopers

**Auditores Independentes** 

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

March 21, 2016

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#### Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2015 and 2014

(Expressed in millions of US Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

Assets Note 12.31.2015 12.31.2014 Liabilities Note 12.31.2015 12.31.2014

**Current** assets

**Current liabilities** 

Cash and 7 25,058 16,655 Trade payables 16 6,380 9,760 cash equivalents

Marketable 7 780 9,323 Finance debt 17 14,683 11,868 securities

Trade and 8 5,803 7,969 Finance lease 18 12 16 other obligations receivables, net

Inventories 9 7,441 11,466 Income taxes 21.1 105 247 payable

Recoverable 21.1 983 1,063 Other taxes 21.1 3,365 4,064 income taxes payable

Other 21.1 1,765 2,748 Payroll, profit 1,302 2,066 recoverable sharing and related charges

Advances to 108 423 Pension and 22 655 796 suppliers medical benefits

Other current assets

1,338

1,180

Others

1,946

2,301

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43,276 50,827 28,448 31,118

Assets 10.3 152 5 Liabilities on 10.3 125 — classified as assets classified held for sale as held for sale

43,428 50,832 28,573 31,118

Non-current assets

Non-current liabilities

Long-term Finance debt 17 111,482 120,218 receivables

Trade and 8 3,669 4,832 Finance lease 18 39 56 other obligations receivables, net

Marketable 7 88 109 Deferred income 21.6 232 3,031 securities taxes

 Judicial deposits
 30.2 2,499
 2,682 medical benefits
 Pension and medical benefits
 22 12,195 medical benefits
 16,491 medical benefits

Deferred 21.6 6,016 1,006 Provisions for 30.1 2,247 1,540 income taxes legal proceedings

Other tax 21.1 2,821 4,008 Provision for decommissioning

20 9,150

8,267

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Advances to suppliers

1,638

2,409

Others

548

988

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Others 2,446 3,817 135,893 150,591

**Total liabilities** 

164,466

181,709

# Edgar Filing: PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA - Form 6-K Shareholders'

equity

Investments 11 3,527 5,753 Share capital (net 23.1 107,101 107,101 of share issuance costs)

Property, plant and . equipment

12 161,297 218,730

Change in interest23.2 321 in subsidiaries

148

Intangible 13 3,092 4,509 Profit reserves 23.3 57,977 66,423 assets

187,093 247,855 Accumulated 23.4 (100,163) (57,400) other comprehensive

(deficit)

Attributable to the shareholders of Petrobras

65,236

116,272

Non-controlling 11.4 819 706 interests

Total equity

66,055

116,978

Total assets 230,521 298,687 Total liabilities 230,521 298,687

and shareholder's equity

The Notes form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

Consolidated Statement of Income

December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (In millions of US Dollars, unless otherwise indicated)

Sales revenues Cost of sales Gross profit	Note 24	<b>2015</b> 97,314 (67,485) 29,829	<b>2014</b> 143,657 (109,477) 34,180	<b>2013</b> 141,462 (108,834) 32,628
Income (expenses) Selling expenses General and administrative expenses Exploration costs Research and development expenses Other taxes Impairment of assets Write-off - overpayments incorrectly capitalized Other expenses, net	15 14 3	(4,627) (3,351) (1,911) (630) (2,796) (12,299)	(6,827) (4,756) (3,058) (1,099) (760) (16,823)	(4,904) (4,982) (2,959) (1,132) (780) (544)
	25	_ (5,345) (30,959)	(5,293) (41,143)	- (1,113) (16,414)
Income (loss) before finance income (expense), share of earnings in equity-accounted investments, profit sharing and income taxes		(1,130)	(6,963)	16,214
Finance income Finance expenses Foreign exchange and inflation indexation charges Net finance income (expense)		1,412 (6,437)	1,949 (3,923)	1,815 (2,673)
	27	(3,416) (8,441)	339 (1,635)	(1,933) (2,791)
Share of earnings (losses) in equity-accounted investments	11.2	(177)	218	507
Profit sharing	22.7	_	(444)	(520)
Income (loss) before income taxes		(9,748)	(8,824)	13,410
Income taxes	21.7	1,137	1,321	(2,578)
Net income (loss)		(8,611)	(7,503)	10,832

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Net income (loss) attributable to: Shareholders of Petrobras Non-controlling interests		(8,450) (161)	(7,367) (136)	11,094 (262)
Net income (loss)		(8,611)	(7,503)	10,832
Basic and diluted earnings (loss) per weighted-average of common and preferred share - in U.S. dollars	23.6	(0.65)	(0.56)	0.85

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (In millions of US Dollars)

Net income (loss)	<b>2015</b> (8,611)	<b>2014</b> (7,503)	<b>2013</b> 10,832
Items that will not be reclassified to the statement of income: Actuarial gains (losses) on defined benefit pension plans Deferred income tax	(53) (14) (67)	(5,947) 1,157 (4,790)	7,248 (2,153) 5,095
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to the statement of income: Unrealized gains / (losses) on available-for-sale securities	(07)	(4,730)	3,033
Recognized in shareholders' equity Reclassified to the statement of income Deferred income tax	- - -	- - -	1 (44) 15 (28)
Unrealized gains / (losses) on cash flow hedge - highly probable future exports Recognized in shareholders' equity Reclassified to the statement of income Deferred income tax	(21,132) 2,057 6,486 (12,589)	(6,443) 702 1,953 (3,788)	(6,226) 303 2,012 (3,911)
Unrealized gains / (losses) on cash flow hedge - others Recognized in shareholders' equity Reclassified to the statement of income	10 - 10	6 1 7	9 9 18
Cumulative translation adjustments (*)	(29,248)	(15,606)	(20,397)
Share of other comprehensive income (losses) in equity-accounted investments	(861)	(263)	(265)
Total other comprehensive income (loss):	(42,755)	(24,440)	(19,488)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(51,366)	(31,943)	(8,656)

Comprehensive income (loss) attributable

to:

Shareholders of Petrobras	(51,209)	(31,729)	(8,263)
Non-controlling interests	(157)	(214)	(393)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(51,366)	(31,943)	(8,656)

(\*) Includes US\$ 1,002 of cumulative translation adjustments in investees (US\$ 321 in 2014).

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (In millions of US Dollars)

	2015	2014	2013
Cash flows from Operating activities			
Net income (loss)	(8,611)	(7,503)	10,832
Adjustments for:			
Share of earnings (losses) in		(2.2.2)	
equity-accounted investments	177	(218)	(507)
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	11,591	13,023	13,188
Impairment of property, plant and			
equipment, intangible and other assets	12,299	16,823	544
Inventory write-down to net realizable value		1,015	580
Exploration expenditures written off	1,441	2,178	1,892
Write-off - overpayments incorrectly			
capitalized	_	2,527	_
Allowance for impairment of trade			
receivables	941	2,378	73
(Gains) losses on disposal of assets,			
write-offs of assets, E&P areas returned and			
cancelled projects, net	758	481	(1,745)
Foreign exchange, indexation and finance			
charges	9,172	3,571	3,167
Deferred income taxes, net	(2,043)	(3,045)	402
Pension and medical benefits (actuarial			
expense)	1,960	2,022	2,566
Decrease (Increase) in assets	(206)	(0.507)	(4.40)
Trade and other receivables, net	(396)	(2,507)	(1,142)
Inventories	291	570	(2,128)
Judicial deposits	(789)	(506)	(131)
Other assets	(819)	(2,297)	(172)
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Increase (Decrease) in liabilities	(1.226)	(1.211)	1 100
Trade payables	(1,226)	(1,211)	1,108
Taxes payable	1,061	(1,245)	(1,517)
Pension and medical benefits	(709)	(834)	(796)
Other liabilities	384	1,410	75
Net cash provided by operating activities	25,913	26,632	26,289
Cash flows from Investing activities	(04.650)	(24.000)	(45.550)
Capital expenditures	(21,653)	(34,808)	(45,110)
Investments in investees	(108)	(329)	(199)
Proceeds from disposal of assets	727	3,744	3,820
	7,982	(5,469)	5,718

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Divestment (investment) in marketable securities			
Dividends received	259	387	146
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(12,793)	(36,475)	(35,625)
Cash flows from Financing activities (Acquisition) Investments of non-controlling			
interest	100	(98)	(70)
Financing and loans, net: Proceeds from long-term financing Repayment of principal Repayment of interest Dividends paid Net cash provided by (used in) financing	17,420 (14,809) (6,305)	31,050 (10,031) (5,995) (3,918)	39,542 (18,455) (5,066) (2,656)
activities	(3,594)	11,008	13,295
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(1,123)	(378)	(1,611)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	8,403	787	2,348
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	16,655	15,868	13,520
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	e 25,058	16,655	15,868

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (In millions of US Dollars)

	Share control (net of			Accumulate (deficit) and			sive income
	Share Capital	Share issuance	Change in interest in subsidiaries	Cumulative translation adjustment	future	on defined benefit	Other comprehensiv income (loss) and deemed cost
Balance at December 31, 2012 Capital increase with reserves Realization of	107,362 e 9	(279)	628	(6,174)	_	(7,600)	102
deemed cost Change in interest in subsidiaries Net income Other			46				(5)
comprehensive income (loss) Appropriations: Transfer to reserves Dividends				(20,266)	(3,911)	5,095	(275)
Balance at	107,371	(279)	674	(26,440)	(3,911)	(2,505)	(178)
December 31, 2013 Capital increase	9 9	107,092	674				(33,034)
deemed cost			(526)				(4)

Change in interest in subsidiaries Net loss Other comprehensive income (loss) Appropriations: Transfer to reserves			(15,528)	(3,788)	(4,790)	(256)
Dividends Balance at	107,380 (279)	148	(41,968)	(7,699)	(7,295)	(438)
December 31, 2014 Realization of deemed cost Change in interest in	107,101	148				(57,400) (4)
subsidiaries Net loss Other		173				
comprehensive income (loss) Appropriations: Transfer to reserves Dividends			(29,252)	(12,589)	(67)	(851)
Balance at	107,380 (279)	321	(71,220)	(20,288)	(7,362)	(1,293)
December 31, 2015	107,101	321				(100,163)
The Notes form an integral part of these Financial Statements.						

Notes to the financial statements

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## 1. The Company and its operations

Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras is dedicated, directly or through its subsidiaries (referred to jointly as "Petrobras", "the Company", or "Petrobras Group") to prospecting, drilling, refining, processing, trading and transporting crude oil from producing onshore and offshore oil fields and from shale or other rocks, as well as oil products, natural gas and other liquid hydrocarbons. In addition, Petrobras carries out energy related activities, such as research, development, production, transport, distribution and trading of all forms of energy, as well as other related or similar activities. The Company's head office is located in Rio de Janeiro – RJ, Brazil.

#### 2. Basis of preparation

# 2.1. Statement of compliance and authorization of financial statements

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared and are being presented in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and presents all relevant information related to the financial statements. The information is presented in U.S. dollars.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by available-for-sale financial assets, financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value and certain current and non-current assets and liabilities, as set out in the summary of significant accounting policies.

The annual consolidated financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Company's Board of Directors in a meeting held on March 21, 2016.

#### 2.2. Functional and presentation currency

The functional currency of Petrobras and all of its Brazilian subsidiaries is the Brazilian Real. The functional currency of most of the Petrobras entities that operate outside Brazil is the U.S. dollar. The functional currency of Petrobras Argentina is the Argentine Peso.

Petrobras has selected the U.S. Dollar as its presentation currency. The financial statements have been translated from the functional currency (Brazilian Real) into the presentation currency (U.S. Dollar) in accordance with IAS 21 – "The effects of changes in foreign exchange rates". All assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at the closing exchange rate at the date of the financial statements; income and expenses, as well as cash flows are translated into U.S. dollars using the average exchange rates prevailing during the year.

Equity items are translated using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. All exchange differences arising from the translation of the consolidated financial statements from the functional currency into the presentation currency are recognized as cumulative translation adjustments (CTA) within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity.

Brazilian Real x U.S. Dollar	2015	Jun 2015	Sep 2015	Dec 2015	Mar 2014	Jun 2014	Sep 2014	Dec 2014
Quarterly average exchange rate Period-end	2.86	3.07	3.55	3.84	2.36	2.23	2.28	2.55
exchange rate	3.21	3.10	3.97	3.90	2.26	2.20	2.45	2.66

#### 2.3. Reclassifications

The Company has reclassified certain amounts from prior periods to conform to current period presentations. Performance bonuses advanced to customers in the amount of US\$ 605 are currently classified as other long-term receivables (and were previously classified as non-current trade and other receivables, net) in order to provide a better presentation of its accounts receivable. Such reclassification did not affect the net income or shareholders' equity of the years presented.

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# 3. The "Lava Jato (Car Wash) Operation" and its effects on the Company

In 2009, the Brazilian federal police began an investigation called "Lava Jato" (Car Wash) aimed at criminal organizations engaged in money laundering in several Brazilian states. The Lava Jato investigation is extremely broad and involves numerous investigations into several criminal practices focusing on crimes committed by individuals in different parts of the country and sectors of the Brazilian economy.

Beginning in 2014, and over the course of 2015, the Brazilian Federal Prosecutor's Office focused part of its investigation on irregularities involving Petrobras's contractors and suppliers and uncovered a broad payment scheme that involved a wide range of participants, including former Petrobras personnel. Based on the information available to Petrobras, the payment scheme involved a group of companies that, between 2004 and April 2012, colluded to obtain contracts with Petrobras, overcharge the Company under those contracts and use the overpayment received under the contracts to fund improper payments to political parties, elected officials or other public officials, individual contractor personnel, former Petrobras personnel and other individuals involved in the scheme. Petrobras refers to this scheme as the "payment scheme" and to the companies involved in the scheme as "cartel members".

In addition to the payment scheme, the investigations identified several specific instances of other contractors and suppliers that allegedly overcharged Petrobras and used the overpayment received from their contracts with the Company to fund improper payments, unrelated to the payment scheme, to certain Petrobras employees, including the former Petrobras personnel. Those contractors and suppliers are not cartel members and acted individually. Petrobras refers to these specific cases as the "unrelated payments."

Certain former executives of Petrobras were arrested and/or charged for money-laundering and passive corruption. Other former executives of the Company as well as executives of Petrobras contractors and suppliers were or are expected to be charged as a result of the investigation. The amounts paid by Petrobras related to contracts with contractors and suppliers involved in the payment scheme were included in historical costs of its property, plant and equipment. However, the Company believes that, under International Accounting Standard IAS 16 – Property, Plant and Equipment, the portion of the payments made to these companies and used by them to make improper payments, which represents additional expenses incurred as a result of the payments scheme, should not have been capitalized. Thus, in the third quarter of 2014, the Company wrote off US\$2,527 of capitalized costs representing amounts that Petrobras overpaid for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment in prior years.

The Company has continuously monitored the investigations for additional information and to assess any potential impact on the adjustments made. No additional information has been identified that impacted the adopted calculation methodology or the recorded adjustment in

2014 for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Petrobras will continue to monitor the results of the investigations and the availability of other information concerning the payment scheme. If information becomes available that indicates with sufficient precision that the estimate described above should be adjusted, Petrobras will evaluate whether the adjustment is material and, if so, recognize it.

#### 3.1. The Company's response to the facts uncovered in the investigation

The Company has been closely monitoring the investigations and cooperating fully with the Brazilian Federal Police (Polícia Federal), the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office (Ministério Público Federal), the Brazilian Judiciary, and other Brazilian authorities (the Federal Audit Court – Tribunal de Contas da União – TCU, and the Federal General Controller – Controladoria Geral da União – CGU) in the investigation of all crimes and irregularities. We have responded to numerous requests for documents and information from these authorities.

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The Company has also cooperated with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), which, since November 2014, have been investigating potential violations of U.S. law based on information disclosed as a result of the Lava Jato investigation.

We have been formally recognized as a victim of the crimes identified under the Lava Jato investigation by the Brazilian Federal Prosecutor's Office and by the court hearing the case. As a result, we have entered the criminal proceedings as an assistant to the prosecutor and we have renewed our commitment to continue cooperating to clarify the issues and report them regularly to our investors and to the public in general.

We do not tolerate corrupt practices and illegal acts perpetuated by any of our employees. Accordingly, in 2015 the Company continued to implement measures to improve its corporate governance and compliance systems as part of the process of strengthening the internal control structure.

With respect to Corporate Governance, the Company's bylaws were amended to provide for the Advisory Committees, including the Audit Committee and the Compensation and Succession Committee, which is responsible for determining the qualifications for nominations of executive managers, executive officers and Board members. In addition, the Strategic Committee and Finance Committee were both created. Also, under our new corporate governance rules, the Company must be represented by two officers, acting jointly.

Additionally, Petrobras' scope of authority was reviewed and a shared authority procedure was implemented, in which at least two managers are needed for decision-making.

With respect to the compliance systems, the Company has restructured its General Ombudsman providing for a single channel for complaints. Petrobras has reviewed and updated the Petrobras Corruption Prevention Program Guide, as well as its contractual instruments and Procurement Guide. The Company is implementing qualification procedures related to the integrity measures requirements for all its contractors, providing due diligence integrity and a system of red flags (alerts). The provisional ban of contracting companies identified by the investigation has also been an important initiative adopted by the Company. A Correction Committee was formed as part of Company's organizational structure to guide, standardize and monitor the implementation of disciplinary sanctions in cases involving fraud or corruption.

In June 2015, the Company approved a revised Business Risk Management Policy (*Política de Gestão de Riscos Empresariais*), which outlines authorities, responsibilities, principles and guidelines to guide risk management initiatives in Petrobras.

Internal investigations are still in progress and are being carried out by two independent firms hired in October 2014, which report directly to a Special Committee that serves as a reporting line to the Board of Directors. The Special Committee is composed of our Governance, Risk and Compliance Officer, João Adalberto Elek Junior and two other independent and recognized experts: Ellen Gracie Northfleet, retired Chief Justice of the Brazilian Supreme Court, recognized internationally as a jurist with great experience in analyzing complex legal issues; and Andreas Pohlmann from Germany, who has broad experience in compliance and corporate governance matters.

We established Internal Investigative Committees (Comissões Internas de Apuração) to investigate instances of non-compliance with corporate rules, procedures or regulations. The Committees' investigation results are shared with the Brazilian authorities in accordance with their progresses.

In addition, the Company has been taking the necessary procedural steps to seek compensation for damages suffered from the improper payments scheme, including those related to its reputation.

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Accordingly, the Company joined five public civil suits addressing acts of administrative misconduct, with the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office on February 20, 2015, and in another suit with the same subject filed by the Federal Government, including demands for compensation for reputation damages.

In order to secure future compensation to Petrobras for each civil action related to misconduct, the courts granted cautionary orders to impound defendants' property.

To the extent that any of the proceedings resulting from the Lava Jato investigation involve leniency agreements with cartel members or plea agreements with individuals pursuant to which they agree to return funds, the Company may be entitled to receive a portion of such funds.

Following a plea agreement with the Brazilian authorities, in 2015 the Company received US\$ 72 from the funds repatriated by Pedro José Barusco Filho (a former executive manager of the service area) as compensation for damages.

Nevertheless, the Company is unable to reliably estimate further recoverable amounts at this moment. Any recoverable amount will be recognized as income when received or when their economic benefits become virtually certain.

# 3.2. Approach adopted by the Company to adjust its property, plant and equipment for overpayments

As it is not possible to specifically identify the amounts of each overpayment to contractors and suppliers, or periods over which such payments occurred, Petrobras developed a methodology to estimate the aggregate amount that it overpaid under the payment scheme, in order to determine the amount of the write-off representing the overstatement of its assets resulting from overpayments used to fund improper payments.

It continues to be impracticable to identify the exact date and amount of each overpayment by the Company to the contractors and suppliers because of the limitations described below:

- The information available to the Company in the testimony identifies the companies involved in the payment scheme and the period of time it was in effect and indicates several affected contracts, but does not specify individual contractual payments that include overcharges or the reporting periods in which overpayments occurred.
- Petrobras itself did not make or receive any improper payments. They were made by outside contractors and suppliers, so the exact amounts that the Company overpaid to fund these payments cannot be identified. The information to determine the amount by which the Company was overcharged by the cartel members is not contained within the Company's

accounting records. These records reflect the terms of the contract entered into by the Company, which entailed payments that were inflated because of the conspiracy among the cartel members and the former Petrobras personnel to overcharge Petrobras. Since the Company cannot identify the amount of overpayments for specific contractual payments or in specific accounting periods, it cannot determine the period in which to adjust property, plant and equipment.

Two independent firms are conducting an independent internal investigation, under the direction of the Special Committee mentioned above. The independent internal investigation continues and is not expected to provide additional quantitative information of a kind to support an adjustment to the Company's financial statements. The information available to the investigators is limited to internal information of Petrobras, so it will not be able to produce specific identified information on the amount by which the Company was overcharged. The money-laundering activities alleged to have occurred were designed to hide the origins and amounts of the funds involved, so specific accounting should not be expected.

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- The ongoing investigations by Brazilian authorities focus on the criminal liability of individuals, and not on establishing a full accounting of the amounts that Petrobras was overcharged by the cartel members or all improper payments made by contractors and suppliers from the Company's contract payments. These investigations may take several years before all the evidence and allegations are evaluated.
- The Brazilian authorities have filed actions against contractors and suppliers and their respective representatives. In these actions, the prosecutors have sought judicial remedies for administrative misconduct ( $a column{2}{c} accounts$  de improbidade administrativa) using 3% of the contract prices paid to the contractors and suppliers to measure the actual damages attributable to the payment scheme, which is consistent with the methodology used by the Company to account for the effects of the payment scheme. The scope of this process is not expected to produce a full accounting of all improper payments, even after the significant amount of time the investigations by Brazilian authorities may take. Brazilian law does not provide for discovery in civil proceedings, so the information that is produced in these proceedings would not be expected to exceed the information produced in the investigation and the criminal proceedings.

As it is impracticable to identify the periods and amounts of overpayments incurred, the Company developed a methodology to estimate the adjustment incurred in property, plant and equipment in the third quarter of 2014 using the five steps described below:

- (1) Identify contractual counterparties: the Company listed all the companies identified as cartel members, and using that information the Company identified all of the contractors and suppliers that were either so identified or were consortia including entities so identified.
- (2) Identify the period: the Company concluded from the testimony that the payment scheme was operating from 2004 through April 2012.
- (3) Identify contracts: the Company identified all contracts entered into with the counterparties identified in step 1 during the period identified in step 2, which included supplemental contracts when the original contract was entered into between 2004 and April 2012. It has identified all of the property, plant and equipment related to those contracts.
- (4) Identify payments: the Company calculated the total contract values under the contracts identified in step 3.
- (5) Apply a fixed percentage to the amount determined in Step 4: the Company estimated the aggregate overpayment by applying a percentage indicated in the depositions (3%) to the total amounts for identified contracts.

The calculation considered all the recorded amounts in the Company's books and records from 2004 through September 2014 with respect to contracts initially entered into between 2004 and April 2012, and any related supplemental contracts, between the companies of the Petrobras group and the cartel members (individually or in a consortium). This broad scope was used to produce the best estimate for quantifying the aggregate amount of the overpayment, even if there was no specific evidence of overcharging or improper payments under every affected contract. The Company also identified amounts recorded in its books and records concerning specific contracts and projects with the non-cartel members to account for the amounts those companies overcharged Petrobras to fund improper payments they made, unrelated to the payment scheme and the cartel.

The Company clarifies that, since 2015, any supplemental contract involving the Company and companies included in the scope of this methodology is entered into only in exceptional circumstances. It requires specific compliance processes aiming to mitigate risk of fraud and corruption, and an analysis of the indispensability of the supplemental contract to the Company's business purposes. The assessment includes an economic and financial analysis to determine that the supplemental contrac, independently of the analysis of the original contract, is advantageous for the Company and will not involve improper payments. Accordingly, supplemental contracts signed since 2015 do not impact the previous adjustment made.

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For overpayments attributable to non-cartel members, unrelated to the payment scheme, the Company included in the write-off for incorrectly capitalized overpayments the specific amounts of improper payments or percentages of contract values, as described in the testimony, which were used by those suppliers and contractors to fund improper payments.

The Company has a number of ongoing projects in which the original contract was entered into between 2004 and April 2012. The approach adopted by the Company considers that the overcharge was applied over total contract values. These include contract payments to be incurred by Petrobras in future periods, because it is impracticable to allocate the aggregate overpayments to specific periods and the portion of the overcharge that relates to future contract payments may have been charged to the Company in prior periods. Therefore, the write-off of overpayments incorrectly capitalized took into account the total contract values and not only contract payments already incurred. However, as mentioned above, based on the available information, the Company believes that the activity of the cartel associated with the improper payment scheme ceased after April 2012 and that, considering all the developments in the ongoing criminal investigation, the improper payments related to the payment scheme have stopped.

Petrobras believes that this methodology produces the best estimate for the aggregate overstatement of its property, plant and equipment resulting from the payment scheme, in the sense that it represents the upper bound of the range of reasonable estimates. The estimate assumes that all contracts with the identified counterparties were affected and that 3% represents the amount by which the Company overpaid on those contracts. Both assumptions are supported by the testimony, even though some testimony indicated lower percentages with respect to certain contracts, a shorter period (2006 to 2011), or fewer contractors involved.

The Company considered all available information for purposes of the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 and did not identify any additional information that would impact the adopted calculation methodology and consequently require additional write-offs. Information available to the Company included:

- Testimonies obtained through plea agreement by the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office that have been made public;
- Actions of administrative misconduct filed by the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office against cartel members for material damages attributable to the improper payments scheme;
- Criminal actions filed by the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office against individuals involved in the improper payments scheme, as representatives of contractors, intermediaries or former employees of Petrobras;

- Court decisions in the actions of administrative misconduct and criminal actions filed by the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office: including a decree of property unavailability of part of defendants, acceptance of provisional arrest of investigated persons, receipt of complaints, among others;
- Issuance of lower court judgments in certain of the criminal actions filed by the Brazilian Public Prosecutor's Office;
- Leniency agreement of a cartel member Setal Engenharia e Construções with Brazilian authorities;
- Statement of Conduct Cessation of Construções e Comércio Camargo Correa, a cartel member, with the Brazilian authorities;

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• Technical Note 38/2015 of the Administrative Council for Economic Defense - CADE , that justified the initiation of administrative proceedings of the alleged cartel members.

Petrobras closely monitored the progress of both the investigation by Brazilian authorities and the independent law firms throughout 2015 when substantial progress was made. As a result of their work, no new facts that materially impact the Company's previously recorded adjustments or change the methodology adopted were discovered. The Company will continuously monitor the investigations for additional information and will review its potential impact on the adjustment made.

#### 3.3. Investigations involving the Company

Petrobras is not a target of the Lava Jato investigation and is formally recognized as a victim of the improper payments scheme by the Brazilian Authorities.

On November 21, 2014, Petrobras received a subpoena from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requesting certain documents and information about the Company. The Company has been complying with the subpoena and intends to continue to do so, working with the independent Brazilian and U.S. law firms that were hired to conduct an independent internal investigation.

On December 15, 2015, the State of São Paulo Public Prosecutor's Office issued the Order of Civil Inquiry 01/2015, establishing a civil proceeding to investigate the existence of potential damages caused by Petrobras to investors in the stock market. The Company will provide all relevant information required by the authorities.

## 3.4. Legal proceedings involving the Company

Note 30 provides information about class actions and other material legal proceedings.

# 4. Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all periods.

#### 4.1. Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial information of Petrobras and the entities it controls (its subsidiaries), joint operations and consolidated structured entities.

Control is achieved when Petrobras: i) has power over the investee; ii) is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from involvement with the investee; and iii) has the ability to use its power to affect its returns.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is obtained until the date that such control no longer exists, by using accounting policies consistent of those adopted by Petrobras.

Note 11 sets out the consolidated entities and other direct investees.

Petrobras has no equity interest in its consolidated structured entities and control is not determined by voting rights, but by the power the Company has over the relevant operating activities of such entities. Consolidated structured entities are set out below:

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Consolidated structured entities	Country	Main segment
Charter Development LLC – CDC	U.S.A	E&P
Companhia de Desenvolvimento e Modernização		
de Plantas Industriais – CDMPI	Brazil	RT&M
PDET Offshore S.A.	Brazil	E&P
Fundo de Investimento em Direitos Creditórios		
Não-padronizados do Sistema Petrobras	Brazil	Corporate
Fundo de Investimento em Direitos Creditórios		
Padronizados do Sistema Petrobras	Brazil	Corporate

The consolidation procedures involve combining assets, liabilities, income and expenses, according to their function and eliminating all intragroup balances and transactions, including unrealized profits arising from intragroup transactions.

#### 4.2. Business segment reporting

The information related to the Company's operating segments (business areas) is prepared based on items directly attributable to each segment, as well as items that can be allocated to each segment on a reasonable basis.

The measurement of segment results includes transactions carried out with third parties and transactions between business areas, which are charged at internal transfer prices defined by the relevant areas using methods based on market parameters.

The information of operating segments is presented in accordance with Company's business management.

As a result of changes in the Company's internal organization in 2015, the international department was extinguished and the composition of the business segments was changed to reflect the allocation of the international activities to E&P, RT&M, Gas & Power and Distribuiton, according to the nature of those activities.

The Company operates under the following business areas:

a) Exploration and Production (E&P): this segment covers the activities of exploration, development and production of crude oil, NGL (natural gas liquid) and natural gas in Brazil and abroad, for the primary purpose of supplying its domestic refineries and the sale of surplus crude oil and oil products produced in the natural gas processing plants to the

domestic and foreign markets. The E&P segment also operates through partnerships with other companies;

- b) Refining, Transportation and Marketing (RT&M): this segment covers the refining, logistics, transport and trading of crude oil and oil products activities in Brazil and abroad, exporting of ethanol, extraction and processing of shale, as well as holding interests in petrochemical companies in Brazil;
- c) Gas and Power: this segment covers the activities of transportation and trading of natural gas produced in Brazil and abroad, imported natural gas, transportation and trading of LNG (liquid natural gas), generation and trading of electricity, as well as holding interests in transporters and distributors of natural gas and in thermoelectric power plants in Brazil, in addition to being responsible for the fertilizer business;
- d) Biofuels: this segment covers the activities of production of biodiesel and its co-products, as well as the ethanol-related activities: equity investments, production and trading of ethanol, sugar and the surplus electric power generated from sugarcane bagasse; and
- e) Distribution: this segment includes the activities of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A., which operates through its own retail network and wholesale channels to sell oil products, ethanol and vehicle natural gas in Brazil to retail, commercial and industrial customers, as well as other fuel wholesalers. This segment also includes distribution of oil products operations abroad (South America).

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The corporate segment comprises the items that cannot be attributed to the other segments, notably those related to corporate financial management, corporate overhead and other expenses, including actuarial expenses related to the pension and medical benefits for retired employees and their dependents.

Assets and the statement of income by business area are presented in note 29.

#### 4.3. Financial instruments

## 4.3.1. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, term deposits with banks and short-term highly liquid financial investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value and have a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

#### 4.3.2. Marketable securities

Marketable securities comprise investments in debt or equity securities. These instruments are initially measured at fair value, are classified according to the Company's intention and ability and are subsequently measured as set out below:

- Fair value through profit or loss includes financial instruments purchased and held for trading in the short term. These instruments are measured at fair value with changes recognized in the statement of income in finance income (expenses).
- Held-to-maturity includes non-derivative financial instruments with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity, for which Management has the clear intention and ability to hold to maturity. These instruments are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.
- Available-for-sale includes non-derivative financial instruments that are designated as available for sale or are not classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss or held-to-maturity investments. These instruments are measured at fair value and changes are recognized in other comprehensive income, in the shareholders' equity and recycled to the statement of income when the instruments are derecognized.

Subsequent changes attributable to interest income or changes in foreign exchange rates or inflation indexation (price indexes) are recognized in the statement of income for all categories, when applicable.

#### 4.3.3. Trade receivables

Trade receivables are initially measured at the fair value of the consideration to be received and, subsequently, at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method and adjusted for allowances for impairment or uncollectible receivables.

The Company recognizes an allowance for impairment of trade receivables when there is objective evidence that a loss event occurred after the initial recognition of the receivable and has an impact on the estimated future cash flows, which can be reliably estimated. Impairment losses on trade receivables are recognized in the statement of income in selling expenses.

## 4.3.4. Loans and financing (Debt)

Loans and financing are initially recognized at fair value less transaction costs incurred and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

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#### 4.3.5. Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are recognized in the statement of financial position as assets or liabilities and are initially and subsequently measured at fair value.

Gains or losses arising from changes in fair value are recognized in the statement of income in finance income (finance expense), unless the derivative is qualified and designated for hedge accounting.

# 4.3.6. Cash flow hedge accounting

The Company mitigates the risk of its results through the use of derivative and non-derivative instruments, some of which qualify for cash flow hedge accounting.

Hedging relationships qualify for cash flow hedges when they involve the hedging of the exposure to variability in cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognized asset or liability or a highly probable forecast transaction.

Gains or losses relating to the effective portion of the hedge are recognized in other comprehensive income, in the shareholders' equity and recycled to the statement of income in finance income (expense) in the periods when the hedged item affects the statement of income. The gains or losses relating to the ineffective portion are immediately recognized in the statement of income.

When the hedging instrument expires or is sold, terminated or exercised or no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting or the Company revokes the designation, the cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument that has been recognized in other comprehensive income from the period when the hedge was effective is recorded separately in equity until the forecast transaction occurs. When the forecast transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss on the hedging instrument that has been recognized in other comprehensive income is immediately reclassified from equity to the statement of income.

### 4.4. Inventories

Inventories are determined by the weighted average cost method and mainly comprise crude oil, intermediate products and oil products, as well as natural gas, LNG, fertilizers and biofuels, stated at the lower of the average cost, and their net realizable value.

Crude oil and LNG inventories can be traded or used for production of oil products and/or electricity generation, respectively.

Intermediate products are those product streams that have been through at least one of the refining processes, but still need further treatment, processing or converting to be available for sale.

Biofuels mainly include ethanol and biodiesel inventories.

Maintenance materials, supplies, and others are mainly comprised of production supplies and operating and consumption materials used in the operations of the Company, stated at the average purchase cost, not exceeding replacement cost.

Net realizable value is the estimated selling price of inventory in the ordinary course of business, less estimated cost of completion and estimated expenses to complete its sale.

The amounts presented in the categories above include imports in transit, which are stated at the identified cost.

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## 4.5. Investments in other companies

An associate is an entity over which the Company has significant influence. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of the investee but not the ability to exercise control or joint control over those polices. The definition of control is set out in note 4.1.

A joint arrangement is an arrangement over which two or more parties have joint control (pursuant to contractual provisions). A joint arrangement is classified either as a joint operation or as a joint venture depending on the rights and obligations of the parties to the arrangement.

In a joint operation, the parties have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities related to the arrangement, while in a joint venture the parties have rights to the net assets of the arrangement.

Profit or loss, assets and liabilities related to joint ventures and associates are accounted for by the equity method. In a joint operation the Company recognizes the amount of its share of assets, liabilities and related income and expenses.

Accounting policies of joint ventures and associates have been adjusted, where necessary, to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by Petrobras. Distributions received from an investee reduce the carrying amount of the investment.

## 4.6. Business combinations and goodwill

Acquisitions of businesses are accounted for using the acquisition method when control is obtained. Combinations of entities under common control are not accounted for as business combinations.

The acquisition method requires that the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed be measured at the acquisition-date fair value. Amounts paid in excess of the fair value are recognized as goodwill. In the case of a bargain purchase, a gain is recognized in the statement of income when the acquisition cost is lower than the acquisition-date fair value of the net assets acquired.

Changes in ownership interest in subsidiaries that do not result in loss of control of the subsidiary are equity transactions. Any excess of the amounts paid/received over the carrying value of the ownership interest acquired/disposed is recognized in shareholders' equity as changes in interest in subsidiaries.

# 4.7. Oil and Gas exploration and development expenditures

The costs incurred in connection with the exploration, appraisal and development of crude oil and natural gas production are accounted for using the successful efforts method of accounting, as set out below:

- Costs related to geological and geophysical activities are expensed when incurred.
- Amounts paid for obtaining concessions for exploration of crude oil and natural gas (capitalized acquisition costs) are initially capitalized.
- Costs directly attributable to exploratory wells pending determination of proved reserves are capitalized within property, plant and equipment. Unsuccessful exploratory wells are charged to expense when they are considered dry holes, uneconomic (did not encounter potentially economic oil and gas quantities) or were abandoned due to mechanical accidents. Exploratory wells that have discovered oil and gas reserves, which cannot be classified as proved when drilling is completed, continue to be capitalized if the well has found a sufficient quantity of reserves to justify its completion as a producing well and progress on assessing the reserves and the economic and operating viability of the project is under way. An internal commission of technical executives of Petrobras reviews these conditions monthly for each well, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, existing economic conditions, operating methods and government regulations.

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- Costs related to exploratory wells drilled in areas of unproved reserves are charged to expense when determined to be dry or uneconomic.
- Costs related to the construction, installation and completion of infrastructure facilities, such as drilling of development wells, construction of platforms and natural gas processing units, construction of equipment and facilities for the extraction, handling, storing, processing or treating crude oil and natural gas, pipelines, storage facilities, waste disposal facilities and other related costs incurred in connection with the development of proved reserve areas are capitalized within property, plant and equipment.

# 4.8. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured at the cost to acquire or construct, including all costs necessary to bring the asset to working condition for its intended use and the estimated cost of dismantling and removing the asset and restoring the site, reduced by accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

A condition of continuing to operate certain items of property, plant and equipment, such as industrial plants, offshore plants and vessels is the performance of regular major inspections and maintenance. Those expenditures are capitalized if the recognition criteria are met or otherwise expensed when incurred. The capitalized costs are depreciated over the period through to the next major maintenance date.

Spare parts are capitalized when they are expected to be used during more than one period and can only be used in connection with an item of property, plant and equipment. These are depreciated over the useful life of the item of property, plant and equipment to which they relate.

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition or construction of qualifying assets are capitalized as part of the costs of these assets. General borrowing costs are capitalized based on the Company's weighted average of the cost of borrowings outstanding applied over the balance of assets under construction. Borrowing costs are amortized during the useful lives of the assets or by applying the unit-of-production method to the related assets. The Company suspends capitalization of borrowing costs during extended periods in which it suspends active development of a qualifying asset.

Except for assets with useful lives shorter than the life of the field, which are depreciated based on the straight-line method, depreciation, depletion and amortization of proved oil and gas producing properties are accounted for pursuant to the unit-of-production method.

Assets with useful lives shorter than the life of the field, floating platforms and assets that are unrelated to oil and gas production are depreciated based on the straight line method.

The unit-of-production method of depreciation (amortization) is computed based on a unit-of-production basis (monthly production) over the proved developed oil and gas reserves, applied on a field-by-field basis.

Amortization of amounts paid for obtaining concessions for exploration of oil and natural gas of producing properties, such as signature bonuses (capitalized acquisition costs) and the acquisition costs with respect to the Assignment Agreement (note 12.3) in the pre-salt area is recognized using the unit-of-production method, computed based on the units of production over the total proved oil and gas reserves, applied on a field-by-field basis.

Except for land, which is not depreciated, other property, plant and equipment are depreciated on a straight-line basis. Note 12 provides further information about the estimated useful life by class of assets.

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# 4.9. Intangible assets

Intangible assets are measured at the acquisition cost, less accumulated amortization and impairment losses and comprise rights and concessions, including the signature bonus paid for obtaining concessions for exploration of oil and natural gas (capitalized acquisition costs); public service concessions; trademarks; patents; software and goodwill.

Signature bonuses paid for obtaining concessions for exploration of oil and natural gas are initially capitalized within intangible assets and are transferred to property, plant and equipment upon the declaration of commerciality. The acquisition costs with respect to the Assignment Agreement were reclassified to property, plant and equipment during 2013 and 2014. On December 29, 2014 the Company submitted the declaration of commerciality of the last area of the agreement to the Brazilian Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (Agência Nacional de Petróleo, Gás Natural e Biocombustíveis) - ANP. Signature bonuses are not amortized before they are transferred to property, plant and equipment.

Intangible assets with a finite useful life, other than amounts paid for obtaining concessions for exploration of oil and natural gas of producing properties, are amortized over the useful life of the asset on a straight-line basis.

Internally-generated intangible assets are not capitalized and are expensed as incurred, except for development costs that meet the recognition criteria related to completion and use of assets, probable future economic benefits, and others.

Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortized but are tested annually for impairment considering individual assets or cash-generating units. Their useful lives are reviewed annually to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support an indefinite useful life assessment for those assets. If they do not, the change in the useful life assessment from indefinite to finite is accounted for on a prospective basis.

# 4.10. Impairment

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets with definitive lives are tested for impairment when there is an indication that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets related to development of oil and gas and assets that have indefinite useful lives, such as goodwill acquired in business combinations are tested for impairment annually, irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment.

The impairment test is performed by a comparison of the carrying amount of an individual asset or a cash-generating unit (CGU) with its recoverable amount. Whenever the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized to reduce the carrying amount to the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset or a

cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs of disposal and its value in use. Considering the specificity of the Company's assets, the existing synergies between the Company's assets and businesses, as well as the expectation of the use of its assets for their remaining useful lives, value in use is generally used by the Company for impairment testing purposes, except when specifically indicated.

Value in use is estimated based on the present value of the risk-adjusted (for specific risks) future cash flows expected to arise from the continuing use of an asset or cash-generating unit (based on assumptions that represent the Company's best estimates), discounted at a pre-tax discount rate. This rate is obtained from the Company's post-tax weighted average cost of capital (WACC). Cash flow projections are mainly based on the following assumptions: prices based on the Company's most recent strategic plan; production curves associated with existing projects in the Company's portfolio, operating costs reflecting current market conditions, and investments required for carrying out the projects.

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For purposes of the impairment test, assets are grouped at the smallest identifiable group that generates largely independent cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets (the cash-generating unit). Assets related to exploration and development of oil and gas are tested annually for impairment on a field-by-field or group of fields basis, based on cash flow projections.

Reversal of previously recognized impairment losses is permitted for assets other than goodwill.

#### **4.11.** Leases

Leases that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased item are recognized as finance leases.

For finance leases, when the Company is the lessee, assets and liabilities are recognized at the lower of the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, both determined at the inception of the lease.

Capitalized lease assets are depreciated on a systematic basis consistent with the depreciation policy the Company adopts for property, plant and equipment that are owned. Where there is no reasonable certainty that the Company will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term, capitalized lease assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the asset.

When the Company is the lessor, a receivable is recognized at the amount of the net investment in the lease.

If a lease does not transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the leased item, it is classified as an operating lease. Operating leases are recognized as expenses over the period of the lease.

Contingent rents are recognized as expenses when incurred.

#### 4.12. Assets classified as held for sale

Non-current assets, disposal groups and liabilities directly associated with those assets are classified as held for sale if their carrying amounts will, principally, be recovered through the sale transaction rather than through continuing use.

The Company approved a divestment plan and is considering opportunities to sell different assets and businesses. The divestment portfolio is dynamic because changes in market conditions and/or in the Company's evaluation of its different businesses may affect any

ongoing negotiation or potential transaction.

The condition for classification as held for sale is met only when the sale is approved by the Company's Board of Directors and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition and there is the expectation that the sale occurs within 12 months after the classification as held for sale. In addition, the sale should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification as held for sale.

However, events or circumstances may extend the period to complete the sale beyond one year. An extension of the period required to complete a sale does not preclude an asset (or disposal group) from being classified as held for sale if the delay is caused by events or circumstances beyond the Company's control and there is sufficient evidence that it remains committed to its plan to sell the assets (or disposal groups).

Assets (or disposal groups) classified as held for sale and the associated liabilities are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Assets and liabilities are presented separately in the statement of financial position.

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## 4.13. Decommissioning costs

Decommissioning costs are future obligations to perform environmental restoration, dismantle and remove a facility when it terminates its operations due to the exhaustion of the area or economic feasibility.

Costs related to the abandonment and dismantling of areas are recognized as part of the cost of an asset (with a corresponding liability) based on the present value of the expected future cash outflows, discounted at a risk-adjusted rate when a future legal obligation exists and can be reliably measured.

The estimates for abandonment and dismantling of areas are revised annually and depreciated on the same basis of its corresponding property, plant and equipment, based on the class of the asset. Unwinding of the discount of the corresponding liability is recognized as a finance expense, when incurred.

Future decommissioning costs for oil and natural gas producing properties are initially recognized after a field is declared to be commercially viable, on a field-by-field basis, and are revised annually.

## 4.14. Provisions, contingent assets and contingent liabilities

Provisions are recognized when there is a present obligation (legal or constructive) that arises from past events and for which it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, which must be reasonably estimable.

Contingent assets are not recognized, except when the inflow of economic benefits becomes virtually certain.

Contingent liabilities for which the likelihood of loss is considered possible or which are not reasonably estimable are not recognized in the financial statements but are disclosed unless the expected outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is considered remote.

#### 4.15. Income taxes

Income tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax.

#### **Current income taxes**

Brazil has enacted corporate tax reform, Law 12.973 as of May 13, 2014. Beginning in 2015, the Company has adopted the provisions of the enacted law in order to determine its taxable

profit for the year. The prior tax regime, called the Transition Tax Regime (Regime Tributário de Transição - RTT) was revoked and the impact of the adoption of the new tax regime is set out in note 21.5.

Current tax expense is computed based on taxable profit for the year, calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current income taxes are offset when they relate to income taxes levied on the same taxable entity and tax authority, when a legally right and intention to set off current tax assets and current tax liabilities exists.

## **Deferred income taxes**

Deferred income taxes are recognized on temporary differences between the tax base of an asset or liability and its carrying amount. Deferred income tax liabilities are generally recognized for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognized for all deductible temporary differences and carryforward of unused tax losses or credits to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilized. When there are insufficient taxable temporary differences relating to the same taxation authority and the same taxable entity, a deferred tax is recognized to the extent that it is probable that the entity will have sufficient taxable profit in future periods, based on projections supported by the Company's Business and Management plan and approved by Management.

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Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset when they relate to income taxes levied on the same taxable entity, when a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets and current tax liabilities exists and when the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity.

#### 4.16. Employee benefits (Post-Employment)

Actuarial commitments related to post-employment defined benefit plans and health-care plans are recognized as liabilities in the statement of financial position based on actuarial calculations which are revised annually by an independent qualified actuary (updating for material changes in actuarial assumptions and estimates of expected future benefits), using the projected unit credit method, net of the fair value of plan assets, when applicable, from which the obligations are to be directly settled.

Actuarial assumptions include demographic assumptions, financial assumptions, medical costs estimates, historical data related to benefits paid and employee contributions.

Under the projected credit unit method, each period of service gives rise to an additional unit of benefit entitlement and each unit is measured separately to determine the final obligation.

Changes in the net defined benefit liability (asset) are recognized when they occur, as follows: i) service cost and net interest cost in the statement of income; and ii) remeasurements in other comprehensive income.

Service cost comprises: (i) current service cost, which is the increase in the present value of the defined benefit obligation resulting from employee service in the current period; (ii) past service cost, which is the change in the present value of the defined benefit obligation for employee service in prior periods, resulting from a plan amendment (the introduction, modification, or withdrawal of a defined benefit plan) or a curtailment (a significant reduction by the entity in the number of employees covered by a plan); and (iii) any gain or loss on settlement.

Net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset) is the change during the period in the net defined benefit liability (asset) that arises from the passage of time.

Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability (asset) is recognized in shareholders' equity, in other comprehensive income, and comprises: (i) actuarial gains and losses and; (ii)

the return on plan assets, less interest income earned on these assets.

The Company also contributes amounts to defined contribution plans, that are expensed when incurred and are computed based on a percentage of salaries.

# 4.17. Share capital and distributions to shareholders

Share capital comprises common shares and preferred shares. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares (share issuance costs) are presented (net of tax) in shareholders' equity as a deduction from the proceeds.

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To the extent the Company proposes distributions to shareholders, such dividends and interest on capital are determined in accordance with the limits defined in the Brazilian Corporation Law and in the Company's bylaws.

Interest on capital is a form of dividend distribution, which is deductible for tax purposes in Brazil to the entity distributing interest on capital. Tax benefits from the deduction of interest on capital are recognized in the statement of income.

## 4.18. Other comprehensive income

Other comprehensive income includes changes in fair value of available-for-sale financial instruments, effective portion of cash flow hedge, actuarial gains and losses (remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability) and cumulative translation adjustment.

#### 4.19. Government grants

A government grant is recognized when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Company will comply with the conditions attached to the grant.

Government grants related to expenses are recognized as revenue in the statement of income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Company recognizes as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Government grants related to assets are initially recognized as deferred income and transferred to the statement of income over the useful life of the asset on a straight-line basis.

## 4.20. Recognition of revenue, costs and expenses

Revenue is recognized when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company and the amount of revenue and the costs incurred or to be incurred in the transaction can be measured reliably. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for products sold and services provided in the normal course of business, net of returns, discounts and sales taxes.

Revenues from the sale of crude oil and oil products, petrochemical products, natural gas, biofuels and other related products are recognized when the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement nor effective control over the products sold and the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the customer, which is usually when legal title passes to the customer, pursuant to the terms of the sales contract. Sales revenues from freight and other services provided are recognized based on the stage of completion of the transaction.

Finance income and expense mainly comprise interest income on financial investments and government bonds, interest expense on debt, gains or losses on marketable securities measured at fair value, as well as net foreign exchange and inflation indexation charges. Finance expense does not include borrowing costs which are capitalized as part of the costs of these assets.

Revenue, costs and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis.

## 5. Critical accounting policies: key estimates and judgments

The preparation of the consolidated financial information requires the use of estimates and judgments for certain transactions and their impacts on assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The assumptions are based on past transactions and other relevant information and are periodically reviewed by Management, although the actual results could differ from these estimates.

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Information about those areas that require the most judgment or involve a higher degree of complexity in the application of the accounting practices and that could materially affect the Company's financial condition and results of operations are set out as follows:

## 5.1. Oil and gas reserves

Oil and gas reserves are estimated based on economic, geological and engineering information, such as well logs, pressure data and drilling fluid sample data and are used as the basis for calculating unit-of-production depreciation, depletion and amortization rates and for impairment tests.

These estimates require the application of judgment and are reviewed at least annually based on a re-evaluation of already available geological, reservoir or production data and new geological, reservoir or production data, as well as changes in prices and costs that are used in the estimation of reserves. Revisions can also result from significant changes in the Company's development strategy or in the production capacity of equipment and facilities.

The Company determines its oil and gas reserves both pursuant to the SEC and the ANP/SPE (Brazilian Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels / Society of Petroleum Engineers) criteria. The main differences between the two criteria are: selling price of crude oil (ANP/SPE establishes the use of the Company's forecasted price, while SEC determines the use an average price considering the each first day of the last 12 months); concession period (ANP permits for the use of reserve quantities after the concession period). Additionally, pursuant to the SEC criteria, only proved reserves are determined, while proved and unproved reserves are determined pursuant to the ANP/SPE criteria.

According to the definitions prescribed by the SEC, proved oil and gas reserves are the estimated quantities which geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic, operating conditions (i.e., prices and costs as of the date the estimate is made) and government regulations. Proved reserves are subdivided into developed and undeveloped reserves.

Proved developed oil and gas reserves are reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods.

Although the Company is reasonably certain that proved reserves will be produced, the timing and amount recovered can be affected by a number of factors including completion of development projects, reservoir performance, regulatory aspects and significant changes in long-term oil and gas price levels.

Other information about reserves is presented as supplementary information.

## a) Oil and gas reserves: depreciation, depletion and amortization

Depreciation, depletion and amortization are measured based on estimates of reserves prepared by the Company's technicians in a manner consistent with SEC definitions. Revisions to the Company's proved developed and undeveloped reserves impact prospectively the amounts of depreciation, depletion and amortization recognized in the statement of income and the carrying amounts of oil and gas properties assets.

Therefore, considering all other variables being constant, a decrease in estimated proved reserves would increase, prospectively, depreciation, depletion and amortization expense, while an increase in reserves would reduce depreciation, depletion and amortization.

Notes 4.8 and 12 provide more detailed information about depreciation, amortization and depletion.

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# b) Oil and gas reserves: impairment testing

The Company assesses the recoverability of the carrying amounts of oil and gas exploration and development assets based on their value in use, as defined in note 4.10. In general, analyses are based on proved reserves and probable reserves pursuant to the ANP/SPE definitions.

The Company performs asset valuation analyses on an ongoing basis as a part of its management program by reviewing the recoverability of their carrying amounts based on estimated volumes of oil and gas reserves, as well as estimated future oil and natural gas prices.

Oil and gas exploration and production assets are tested annually for impairment, irrespective of whether there is any indication of impairment.

The markets for crude oil and natural gas have a history of significant price volatility and although prices can drop precipitously, industry prices over the long term will continue to be driven by market supply and demand fundamentals. The impairment tests that the Company performs make use of its long-term price assumptions used in its planning and budgeting processes and its capital expenditure decisions, which are considered reasonable estimates, given market indicators and experience. When determining the value in use of those assets, short-term price volatility affects the cash flow estimates for the first years.

Lower future oil and gas prices, when considered long-term trends, as well as negative impacts of significant changes in reserve volumes, production curve expectations, lifting costs or discount rates could trigger the need for impairment assessment.

See notes 4.8 and 12 for more detailed information about oil and natural gas exploration and development assets.

# 5.2. Identifying cash-generating units for impairment testing

Identifying cash-generating units (CGUs) requires management assumptions and judgment, based on the Company's business and management model.

Changes in the aggregation of assets into Cash-Generating units (CGUs) could result in additional impairment charges or reversals. Such changes may occur when investment, strategic or operational factors result in changes in the interdependencies between those assets and, consequently, alter the aggregation of assets into CGUs.

The assumptions set out below have been consistently applied by the Company:

## **Exploration and Production CGUs:**

i) Crude oil and natural gas producing properties CGU: comprised of exploration and development assets related to crude oil and natural gas fields and groups of fields in Brazil and abroad. As of December 31, 2015, the Company changed the aggregation of certain crude oil and natural gas producing properties located in mid-southern Campos Basin into a cash-generating unit (the Centro-Sul group of crude oil and natural gas producing properties). Certain fields were disaggregated from the CGU and impairment tests were run separately for those individual fields. The manner by which the CGU is identified was changed as a result of: (a) the beginning of production shutdown in the Bicudo field; (b) the sale of Bijupirá and Salema fields; and (c) a reassessment of the areas' natural gas production process, reflecting an increase in the domestic demand for natural gas in the thermoelectric industry, which resulted in a decrease in the need for natural gas reinjection. Accordingly, the following fields have been disaggregated from the CGU: Espadarte, Linguado, Bicudo, Badejo, Pampo, Trilha, Tartaruga Verde and Tartaruga Mestiça; and

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ii) Drilling Rigs CGU: comprised of drilling rigs, where each drilling rig represents an independent CGU.

#### Refining, transportation and marketing CGU's:

- i) Downstream CGU: a single CGU comprised of all refineries and associated assets, terminals and pipelines, as well as logistics assets operated by Transpetro. This CGU was identified based on the concept of integrated optimization and performance management, which focus on the global performance of the CGU, allowing a shift of margins from one refinery to another. Pipelines and terminals are an integral part and interdependent portion of the refining assets, required to supply the market. During the quarter ended December 31,2014, Complexo Petroquímico do Rio de Janeiro (Comperj) and the second refining unit of Refinaria Abreu e Lima (RNEST), both assets under construction, were removed from the Downstream CGU and assessed for impairment individually due to a range of circumstances that include: a) postponement of projects; b) a decrease in expected future operating revenues following the decline in international crude oil prices, c) the devaluation of Brazilian Real, d) difficulties in accessing the capital markets, and e) insolvency of contractor and suppliers and a consequent shortage of qualified contractors and suppliers (as a result of the difficulties created for suppliers by the Lava Jato investigation or otherwise);
- ii) Petrochemical CGU: the PetroquímicaSuape and Citepe petrochemical plants;
- iii) Transportation CGU: Transpetro's fleet of vessels;
- iv) SIX CGU: shale processing plant; and
- v) Other operations abroad defined as the smallest group of assets that generates independent cash flows.

#### Gas & Power CGU's:

i) Natural gas CGU: comprised of natural gas pipelines, natural gas processing plants and fertilizers and nitrogen products plants. During the quarter ended December 31, 2014, after the interruption of the construction of the fertilizer plant *Unidade de Fertilizantes Nitrogenados III* (UFN III) (MS), the Company terminated the construction contract with *Consórcio UFN* III due to poor performance. After this interruption, the Company decided to re-evaluate its implementation schedule, postponing the necessary actions of hiring a new company to execute the remaining scope as long as measures to preserve the Company's capital are in place. In addition, during 2015, the updated 2015-2019 Business and Management Plan excluded the fertilizer plant *Unidade de Fertilizantes Nitrogenados* V (UFN V). As a result, the Company excluded the assets under construction UFN III and UFN V from the Gas & Power CGU and each one was assessed for impairment separately;

- ii) Power CGU: thermoelectric power generation plants; and
- iii) Other operations abroad defined as the smallest group of assets that generates largely independent cash flows.

**Distribution CGU:** comprised of the distribution assets related to the operations of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A.

**Biofuels CGU's:**Biodiesel CGU: an integrated unit of biodiesel plants defined based on the production planning and operation process, considering domestic market conditions, the production capacity of each plant, as well as the results of biofuels auctions and raw materials supply; and

Investments in associates and joint ventures including goodwill are individually tested for impairment.

Notes 4.10 and 14 provide further detailed information about impairment.

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## 5.3. Pension and other post-retirement benefits

The actuarial obligations and net expenses related to defined benefit pension and health care post-retirement plans are computed based on several financial and demographic assumptions, of which the most significant are:

- Discount rate: comprises the projected future inflation in addition to an equivalent real interest rate that matches the duration of the pension and health care obligations with the future yield curve of long-term Brazilian Government Bonds; and
- Medical costs: comprise the projected annual growth rates based on per capita health care benefits paid over the last five years, which are used as a basis for projections, converge to the general price inflation index within 30 years.

These and other estimates are reviewed at least annually and may differ materially from actual results due to changing market and financial conditions, as well as actual results of actuarial assumptions.

The sensitivity analysis of discount rates and changes in medical costs as well as additional information about actuarial assumptions are set out in note 22.

## 5.4. Estimates related to contingencies and legal proceedings

The Company is a defendant in numerous legal proceedings involving tax, civil, labor, corporate and environmental issues arising from the normal course of its business for which it estimates the amounts of the obligations and the probability that an outflow of resources will be required. Those estimates are based on legal counsel and Management's best estimates.

Note 30 provides further detailed information about contingencies and legal proceedings.

# 5.5. Dismantling of areas and environmental remediation

The Company has legal and constructive obligations to remove equipment and restore onshore and offshore areas at the end of operations at production sites. Its most significant asset removal obligations involve removal and disposal of offshore oil and gas production facilities in Brazil and abroad. Estimates of costs for future environmental cleanup and remediation activities are based on current information about costs and expected plans for remediation.

These estimates require performing complex calculations that involve significant judgment because the obligations are long-term; the contracts and regulations contain subjective definitions of the removal and remediation practices and criteria involved when the events

actually occur; and asset removal technologies and costs are constantly changing, along with regulations, environmental, safety and public relations considerations.

The Company is constantly conducting studies to incorporate technologies and procedures to optimize the operations of abandonment, considering industry best practices. However, the timing and amounts of future cash flows are subject to significant uncertainty.

Notes 4.13 and 20 provides further detailed information about the decommissioning provisions.

#### 5.6. Deferred income taxes

The recognition of deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets involves significant estimates and judgments by the Company. Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which a deductible temporary difference can be utilized or it is probable that the entity will have sufficient taxable profit in future periods. Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences.

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In evaluating whether it will have sufficient taxable profit in future periods to support the recognition of deferred tax assets, the Company uses future projections and estimates based on its Business and Management Plan (BMP), approved by the Board of Directors annually. Future taxable profits projections are mainly based on the following assumptions: i) Brent crude oil prices; ii) foreign exchange rates; and iii) the Company's projected net finance expenses (income).

Changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities are presented in note 21.6.

# 5.7. Cash flow hedge accounting involving the Company's future exports

For cash flow hedges, a forecast transaction that is the subject of the hedge must be highly probable. The Company determines the portion of its future exports that meet the criteria of being "highly probable future exports" by determining a percentage of total forecast exports based on a time series comparing realized and forecast exports (based on its five-year Business and Management Plan - BMP and its long-term Strategic Plan projections). Forecast future exports are reviewed whenever the Company reviews its BMP and Strategic Plan assumptions. The ratio of highly probable future exports to total forecast exports is reviewed annually, at least.

Projections of future exports are determined based on the Company's operational and capital expenditure optimization model and are affected by different assumptions, including crude oil and oil products prices, the Company's projected crude oil and natural gas production and domestic demand.

See note 33.2 for more detailed information about cash flow hedge accounting and a sensitivity analysis of the cash flow hedge involving future exports.

#### 5.8. Write-off - overpayments incorrectly capitalized

As described in note 3, in the third quarter of 2014, the Company wrote off US\$2,527 of capitalized costs representing the estimated amounts that Petrobras had overpaid for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

To account for these overpayments, the Company developed an estimation methodology, as set out in note 3. Petrobras acknowledges the degree of uncertainty involved in the estimation methodology and continues to monitor the ongoing investigations and the availability of other information concerning the amounts it may have overpaid in the context of the payment scheme. If reliable information becomes available that indicates with sufficient precision that the Company's estimate should be modified, it will evaluate materiality and, if so, adjust.

However, as previously discussed, the Company believes it has used the most appropriate methodology and assumptions to determine the amounts of overpayments incorrectly capitalized and there is no evidence that would indicate the possibility of a material change in the amounts written-off.

## 5.9. Allowance for impairment of trade receivables

Management continuously assesses whether there is objective evidence that trade receivables are impaired and recognizes allowances for impairment of trade receivables to cover losses. Such evidence includes insolvency, defaults, judicial recovery claims, a significant probability of a debtor filing for bankruptcy and others.

See note 8 for more detailed information about allowance for impairment of trade receivables.

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## 6. New standards and interpretations

# a) IASB - International Accounting Standards Board

The main standards and amendments to standards issued by the IASB and not effective as of December 31, 2015 are set out following. The Company did not early adopt those standards:

Standards Brief Description Effective Date
Amendment to IFRS 11
"Joint Arrangements"

Requires an investor to apply the principles of business combination accounting when it acquires an interest in a joint operation (as defined under IFRS 11) that constitutes a "business (as defined under IFRS 3)."

Amendment to IFRS 10 "Consolidated Financial Statements" and to IAS 28 "Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures"

States that when an asset is sold to, or Indefinitely postponed contributed in an associate or a joint venture, and the asset meets the definition of business (IFRS 3), the gain or loss shall be fully recognized by the investor (regardless of the participation of third parties in the associate or joint venture). A partial gain or loss is recognized when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business. However, if the sale or contribution does not meet the definition of business as defined by IFRS 3/CPC 15, any gain or loss shall be recognized by the investor in proportion to the participation of third parties in the associate or joint venture.

IFRS 15 – "Revenue from Contracts with Customers"

Sets out requirements for revenue January 1, 2018 recognition, measurement and disclosure. According to IFRS 15, revenue is recognized when a customer obtains control of a good or service sold. It changes the current model, based on which revenue is recognized when significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred. In addition IFRS 15 provides guidance for revenue recognition in more complex cases.

IFRS 9 - "Financial Instruments"

Establishes a new model of financial January 1, 2018 assets classification, based on their cash flow characteristics and entity's business model objective for them. This standard also changes the assumptions of financial assets impairment recognition based on expected losses.

Adds new requirements regarding hedge accounting.

The Company is assessing the possible impact the new standards and amendments to standards may have on future periods.

#### IFRS 16 - "Leases"

On January 13, 2016, the IASB issued IFRS 16 "Leases", which will be effective for fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2019, and will replace IAS 17 "Leases" and related interpretations.

IFRS 16 sets out requirements for leases identification, recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure according to the lessee and lessor perspectives.

Among the changes for lessees, IFRS 16 eliminates classification between financial and operating leases, required by IAS 17. Therefore, it will be a single model in which all leases will result in the recognition of assets related to the use of rights of assets leased. If the payments provided for in the commercial lease are due over time, financial liabilities should be recognized as well.

For lessors, IFRS 16 will maintain the classification as either financial or operating leases as required by IAS 17. IFRS 16 will not substantially change the way leases will be accounted for lessors when compared to IAS 17.

The Company is assessing the impacts of this new standard and believes that the adoption of IFRS 16 may cause a significant increase in assets and liabilities presented in its consolidated statement of financial position. Accordingly, the Company may also need to negotiate some covenants in its loan agreements with BNDES – (Brazilian Development Bank) when a reliable estimate of these impacts can be made.

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## b) Brazilian tax law

On December 30, 2015, the State of Rio de Janeiro enacted two laws that increase the tax burden on the oil industry, from March 2016, as follows:

- Law 7.182 establishes a new levy for the Rate Control, Monitoring and Supervision of Research, Mining, Oil and Gas Exploration and Utilization Activities (Taxa de Controle, Monitoramento e Fiscalização das Atividades de Pesquisa, Lavra, Exploração e Aproveitamento de Petróleo e Gás TFPG), over each barrel of crude oil or equivalent unit of natural gas extracted in the State of Rio de Janeiro; and
- Law 7.183 establishes a new tax charge on transactions involving the crude oil cycle -18% VAT (ICMS).

The Company believes that neither of these laws have a basis as valid legal statutes and plans to file appeals to the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court to prove that they are unconstitutional.

#### 7. Cash and cash equivalents and Marketable securities

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand	<b>12.31.20</b> 3 808	<b>1512.31.2014</b> 709
Short-term financial investments - In Brazil Single-member funds (Interbank Deposit) and other short-term		
deposits	922	1,999
Other investment funds	11	41
	933	2,040
- Abroad		
Time deposits	13,276	8,700
Automatic investing accounts and interest checking accounts	8,828	3,573
Other financial investments	1,213	1,633
	23,317	13,906
Total short-term financial investments	24,250	15,946
Total cash and cash equivalents	25,058	16,655

Short-term financial investments in Brazil comprise highly-liquid investments in exclusive (single-member) funds, mainly holding Brazilian Federal Government Bonds. Short-term financial investments abroad are comprised of time deposits, highly-liquid automatic investing accounts, interest checking accounts and other short-term fixed income instruments with maturities of three months or less.

## **Marketable securities**

	12.31.2015			12.31.20		
	In Brazil	<b>Abroad</b>	Total	In Brazil	<b>Abroad</b>	Total
Trading securities	779	_	779	2,690	_	2,690
Available-for-sale securities	5	1	6	2	19	21
Held-to-maturity securities	69	14	83	102	6,619	6,721
	853	15	868	2,794	6,638	9,432
Current	779	1	780	2,690	6,633	9,323
Non-current	74	14	88	104	5	109

Trading securities refer mainly to investments in Brazilian Federal Government Bonds and held-to-maturity securities are mainly comprised of time deposits with highly-rated financial institutions abroad. These financial investments have maturities of more than three months and are classified as current assets due to their maturity or the expectation of their realization in the short term.

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## 8. Trade and other receivables

# 8.1. Trade and other receivables, net

	12.31.2015	12.31.2014
Trade receivables		
Third parties (*)	7,262	10,022
Related parties		
Investees (19.1)	533	863
Receivables from the electricity sector (note		
8.4)	3,415	2,966
Petroleum and alcohol accounts -Federal		
Government (note 19.2)	219	317
Other receivables	1,699	2,005
	13,128	16,173
Allowance for impairment of trade receivables	(3,656)	(3,372)
	9,472	12,801
Current	5,803	7,969
Non-current	3,669	4,832

<sup>(\*)</sup> As of December 31, 2014, US\$ 605 were reclassified as set out in note 2.3.

## 8.2. Trade receivables overdue - Third parties

	2015	2014
Up to 3 months	315	823
From 3 to 6 months	180	178
From 6 to 12 months	803	181
More than 12 months	1,735	1,832
	3,033	3,014

# 8.3. Changes in the allowance for impairment of trade receivables

	12.31.2015	12.31.2014
Opening balance	3,372	1,406
Additions (*)	2,060	2,484

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Write-offs	(17)	(2)
Reversals	(788)	(128)
Cumulative translation adjustment	(971)	(388)
Closing balance	3,656	3,372
Current	1,690	1,448
Non-current	1,966	1,924

(\*)In 2015, includes additions related to: electricity sector US\$ 1,218 (note 8.4), losses on fines US\$ 374 (note 25) and thermical interconnected system US\$70.

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# 8.4. Trade receivables – electricity sector (isolated electricity system in the northern region of Brazil)

			Allow	ance for imp	oairment o	of trade re	ceivables		
	As of	<b>C</b> - 1 -	<b>Amounts</b>	-		Transfers	sInflation	<b>67 4</b>	A
Related par		Sales	received	Recognition	Reversals	5(*)	indexation	СТА	12
(Eletrobras									
Amazonas	• -								
Distribuidora			(222)	(454)				<i>(</i> _ <i>,</i> _ <i>,</i>	_
De Energia	1,989	796	(662)	(431)	90	654	307	(747)	1,
Centrais Elétricas do									
Norte	48	77	(114)	_	_	_	_	(10)	1
Centrais	. •		( /					(==)	
Elétricas de									
Rondônia	471	407	(226)	(274)	14	-	37	(144)	28
Others	130	108	(64)	(81)	6	_	15	(39)	75
Trade receivables,									
net -									
Eletrobras									
Group	2,638	1,388	(1,066)	(786)	110	654	359	(940)	2,
Third partie				()		<b></b>			_
Cigás Cantrais	427	714	(437)	(290)	459	(654)	36	(112)	14
Centrais Elétricas do									
Pará	35	211	(230)	(42)	59	_	4	(11)	26
Cia de			(230)	( - /			•	(/	_ `
Eletricidade									
do Amapá	_	65	(27)	(89)	14	_	47	(1)	9
Cia de									
Energia de Pernambuco									
- CELPE	_	95	(93)	_	_	_	_	_	2
Others	6	90	(88)	(11)	12	_	_	(3)	6
Trade									
receivables,									
net - Third	468	1 175	(075)	(422)	5 <i>11</i>	(654)	87	(127)	1 d
parties	400	1,175	(0/3)	(432)	544	(654)	0/	(127)	18

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Trades receivables, net - Total	3,106	2,563 (1,941)	(1,218)	654	_	446	(1,067)	2,
Trade receivables - Eletrobras Group (-) Allowance for impairment	2,966	1,388 (1,066)	_	_	956	359	(1,188)	3,
of trade	(328)		(786)	110	(302)	-	248	(1
Eletrobras Group Trade	2,638	1,388 (1,066)	(786)	110	654	359	(940)	2,
receivables - Third parties (-) Allowance for impairment		1,175 (875)	_	_	(956)	87	(509)	77
of trade receivables Trade receivables, net - Third	(1,383)		(432)	544	302	-	382	(5
parties Trades	468	1,175 (875)	(432)	544	(654)	87	(127)	18
receivables - Total (-) Allowance for impairment	4,817	2,563 (1,941)	_	-	-	446	(1,697)	4,
of trade receivables Trades receivables,	(1,711)		(1,218)	654	-	_	630	(1
net - Total (*) Cigás assi	3,106	2,563 (1,941) bles from Amazo	(1,218)	654 lora de Ene	– rgia to Peti	446 robras pursu	(1,067) ant to th	-

<sup>(\*)</sup> Cigás assigned receivables from Amazonas Distribuidora de Energia to Petrobras, pursuant to the and sale agreement, which establishes that overdue payables from Cigás to Petrobras can be transfe Amazonas Distribuidora de Energia when certain conditions are met.

As of December 31, 2015, US\$ 1,919 of the Company's net trade receivables from the isolated electricity system in the northern region of Brazil, related to the sale of fuel oil, natural gas, electricity and other products to thermoelectric power plants (which are subsidiaries of Eletrobras), state-owned natural gas distribution companies and independent electricity producers (*Produtores Independentes de Energia – PIE*) operating in that region, are classified as non-current assets. The balance of those receivables was US\$ 2,543 as of December 31, 2015 (US\$ 3,106 as of December 31, 2014).

A significant portion of the funds used by those companies to pay for products supplied by the Company came from the Fuel Consumption Account (*Conta de Consumo de Combustível – CCC*), which provides funds to cover a portion of the costs related to the supply of fuel to thermoelectric power plants located in the northern region of Brazil (operating in the isolated electricity system). However, as a result of changes in the *CCC* regulations over time, funds transferred from the *CCC* to these electricity companies have not been sufficient for them to meet their financial obligations and, as a result, some have experienced financial difficulties and have not been able to pay for the products supplied by Petrobras.

In 2013, a new legislation significantly changed the sources of funds that were used to cover the cost of electricity generated in the Isolated Electricity System and the Brazilian Federal Government started to provide funds to cover costs that in the past were only borne by the *CCC*. This assistance from the Federal Government would be made available through funds deposited in the Energy Development Account (*Conta de Desenvolvimento Energético – CDE*) by the Brazilian National Treasury. Those funds, however, proved to be insufficient to cover the operational costs of the isolated electricity system in the northern region of Brazil.

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The funds available in the *CCC*, which were already insufficient to cover the costs related to fuel supplied by the Company, decreased significantly. Following an increase in the amounts owed by the thermoelectric power plants operating in the Isolated Electricity System, the Company put pressure on the negotiations with the state-owned natural gas distribution companies, the independent electricity producers (*PIEs*), subsidiaries of Eletrobras and other private companies. On December 31, 2014, the Company entered into a debt acknowledgement agreement with subsidiaries of Eletrobras with respect to the balance of its receivables as of November 30, 2014. Eletrobras acknowledged it owed US\$ 2,202 to the Company. This amount is being adjusted monthly based on the Selic interest rate (Brazilian short-term interest rate). Under this agreement, the first of 120 monthly installments was paid in February 2015 and, as of May 7, 2015, US\$ 1,889 had been guaranteed by the collateralization of certain amounts payable by the *CDE* to the *CCC*. This debt acknowledgement agreement is not overdue as of December 31, 2015.

In 2015, the Brazilian government reviewed its electricity price regulations and implemented a new pricing policy for the electricity sector, which has already resulted in increases in the tariffs charged to end customers beginning in the first quarter of 2015. The Company had expected that this new policy would have strengthened the financial situation of the companies in the electricity sector and, consequently to reduce the balance of their accounts payable with respect to fuel oil and other products supplied by the Company, which has not occurred. Due to the time required for increasing the amount of electricity tariffs from end-users of electricity distributors in order to provide financial stability of these companies, the recovery flow of CCC funds is occurring slowly, which is delaying the reimbursements for fuel acquisition costs provided by Petrobras and deteriorating the default of those customers.

Pursuant to the issuance of Normative Instruction 679 on September 1, 2015 by the Brazilian National Electricity Agency (Agência Nacional de Energia Elétrica - ANEEL), the Company expected that the flow of funds it would receive from the CCC would accelerate. This is because funds would be paid directly from the CCC for products supplied in the prior month with a limit of 75% of the average payments made by the CCC in the previous three months. However, it has not occurred and, as a consequence, the insolvency of these receivables increased. However, recent experience has shown that the Company's expectations have been frustrated and, as a consequence, theses receivables continue to be delinquent.

As the Brazilian government had authorized a renegotiation of CDE's debt with companies that are CCC creditors, the Company expected to enter into additional debt acknowledgement agreements and pledge additional CDE credits as collateral for overdue receivables with respect to products supplied between December 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. However, as the ongoing negotiation of those debt acknowledgement agreements has not been concluded, the Company recognized an allowance for impairment of those receivables in the amount of US\$ 682 in the guarter ended December 31, 2015.

As a result, and based on Management's evaluation, the Company has recognized US\$ 564 (US\$ 1,696 in 2014) as selling expenses during 2015:

- an allowance for impairment of trade receivables in the amount of US\$ 1,218, including US\$ 682 with respect to the debt acknowledgement agreement negotiation described above with respect to uncollateralized receivables outstanding as of December 31, 2015; and
- a reversal of allowance for impairment of trade receivables in the amount of US\$ 654 as a result of the pledge of additional receivables from the CDE on May 7, 2015 and from restricted funds deposited in an escrow account.

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The Company continues to negotiate additional collaterals with Eletrobras and has implemented procedures to avoid additional defaults, by requiring prepayments for suppling products, except for customers holding legal injunctions that forbid the Company to require prepayments, for example.

### 9. Inventories

	12.31.2015	12.31.2014
Crude oil	2,895	3,977
Oil products	2,206	4,333
Intermediate products	612	854
Natural gas and LNG (*)	253	358
Biofuels	158	150
Fertilizers	61	34
	6,185	9,706
Materials, supplies and others	1,272	1,806
	7,457	11,512
Current	7,441	11,466
Non-current	16	46

## (\*) Liquid natural gas

Inventories are presented net of a US\$ 155 allowance reducing inventories to net realizable value (US\$ 150 as of December 31, 2014), mainly due to the decrease in international prices of crude oil and oil products. In 2015, the Company recognized as cost of sales a US\$ 430 allowance charge reducing inventories to net realizable value (US\$ 1,015 in 2014).

A portion of the crude oil and/or oil products inventories have been pledged as security for the Terms of Financial Commitment (TFC) signed by Petrobras and Petros in the amount of US\$ 1,719 (US\$ 2,316 as of December 31, 2014), as set out in note 22.1.

## 10. Disposal of assets and legal mergers

### 10.1. Disposal of assets

### **Disposal of assets in Argentina**

On March 30, 2015, Petrobras Argentina S.A., PESA, disposed of its interest in assets located in the Austral Basin in Santa Cruz to Compañía General de Combustibles S.A. (CGC) for a

lump-sum payment of US\$ 101 made on the same date. The Company recognized a US\$ 77 gain in other income.

## Innova S.A.

On August 16, 2013, the Board of Directors of Petrobras approved the disposal of 100% of the share capital of Innova S.A. for US\$ 369 to Videolar S.A. and its major shareholder, subject to certain condition precedent, including approval by the Brazilian Antitrust Regulator (Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica – CADE).

On October 30, 2014 the transaction was concluded in accordance with in the sales and purchase agreement and a US\$ 57 gain was recognized in other income.

On March 31, 2015, a final price adjustment was agreed and the Company received an additional of US\$ 78 recorded in other income.

# **Disposal of Gaspetro equity interest**

On December 28, 2015, Petrobras concluded the disposal of 49% equity interest in its subsidiary Petrobras Gas S.A. (Gaspetro) to Mitsui Gás e Energia do Brasil Ltda (Mitsui-Gás).

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Mitsui Gas paid US\$ 495 in a single installment after the fulfillment of all precedent conditions in the sales and purchase agreement signed on October 23, 2015, including the unrestricted final approval by the Brazilian Antitrust Regulator (Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica - CADE). This disposal did not result in loss of control of Gaspetro, therefore US\$ 257 (US\$ 170 net of taxes) was recognized as an adjustment directly to equity.

Although the Company has been cited in certain lawsuits concerning this transaction, there is no indication to date that circumstances may affect the disposal and the Company is preparing its legal defense.

# 10.2. Legal mergers

On January 30, 2015, the Shareholders' Extraordinary General Meeting of Petrobras approved the mergers of Arembepe Energia S.A. and Energética Camaçari Muricy S.A. into Petrobras.

The objective of these mergers is to simplify the corporate structure of the Company, reduce costs and capture synergies. These mergers did not affect share capital or the Company's consolidated financial statements.

### 10.3. Assets classified as held for sale

As of December 31, 2015, the Company classified US\$ 152 as assets held for sale (US\$ 5 in 2014) including US\$ 150 related to the Bijupirá and Salema production fields and US\$ 2 regarding PI, PIII and PIV drilling rigs (US\$ 5 in 2014). In addition, the amount of US\$ 125 classified as liabilities refers to decommissioning costs directly associated to the Bijupirá and Salema fields.

The Company tested these assets for impairment and recognized impairment losses as set out in note 14.3.

On February 26, 2016, the sales contracts of Bijupirá and Salema were terminated as set out in note 35. Accordingly, the amounts regarding these fields will be reclassified to property, plant and equipment, and to provision for decommissioning costs in 2016.

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## 11. Investments

# 11.1. Information about direct subsidiaries, joint arrangements and associates

	Main business segment	% Petrobras' ownership	voting	Shareholders equity (deficit)	Net income s(loss) for the year	Country
Subsidiaries	_	-			-	
Petrobras						
Netherlands B.V PNBV (i)	E&P	100.00	100.00	20,035	(1,017)	Netherlands
Petrobras	Lai	100.00	100.00	20,033	(1,017)	recircitatias
Distribuidora S.A						
BR	Distribution	100.00	100.00	2,542	(348)	Brazil
Petrobras International	Several					
Braspetro - PIB BV (i						
(ii)	(iii)	99.98	99.98	2,003	(643)	Netherlands
Petrobras Transporte						
S.A Transpetro	RT&M	100.00	100.00	1,359	310	Brazil
Petrobras Logística de Exploração e						
Produção S.A						
PB-LOG	E&P	100.00	100.00	893	232	Brazil
Transportadora						
Associada de Gás	Gas &	100.00	100.00	022	(720)	Due-il
S.A TAG Petrobras Gás S.A	Power	100.00	100.00	832	(738)	Brazil
Gaspetro	Power	51.00	51.00	478	147	Brazil
Petrobras						
Biocombustível S.A.		10000	10000	200	(250)	
PBIO Petrobras Logística	Biofuels Gas &	100.00	100.00	288	(258)	Brazil
de Gás - Logigás	Power	100.00	100.00	282	13	Brazil
Liquigás		100.00	100.00	202	13	DI GZII
Distribuidora S.A.	RT&M	100.00	100.00	241	34	Brazil
Araucária	Gas &	100.00	100.00	216	2.4	D ''
Nitrogenados S.A. Termomacaé Ltda.	Power Gas &	100.00	100.00	216	24	Brazil
remomacae Liua.	Power	99.99	99.99	184	45	Brazil
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Braspetro Oil						
Services Company - Brasoil (i)	Corporate	100.00	100.00	160	10	Cayman Islands
Breitener Energética S.A.		02.66	02.66	166	26	Drozil
S.A. Companhia	Power	93.66	93.66	166	26	Brazil
Integrada Têxtil de						
Pernambuco S.A						
CITEPE	RT&M	100.00	100.00	145	(246)	Brazil
Termobahia S.A.	Gas &					
	Power	98.85	98.85	124	25	Brazil
Companhia						
Petroquímica de						
Pernambuco S.A PetroquímicaSuape	RT&M	100.00	100.00	103	(242)	Brazil
Baixada Santista	Gas &	100.00	100.00	103	(243)	DI dZII
Energia S.A.	Power	100.00	100.00	75	7	Brazil
Petrobras	Tower	100.00	100.00	, 3	,	DIGZII
Comercializadora de	Gas &					
Energia Ltda PBEN		99.91	99.91	26	8	Brazil
Fundo de						
Investimento						
Imobiliário RB						
Logística - FII	E&P	99.00	99.00	17	(19)	Brazil
Petrobras Negócios						
Eletrônicos S.A E-Petro	Corporato	99.95	99.95	8	1	Brazil
Termomacaé	Corporate	99.93	99.93	0	1	DI azii
Comercializadora de	Gas &					
Energia Ltda	Power	100.00	100.00	4	2	Brazil
5283 Participações				•	_	2.0.2
Ltda.	Corporate	100.00	100.00	_	103	Brazil
Downstream						
Participações Ltda.	Corporate	99.99	99.99	(1)	_	Brazil
Joint operations						
Fábrica Carioca de						
Catalizadores S.A FCC	DTCM	50.00	50.00	63	11	Brazil
Ibiritermo S.A.	RT&M Gas &	50.00	50.00	03	11	DI dZII
ibilitelillo 3.A.	Power	50.00	50.00	51	18	Brazil
<b>Entities that are</b>	Tower	30.00	30.00	31	10	DIGZII
not consolidated						
Joint ventures						
Logum Logística S.A.	RT&M	20.00	20.00	81	(65)	Brazil
Cia Energética	Gas &					
Manauara S.A.	Power	40.00	40.00	38	10	Brazil
Petrocoque S.A.	DTCM	F0.00	F0 00	25	10	D
Indústria e Comércio		50.00	50.00	35	10	Brazil
Refinaria de Petróleo Riograndense S.A.	RT&M	33.20	33.33	23	5	Brazil
Mogranaense S.A.	MICH	20.00	20.00	20	2	Brazil
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Brasympe Energia S.A. Brentech Energia	Gas & Power Gas &	20.00	20.00	20	2	D 'I
S.A. Metanol do Nordeste	Power	30.00	30.00	20	3	Brazil
S.A Metanor Eólica Mangue Seco 4 - Geradora e	RT&M	34.54	34.54	13	(1)	Brazil
Comercializadora de Energia Elétrica S.A. Eólica Mangue Seco 3 - Geradora e		49.00	49.00	11	1	Brazil
Comercializadora de	Gas &					
Energia Elétrica S.A. Eólica Mangue Seco 1 - Geradora e	Power	49.00	49.00	10	_	Brazil
Comercializadora de	Gas &					
Energia Elétrica S.A. Eólica Mangue Seco 2 - Geradora e	Power	49.00	49.00	9	_	Brazil
Comercializadora de	Gas &					
Energia Elétrica S.A. Companhia de Coque Calcinado de	Power	51.00	51.00	9	_	Brazil
Petróleo S.A	DTCM	45.00	45.00	2		D==:1
Coquepar Participações em Complexos Bioenergéticos S.A	RT&M	45.00	45.00	2	_	Brazil
PCBIOS	Biofuels	50.00	50.00	_	_	Brazil
Associates						
Sete Brasil						
Participações S.A. Fundo de Investimento em	E&P	5.00	5.00	887	(1,485)	Brazil
Participações de						
Sondas - FIP Sondas	_	4.59	4.59	867	(1,886)	Brazil
Braskem S.A.	RT&M	36.20	47.03	518	943	Brazil
UEG Araucária Ltda.		20.00	20.00	220	70	D'1
Datan Outralias C A	Power	20.00	20.00	220	73 21	Brazil
Deten Química S.A.	RT&M Gas &	27.88	27.88	88	31	Brazil
Energética SUAPE II	Power	20.00	20.00	60	26	Brazil
Termoelétrica	Gas &	20.00	20.00	17	1	Duc -!!
Potiguar S.A TEP	Power	20.00	20.00	17	1	Brazil
Nitroclor Ltda. Bioenergética	RT&M Gas &	38.80	38.80	_	_	Brazil
Britarumã S.A.	Power	30.00	30.00	_	_	Brazil

<sup>(</sup>i) Companies abroad with financial statements prepared in foreign currencies.

- (ii) 5283 Participações Ltda holds an 0.0187% interest (an 11.88% interest in 2014, diluted by Petrobras' investments).
- (iii) Cover activities abroad in E&P, RTM, Gas & Power and Distribuiton segments.

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# 11.2. Investments in associates and joint ventures

		Investments	Restructuring capital decrease and others	<b>Share of</b>		comprehens
Petrobras Oil & Gas B.V						
PO&G	1,714	_	_	(32)	63	(104)
Braskem S.A.	1,711	_	_	317	(458)	(658)
State-controlled	d					
natural gas distributors	340			54	(100)	
Investees in	340	_	_	54	(109)	_
Venezuela	312	_	_	(101)	19	(12)
Guarani S.A.	518	_	_	(66)	(169)	(84)
Nova Fronteira	162			0	(52)	
Bionergia Other	163	_	_	9	(53)	_
petrochemical						
investees	66	_	_	12	(22)	_
Compañia						
Mega S.A MEGA	31	9	_	27	(22)	_
Compañia de	31	9		21	(22)	
Inversiones de						
Energia S.A				(2)	(0.1)	
CIESA UEG Araucária	68 73	<del>-</del> 8	_	(3) 1	(21) (20)	_
Sete Brasil	73	O	_	1	(20)	_
Participações	144	24	_	(107)	(55)	(4)
FIP - Sondas	137	21	_	(111)	(43)	_
Other associates	459	46	7	(177)	(107)	1
Other investees		<del>-</del>	<i>'</i>	(±//)	(107) (5)	_
	5,753	108	7	(177)	(1,002)	(861)

During 2015, losses of US\$ 326 were recognized as part of the share of losses in equity-accounted investments with respect to the Company's investment in Sete Brasil and FIP Sondas. A portion of those losses is attributable to the impairment loss the Company recognized in its investments, as set out in note 14.2.2.

Those losses resulted from the worsening economic and financial conditions of Sete Brasil Participações S.A., along with the postponement of a majority of its construction projects and uncertainties about its ability to continue the projects.

# 11.3. Investments in listed companies

Company	Thousand- 12.31.2015	share lot 512.31.2014	lType	per share)	prices (US\$	Market val 112.31.2015	ue 512.31.2014
Indirect subsidiary Petrobras Argentina S.A.	1,356,792	1,356,792	Commor	0.61	0.65	827 827	879 879
Associate Braskem S.A. Braskem	212,427	212,427	Commor Preferred	d	4.07	866	864
S.A.	75,793	75,793	Α	7.07	6.59	536 1,402	499 1,363

The market value of these shares does not necessarily reflect the realizable value upon sale of a large block of shares.

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## 11.4. Non-controlling interest

The total amount of non-controlling interest on December 31, 2015 is US\$ 819 (US\$ 706 in 2014), of which US\$ 367 is related to Petrobras Argentina S.A. and US\$ 234 is related to non-controlling interest of Gaspetro.

Condensed financial information is set out as follows:

	Petrobras Ar	Gaspetro	
	2015	2014	2015
Current assets	795	1,008	81
Long-term receivables	72	83	59
Investments	276	408	303
Property, plant and equipment	1,084	1,355	1
Other non-current assets	3	2	80
	2,230	2,856	524
Current liabilities	541	689	18
Non-current liabilities	571	692	27
Shareholders' equity	1,118	1,475	479
	2,230	2,856	524
Sales revenues	243	145	208
Net income	119	43	147
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash			
equivalents	71	118	(165)

Petrobras Argentina S.A. is an integrated energy company, indirectly controlled by Petrobras (directly controlled by PIB BV, which holds a 67.19% interest in this company) and its main place of business is Argentina.

Gaspetro, a Petrobras' subsidiary, holds interests in several state distributors of natural gas in Brazil. Petrobras concluded the sale of 49% of its interest in Gaspetro on December 28, 2015 as set out in note 10.1.

### 11.5. Summarized information on joint ventures and associates

The Company invests in joint ventures and associates in Brazil and abroad, whose activities are related to petrochemical companies, gas distributors, biofuels, thermoelectric power

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plants, refineries and other activities. Condensed financial information is set out below:

	2015					2014			
	Joint			Ai-t		Joint			A
	ventures		Other	Associates	•	ventures		Other	Asso
		PO&G	<b>Scompanies</b>					<b>Scompanies</b>	
	In Brazil	(*)	abroad	In Brazil		lIn Brazil	(*)	abroad	In Br
Current assets Non-current	1,106	934	327	5,358	2,240	1,474	1,033	314	10,70
assets	343	50	21	2,697	199	438	17	23	2,695
Property, plant	<u>.</u>								
and equipmen	t1,206	2,790	488	9,599	1,815	1,598	2,527	487	12,20
Other									
non-current		_						_	
assets	554	4	4	2,831	78	753	14	4	4,342
C	3,209	3,778	840	20,485	4,332	4,263	3,591	4,419	29,94
Current	1 221	220	212	4.000	2.607	1 0 4 1	200	215	C 701
liabilities	1,331	228	213	4,880	3,607	1,841	288	215	6,795
Non-current liabilities	640	1,327	303	12,522	1,057	732	1,134	204	13,42
Shareholders'	040	1,327	303	12,322	1,057	132	1,154	304	13,42
equity	1,108	2,223	178	3,268	(332)	1,681	2,169	159	9,779
Non-controlling	•	2,223	170	3,200	(332)	1,001	2,103	133	5,775
interest	, 130	_	146	(185)	_	9	_	150	(55)
	3,209	3,778	-	20,485	4,332	4,263	3.591	4,419	29,94
Sales revenues		1,928		15,805	167	5,583	2,175	•	22,54
Net Income	•	,		•		•	,		ŕ
(loss) for the									
year	155	209	47	1,036	(1,398)	144	236	16	769
Ownership					11 to				
interest - %	20 to 83%	50%	34 to 50%	5 to 49%	49%	20 to 83%	50%	34 to 50%	5 to 4

<sup>(\*)</sup> Petrobras Oil & Gas (PO&G) is a joint venture located in the Netherlands, with 50% share of Petrob International BV (PIBBV), for exploration and oil and gas production in Africa.

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# 12. Property, plant and equipment

# 12.1. By class of assets

				Exploration and development costs (Oil and	I
	Land, buildings and improvement	and other	Assets under construction (*)		Total
Balance at January 1, 2014 Additions Additions to / review of estimates of	7,868 30	90,405 2,031	79,758 30,362	49,870 580	227,901 33,003
decommissioning costs Capitalized borrowing	_	-	-	1,999	1,999
costs Write-offs Write-off - overpayments incorrectly capitalized	_ (9) 5	_ (57)	3,592 (4,024)	_ (196)	3,592 (4,286)
(note 3) Transfers (***) Depreciation, amortization and	(35) 2,685	(1,160) 25,371	(1,078) (36,178)	(91) 23,078	(2,364) 14,956
depletion Impairment recognition Impairment reversal Cumulative translation	(534) (899) –	(7,381) (1,398) 17	_ (11,670) _	(4,888) (2,839) 3	(12,803) (16,806) 20
adjustment Balance at December	(1,071)	(9,832)	(7,819)	(7,760)	(26,482)
31, 2014 Cost Accumulated depreciation, amortization and	8,035 10,979	97,996 142,030	52,943 52,943	59,756 88,023	218,730 293,975
depletion	(2,944)	(44,034)	_	(28,267)	(75,245)
Balance at December 31, 2014 Additions	8,035 210 -	97,996 1,296 -	52,943 18,349 -	59,756 512 4,147	218,730 20,367 4,147

Additions to / review of estimates of decommissioning costs					
Capitalized borrowing costs	_	_	1,768	_	1,768
Write-offs	(8)	(56)	(1,797)	(407)	(2,268)
Transfers	1,153	8,726	(16,477)	8,468	1,870
Depreciation,					
amortization and	(460)	(6.274)		(4.506)	(11 420)
depletion Impairment recognition	(468)	(6,374)	_	(4,596)	(11,438)
(Note 14)	(238)	(3,837)	(3,008)	(5,220)	(12,303)
Impairment reversal	_	11	5	23	39
Cumulative translation					
adjustment	(2,584)	(23,869)	(14,173)	(18,989)	(59,615)
Balance at December 31, 2015	6,100	73,893	37,610	43,694	161,297
Cost	8,595	112,307	37,610	67,220	225,732
Accumulated	0,333	112,307	37,010	07,220	223,732
depreciation,					
amortization and					
depletion	(2,495)	(38,414)	_	(23,526)	(64,435)
Balance at December 31, 2015	6,100	73,893	37,610	43,694	161,297
Weighted average of	40	20	37,010	45,034	101,297
useful life in years	. •	_ ~			
-	(25 to 50)	(3 to 31)		Units of	
	/	(444)		production	
	(except land)	(**)		method	

<sup>(\*)</sup> See note 29 for assets under construction by business area

As of December 31, 2015, property, plant and equipment includes assets under finance leases of US\$ 48 (US\$ 72 as of December 31, 2014).

## 12.2. Estimated useful life

# Buildings and improvements, equipment and other assets

			ed Balance
Estimated useful life	Cost	depreciati	on at 2015
5 years or less	3,407	(2,289)	1,118
6 - 10 years	8,247	(4,110)	4,137
11 - 15 years	1,018	(543)	475

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Includes exploration and production assets depreciated based on the units of production method.

<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup> Includes US\$ 10,446 reclassified from Intangible Assets to Property, Plant and Equipment in 2014, as a result of the declaration of commerciality of areas of the Assignment Agreement

16 - 20 years	33,420	(10,136)	23,284
21 - 25 years	17,887	(5,631)	12,256
25 - 30 years	14,532	(3,158)	11,374
30 years or more	22,478	(5,293)	17,185
Units of production method	19,512	(9,748)	9,764
	120,501	(40,908)	79,593
Buildings and improvements	8,194	(2,494)	5,700
Equipment and other assets	112,307	(38,414)	73,893

# 12.3. Concession for exploration of oil and natural gas - Assignment Agreement ("Cessão Onerosa")

Petrobras, the Brazilian Federal Government (assignor) and the Brazilian Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels (Agência Nacional de Petróleo, Gás Natural e Biocombustíveis) - ANP (regulator and inspector) entered into the Assignment Agreement in 2010, which grants the Company the right to carry out prospection and drilling activities for oil, natural gas and other liquid hydrocarbons located in six blocks in the pre-salt area (Franco, Florim, Nordeste de Tupi, Entorno de Iara, Sul de Guará and Sul de Tupi), limited to the production of five billion barrels of oil equivalent in up to 40 years and renewable for a further 5 years subject to certain conditions.

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The agreement establishes that the review procedures, which must be based on independent technical appraisal reports, will commence immediately after the declaration of commerciality for each area. Currently, after the declarations of commerciality of the six blocks, all the Assignment Agreement areas were included in the review procedures. The review of the Assignment Agreement will be concluded after the review of all the areas. However, no specific date has been established for the review procedures to be concluded.

The formal review procedures for each block are based on costs incurred through the exploration stage and estimated costs and production levels included in the independent technical appraisal reports. The review of the Assignment Agreement may result in modifications to: (i) local content requirements and commitments; (ii) total volume (in barrels of oil) to be produced; (iii) term of the agreement and (iv) the minimum percentages of local content.

If the review of the Assignment Agreement determines that the value of acquired rights is greater than initially paid, the Company may be required to pay the difference to the Federal Government, or may proportionally reduce the total volume of barrels acquired under the agreement. If the review determines that the value of the acquired rights is lower than initially paid by the Company, the Federal Government will reimburse the Company for the difference by delivering cash or bonds, subject to budgetary regulations.

Currently, the Assignment Agreement is being reviewed, including the preparation of the independent technical appraisal reports and related discussions with the Brazilian Federal Government. The Company will make the respective adjustments to the purchase prices of the rights according to the conclusion of the review.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company's property, plant and equipment include US\$ 19,158 (US\$ 28,164 as of December 31, 2014) related to the Assignment Agreement.

### 12.4. Oil and Gas fields operated by Petrobras returned to ANP

During 2015 the following oil and gas fields were returned to ANP: Itaparica, Camaçari, Carapicú, Baúna Sul, Salema Branca, Nordeste Namorado, part of Rio Preto, Pirapitanga, Piracucá, Catuá and part of Mangangá. These fields were returned to ANP mainly due to their uneconomic feasibility and, as a consequence, the Company wrote off an amount of US\$ 264 as other expenses.

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# 13. Intangible assets

# 13.1. By class of assets

		Software			
	<b>Rights and</b>		Developed		
	Concessions	Acquired	in-house	Goodwill	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014	14,381	142	496	400	15,419
Addition	92	41	118	_	251
Capitalized borrowing costs	_	_	8	_	8
Write-offs	(93)	(5)	(10)	_	(108)
Transfers (**)	(10,346)	7	9	(1)	(10,331)
Amortization	(35)	(54)	(131)	_	(220)
Impairment recognition	(8)	_	_	_	(8)
Impairment reversal	6	_	_	_	6
Cumulative translation					
adjustment	(405)	(12)	(58)	(33)	(508)
Balance at December 31,					
2014	3,592	119	432	366	4,509
Cost	4,003	578	1,281	366	6,228
Accumulated amortization	(411)	(459)	(849)	_	(1,719)
Balance at December 31,					
2014	3,592	119	432	366	4,509
Addition	17	22	78	_	117
Capitalized borrowing costs	_	_	5	_	5
Write-offs	(163)	_	(2)	_	(165)
Transfers	71	6	11	_	88
Amortization	(23)	(33)	(97)	_	(153)
Impairment recognition	(32)	_	_	_	(32)
Cumulative translation					
adjustment	(1,024)	(34)	(137)	(82)	(1,277)
Balance at December 31,					
2015	2,438	80	290	284	3,092
Cost	2,696	435	963	284	4,378
Accumulated amortization	(258)	(355)	(673)	_	(1,286)
Balance at December 31,					
2015	2,438	80	290	284	3,092
Estimated useful life - years	(*)	5	5	Indefinite	

<sup>(\*)</sup> Mainly comprised of assets with indefinite useful lives, which are reviewed annually to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support an indefinite useful life assessment.

(\*\*) Includes US\$ 10,446 reclassified from Intangible Assets to Property Plant and Equipment, as a result of the declaration of commerciality of areas of the Assignment Agreement.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company did not recognize impairment loss related to goodwill.

# 13.2. Exploration rights returned to the Brazilian Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels - Agência Nacional de Petróleo, Gás Natural e Biocombustíveis (ANP)

Exploration areas returned to the ANP in 2015, totaling US\$ 25 (US\$ 83 in 2014) are set out below:

Area	Exploratory stage Exclusive Concession Partnership		
Campos Basin	-	1	
Santos Basin	1	3	
Ceará Basin	-	1	
Espírito Santo Basin	-	3	
Potiguar Basin	1	7	
Camamu Almada Basin	-	1	
Amazonas Basin	-	2	
Parecis Basin	2	-	

## 13.3. Exploration rights - production sharing contract

Following the first pre-salt public auction held in October, 2013, the Libra consortium, comprised of Petrobras (40% interest), Shell (20% interest), Total (20% interest), CNODC (10% interest) and the Brazilian Pre-Salt Oil and Natural Gas Management Company (*Empresa Brasileira de Administração de Petróleo e Gás Natural S.A. - Pré-Sal Petróleo PPSA*) as the manager of the agreement, entered into a production sharing contract with the Federal Government on December 2, 2013.

The contract granted rights to explore and operate oil and gas production in a strategic pre-salt area known as the *Libra* block, comprising an area of approximately 1,550 km2, located in ultra-deep waters in the Santos Basin. This was the first oil and gas production sharing contract signed in Brazil. The contract is for 35 years and cannot be renewed.

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A signature bonus (acquisition cost) of US\$ 6,589 was paid by the consortium. The Company paid US\$ 2,636 (its 40% share of the acquisition cost paid by the consortium) recognized in its intangible assets as Rights and Concessions.

Currently, the project is in the exploration phase (4 years), which exploration program comprises, at a minimum, 3D seismic acquisition, two exploratory wells and Extended Well Test (EWT). The seismic data were acquired in 2014.

In February of 2016, the Brazilian Agency of Petroleum ANP approved the Discovery Appraisal Plan – Plano de Avaliação de Descobertas – PAD of the well 2-ANP-2A-RJS.

### 13.4. Service concession agreement - Distribution of piped natural gas

As of December 31, 2015, intangible assets include service concession agreements related to piped natural gas distribution in Brazil, in the amount of US\$ 149 (US\$ 210 in 2014), maturing between 2029 and 2043, which may be renewed. According to the distribution agreements, service is be provided to customers in the industrial, residential, commercial, automotive, air conditioning and transport sectors, among others.

The consideration receivable is a factor of a combination of operating costs and expenses, and return on capital invested. The rates charged for gas distribution are subject to periodic reviews by the state regulatory agency.

The agreements establish an indemnity clause for investments in assets which are subject to return at the end of the service agreement, to be determined based on evaluations and appraisals.

### 14. Impairment

The Company tests its assets or cash-generating units (CGUs) for impairment at the end of each reporting period and whenever there is an indication that the assets or units may be impaired.

## 14.1. Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

For impairment testing purposes the Company uses the value in use of its property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (individually or grouped into cash-generating units - CGUs) as their recoverable amount. In measuring value in use the Company bases its cash flow projections on:

- The estimated useful life of the asset or assets grouped into the CGU, based on the expected use of those assets and, considering the Company's maintenance policy;
- Assumptions and financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management for the period corresponding to the expected life cycle of each different business; and
- A pre-tax discount rate, which is derived from the Company's post-tax weighted average cost of capital (WACC).

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The main cash flow projections used to measure the value in use of the CGUs were mainly based on the following assumptions:

	2016	term Average
Average Brent (US\$/bbl)	45	72
Average Brazilian Real (Real /U.S. dollar exchange rate)	4.06	3.55

# 14.1.1. Impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets

In 2015 the Company recognized impairment losses and reversals of impairment losses for certain assets and CGUs, mainly due to the following events occurred in the last quarter of 2015:

- Revision of the Company's mid and long term assumptions reflecting the new oil price scenario (international crude oil prices);
- Decrease in estimates of proved reserves and probable reserves;
- A significant decrease in estimated future capital expenditures pursuant to a revision of the Company's portfolio (based on the latest updated of its 2015-2019 Business and Management Plan in January 2016);
- A revision of geological characteristics of the Papa-Terra field reservoir; and
- Higher discount rates used to measure the value-in-use of our assets and CGUs, attributable to an increase in Brazil's risk premium resulting from a credit risk downgrade (losing its investment grade status).

Impairment losses and reversals of impairment losses were recognized in the statement of income and are presented as follows:

Assets or CGUs, by nature	Carrying amount 2015	Recoverable amount	Impairment (*) / (**)	Business segment	Comments
Producing properties: assets related to E&P activities in Brazil (several					
CGUs)	21,202	12,139	8,653	E&P - Brazil	item (a1)
Comperj	1,586	234	1,352	RTM - Brazil	item (b1)
	1,548	918	637		item (c1)

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Oil and gas producing properties abroad Oil and gas production and				E&P - Abroad	
drilling equipment	750	243	507	E&P - Brazil Gas &	item (d1)
UFN III Suape Petrochemical	935	434	501	Power	item (e)
Complex Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant -	1,143	943	200	RTM - Brazil Gas &	item (f1)
UFN-V	190	_	190	Power Biofuel -	
Biodiesel plants	134	88	46	Brazil Several	
Others Total	341 27,829	156 15,155	210 12,296	segments	

Producing properties: assets 6,425 4,863 1,562 E&P - Brazil item (a2)

Producing properties: assets related to E&P activities in Brazil

(several CGUs)

Comperj 9,721 1,501 8,220 RTM - Brazil item (b2)

Oil and gas producing properties 3,126 1,458 1,668 E&P - item (c2) abroad

Oil and gas production and drilling 1,091 555 536 E&P - Brazil item (d2) equipment

Suape Petrochemical Complex 2,847 1,726 1,121 RTM - Brazil item (f2)

2nd refining unit of RNEST 6,207 2,765 3,442 RTM - Brazil item (g)

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Araucária (fertilizers plant)	367	251	116	Gas & Power

Nansei Sekiyu K.K. refinery 129 – 129 RTM -

Abroad

Others 26 32 (6)

Total 29,939 13,151 16,788

(\*) Impairment losses and reversals.

(\*\*) Excludes impairment charges on assets classified as held for sale of US\$ 3 in 2015 and US\$ 35 in 2014.

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#### a1) Producing properties in Brazil - 2015

Impairment losses of US\$ 8,653 were recognized in 2015 for certain oil and gas fields under E&P concessions, as their recoverable values were below their carrying amount. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and an 8.3% p.a post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the E&P business. The impairment losses related primarily to the following fields: *Papa-Terra* (US\$ 2,234), *Centro Sul* group (US\$ 1,179), *Uruguá* group (US\$ 986), *Espadarte* (US\$ 593), *Linguado* (US\$ 489), *CVIT – Espírito Santo* group (US\$ 375), *Piranema* (US\$ 341) *Lapa* (US\$ 317), *Bicudo* (US\$ 240), *Frade* (US\$ 198), *Badejo* (US\$ 190), *Pampo* (US\$ 91) and *Trilha* (US\$ 84). These impairment losses are mainly due to the impact of the decline in international crude oil prices on the Company's price assumptions, the use of a higher discount rate, as well as the geological revision of *Papa-Terra* reservoir.

#### a2) Producing properties in Brazil - 2014

In 2014, impairment losses of US\$ 1,562 were recognized, mainly with respect to certain oil and gas fields under E&P concessions, whose recoverable amount was determined to be below their carrying amount. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and a 7.2% p.a. post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the E&P business. The impairment losses were mainly related to the impact of the decline in international crude oil prices on the Company's price assumptions and were principally recognized for the following fields: Frade, Pirapitanga, Tambuatá, Carapicu and Piracucá.

#### **b1)** Comperj - 2015

An impairment loss of US\$ 1,352 was recognized in 2015 for refining assets of Comperj. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management, and; an 8.1% p.a. post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the refining business reflecting a specific risk premium for the postponed projects. This impairment loss was mainly attributable to: (i) the use of a higher discount rate; (ii) the delay in expected future cash inflows resulting from postponing construction.

#### **b2)** Comperj - 2014

In 2014, an impairment loss of US\$ 8,220 was recognized in Comperj. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and a 7% p.a. post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the refining business.

The impairment loss was mainly attributable to: (i) project planning deficiencies; (ii) the use of a higher discount rate, reflecting a specific risk premium for the postponed projects; iii) a delay in expected future cash inflows resulting from postponing the project; and (iv) the Company's business context of lower projected economic growth.

#### c1) Producing properties abroad - 2015

Impairment losses of US\$ 637 were recognized in E&P assets abroad. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and 5.6% p.a. to 10.4% p.a. post-tax discount rates (real rates, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the E&P business in different countries. The impairment losses were mainly in producing properties located in the United States (US\$ 448) and Bolivia (US\$ 157), attributable to the decline in international crude oil prices.

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#### c2) Producing properties abroad - 2014

In 2014, impairment losses of US\$ 1,668 were recognized in international E&P assets. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and 5.4% p.a. to 11.2% p.a. post-tax discount rates (real rates, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the E&P business in different countries. The impairment losses were mainly in Cascade and Chinook producing properties located in the United States (US\$ 1,567) and were mainly attributable to the decline in international crude oil prices.

#### d1) Oil and gas production and drilling equipment in Brazil - 2015

Impairment losses of US\$ 507 were recognized in 2015 for oil and gas production and drilling equipment which were not directly related to oil and gas producing properties. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and a 9.2% p.a. post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the oil and gas services and equipment industry. The impairment losses were mainly related to the planned idle capacity of two drilling rigs in the future and the use of a higher discount rate.

#### d2) Oil and gas production and drilling equipment in Brazil - 2014

In 2014, impairment losses of US\$ 536 were recognized in oil and gas production and drilling equipment, unrelated to oil and gas producing properties. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and an 8% p.a. post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the oil and gas services and equipment industry. The impairment losses are mainly related to idle capacity of two drilling rigs in the future and to the demobilization of two oil platforms, which were not deployed in any oil and gas property as of December 31, 2014.

#### e) Fertilizer Plant - UFN III - 2015

Impairment losses of US\$ 501 were recognized in 2015 for the fertilizer plant UFN III (Unidade de Fertilizantes Nitrogenados III), located on *Três Lagoas*, (state of *Mato Grosso do Sul*). Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and a 7.1% p.a. (6.7% p.a. in 2014) post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the Gas & Power business, reflecting a specific risk premium for the postponed projects. The impairment losses were mainly related to: (i) the use of a higher discount rate; and (ii) the delay in expected future cash inflows resulting from postponing the project.

#### f1) Suape Petrochemical Complex - 2015

An impairment loss of US\$ 200 was recognized in 2015 for *Companhia Integrada Têxtil de Pernambuco S.A. - CITEPE* and *Companhia Petroquímica de Pernambuco S.A. - PetroquímicaSuape*. Cash flow projections were based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and a 7.2% p.a. post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the petrochemical business. The impairment loss was mainly attributable to changes in market and prices assumptions resulting from a decrease in economic activity in Brazil, a reduction in the spread for petrochemical products in the international market and the use of a higher discount rate.

#### f2) Suape Petrochemical Complex - 2014

In 2014, an impairment loss of US\$ 1,121 was recognized in Companhia Integrada Têxtil de Pernambuco S.A. - CITEPE and Companhia Petroquímica de Pernambuco S.A. - PetroquímicaSuape. Cash flow projections were based on: 30-year period and zero-growth rate perpetuity; financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and a 6.2% p.a. post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the petrochemical business. The impairment loss is mainly attributable to changes in market assumptions and forecasts resulting from a decrease in economic activity, a reduction in the spread for petrochemical products in the international market and modifications in tax regulations.

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#### g) Second refining unit in RNEST - 2014

In 2014, an impairment loss of US\$ 3,442 was recognized in the second refining unit in RNEST. Cash flow projections are based on: financial budgets/forecasts approved by Management; and a 7% p.a. post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) derived from the WACC for the refining business. The impairment loss was mainly attributable to: (i) project planning deficiencies; (ii) the use of a higher discount rate, reflecting a specific risk premium for the postponed projects; (iii) a delay in expected future cash inflows resulting from postponing the project; and (iv) the Company's business context of lower projected economic growth.

#### 14.2. Investments in associates and joint ventures (including goodwill)

Value in use is generally used for impairment test of Investments in associates and joint ventures (including goodwill). The basis for estimates of cash flow projections includes: projections covering a period of 5 to 12 years, zero-growth rate perpetuity, budgets, forecasts and assumptions approved by management and a pre-tax discount rate derived from the WACC or the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM), when applicable.

The carrying amount and the value in use of the investments in associates and joint ventures which include goodwill as of December 31, 2015 are set out below:

Investments	Segment	% Post-tax discount rate (real interest rate) p.a.	Value in use	Carrying Amount

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Braskem S.A. (\*) RTM 11.3 3,452 805

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Guarani S.A. Biofuels 9.3 194 250

(\*) The tax discount of Braskem is CAPM petrochemical segment; as it considers that cash flow projections via dividends.

#### 14.2.1. Investment in publicly traded associate (Braskem S.A.)

Braskem's shares are publicly traded on stock exchanges in Brazil and abroad. The quoted market value as of December 31, 2015, was U.S.\$ 1,402, based on the quoted values of both Petrobras's interest in Braskem's common stock (47% of the outstanding shares) and preferred stock (22% of the outstanding shares) as set out note 11.4. However, trading of the common shares is extremely limited, since non-signatories of the shareholders' agreement hold only approximately 3% of the common shares as of December 31, 2015.

In addition, given the operational relationship between Petrobras and Braskem, the recoverable amount of the investment, for impairment testing purposes, was determined based on value in use, considering future cash flow projections via dividends and other distributions. As the recoverable amount was higher than the carrying amount, no impairment losses were recognized for this investment.

Cash flow projections to determine the value in use of Braskem were based on the following key assumptions:

- Estimated average exchange rate of R\$ 4.06 to U.S.\$1.00 in 2016 (converging to R\$ 3.55 in the long run);
- Average Brent crude oil price at US\$ 45 in 2016, converging to US\$ 72 in the long run;
- Prices of feedstock and petrochemical products reflecting projected international prices;
- Petrochemical products sales volume estimates reflecting projected Brazilian and global G.D.P growth; and

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• Increases in the EBITDA margin during the growth cycle of the petrochemical industry in the next years and declining in the long run.

#### 14.2.2. Impairment losses on equity-method investments

Impairment losses on equity-method investments in the amount of US\$ 550 (US\$ 251 in 2014) were recognized in the statement of income as share of earnings in equity-accounted investments, as a result of the following factors:

- A decrease in international crude oil prices in 2015 led to impairment losses in our E&P operations of affiliates of Petrobras Argentina S.A. (a subsidiary of Petrobras International Braspetro B.V. PIB BV) and of our joint venture in Africa (Petrobras Oil & Gas B.V. PO&G, a joint venture of PIB BV). Impairment losses of US\$ 92 and US\$ 184, respectively, were recognized with respect to those investments.
- The Company's impairment tests resulted in impairment losses of US\$ 139 in its biofuels segment, mainly as a result of (i) an increase in post-tax discount rate (real rate, excluding inflation) from 7.3% p.a. in 2014 to 9.3% p.a. in 2015; and (ii) a postponement of biofuels projects for an extended period of time (outside the scope of our updated 2015-2019 Business and Management Plan). Those losses include an impairment charge recognized for goodwill in the amount of US\$ 73, mainly related to its associate Guarani S.A. (US\$ 56).
- As a result of worsening economic and financial conditions of Sete Brasil Participações S.A., along with the postponement of a majority of its construction projects and uncertainties about its ability to continue the projects, the Company could not determine the value-in-use of its investment in Sete Brasil Participações S.A. (both directly and through FIP Sondas) and, therefore, recognized impairment losses of US\$ 44 and US\$ 40, respectively in Sete Brasil and FIP Sondas.
- Impairment losses of US\$ 14 were also recognized in Petrobras Netherlands BV (PNBV) with respect to its associate *Arpoador* Drilling B.V. (a subsidiary of *Sete Brasil*).

The Company is continually monitoring its investment in Sete Brasil and will reassess its recoverability when a decision with respect to Sete Brasil's business plan is taken.

#### 14.3. Assets classified as held for sale

Impairment losses were recognized in E&P assets classified as held for sale. The Board of Directors approved the disposal of the Bijupirá and Salema fields, PI, PIII and PIV drilling rigs and PXIV platform. As their fair values were below their carrying amount. Therefore, impairment losses in the amount of US\$ 3 were recognized in 2015.

## 15. Exploration for and evaluation of oil and gas reserves

The exploration and evaluation activities include the search for oil and gas from obtaining the legal rights to explore a specific area to the declaration of the technical and commercial viability of the reserves.

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Changes in the balances of capitalized costs directly associated with exploratory wells pending determination of proved reserves and the balance of amounts paid for obtaining rights and concessions for exploration of oil and natural gas (capitalized acquisition costs) are set out in the following table:

Capitalized Exploratory Well Costs /		
Capitalized Acquisition Costs (*)	2015	2014
Property plant and equipment		
Opening Balance	7,000	8,802
Additions to capitalized costs pending		
determination of proved reserves	2,282	4,272
Capitalized exploratory costs charged to expense	(882)	(1,366)
Transfers upon recognition of proved reserves	(960)	(3,835)
Cumulative translation adjustment	(2,239)	(873)
Closing Balance	5,201	7,000
Intangible Assets	2,048	3,044
Capitalized Exploratory Well Costs / Capitalized		
Acquisition Costs	7,249	10,044

<sup>(\*)</sup> Amounts capitalized and subsequently expensed in the same period have been excluded from the table above.

Exploration costs recognized in the statement of income and cash used in oil and gas exploration and evaluation activities are set out as follows:

<b>Exploration costs recognized in the statement of income</b> Geological and geophysical expenses Exploration expenditures written off (incl.dry wells and signature	<b>2015</b> 416	<b>2014</b> 830	<b>2013</b> 968
bonuses) Other exploration expenses Total expenses	1,441 54 1,911	2,178 50 3,058	1,892 99 2,959
Cash used in :	2015	2014	2013

#### 15.1. Aging of Capitalized Exploratory Well Costs

The following tables set out the amounts of exploratory well costs that have been capitalized for a period of one year or more after the completion of drilling, the number of projects to which the costs that have been capitalized for a period of greater than one year relate and an aging of those amounts by year (including the number of wells to which those costs relate).

2015

2014

#### Aging of capitalized exploratory well costs (\*)

	2013	2014
Exploratory well costs capitalized for a period of one year	1,387	2,024
Exploratory well costs capitalized for a period of greater than one year	3,814	4,976
Total capitalized exploratory well costs	5,201	7,000
Number of projects to which the exploratory well costs capitalized for a		
period of greater than one year relate	70	69

	Capitalized costs (2015)	Number of wells
2014	1,055	32
2013	778	18
2012	1,054	21
2011	495	15
2010 and previous years	432	15
Exploratory well costs that have been		
capitalized for a period of greater than one year	3,814	101

<sup>(\*)</sup> Amounts paid for obtaining rights and concessions for exploration of oil and gas (capitalized acquisition costs) are not included.

Exploratory well costs that have been capitalized for a period of greater than one year since the completion of drilling amount to US\$ 3,814. Those costs relate to 70 projects comprising (i) US\$ 3,254 for wells in areas in which there has been ongoing drilling or firmly planned drilling activities in the near term and for which an evaluation plan ("Plano de Avaliação") has been submitted for approval by ANP; and (ii) US\$ 560 relate to costs incurred to evaluate the reserves and their potential development.

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#### 16. Trade payables

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Third parties in Brazil	3,331	4,949	
Third parties abroad	2,566	4,240	
Related parties	483	571	
Balance on current liabilities	6,380	9,760	

#### 17. Finance debt

The Company obtains funding through debt financing for capital expenditures to develop crude oil and natural gas producing properties, construct vessels and pipelines, construct and expand industrial plants, among other uses.

The Company has covenants that were not in default in 2015 in its loan agreements and notes issued in the capital markets requiring, among other obligations, the presentation of interim financial statements within 90 days of the end of each quarter (not reviewed by independent auditors) and audited financial statements within 120 days of the end of each fiscal year. Non-compliance with these obligations do not represent immediate events of default and the grace period in which the Company has to deliver these financial statements ranges from 30 to 60 days, depending on the agreement. The Company has also covenants with respect to debt level in some of its loan agreements with the Brazilian Development Bank (*Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento* - BNDES).

A roll-forward schedule of non-current debt is set out below:

**Export** 

	EXPOIL				
	Credit	Donkina	Carrital		
	Agencies	Banking Market	Capital Market	Others	Total
Non-current					
In Brazil					
Opening balance at January 1,					
2014	_	29,000	1,211	49	30,260
Additions (new funding obtained)	_	4,319	359	_	4,678
Interest incurred during the year	_	202	2	_	204
5 ,	_	1,033	79	1	1,113

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Foreign exchange/inflation indexation charges					
Transfer from long term to short term	_	(1,440)	(156)	(18)	(1,614)
Cumulative translation adjustment (CTA)	_	(3,826)	(194)	(4)	(4,024)
Balance at December 31, 2014 Abroad	_	29,288	1,301	28	30,617
Opening balance at January 1,					
2014 Additions (new funding obtained)	5,805 281	26,908 6,710	42,572 13,766	690 —	75,975 20,757
Interest incurred during the year Foreign exchange/inflation		22	46	8	80
indexation charges Transfer from long term to short	103	412	(1,433)	20	(898)
term	(742)	(3,411)	(1,260)	(42)	(5,455)
Cumulative translation adjustment (CTA)	(207)	(743)	119	(27)	(858)
Balance at December 31, 2014	5,244	29,898	53,810	649	89,601
Total Balance at December 31,					
2014	5,244	59,186	55,111	677	120,218
<b>Non-current</b> In Brazil					
Opening balance at January 1,					
2015	_	29,288	1,301	28	30,617
Additions (new funding obtained)	_	4,918	989	_	5,907
Interest incurred during the year		289	_	_	289
Foreign exchange/inflation		2 001	0.0	2	2.002
indexation charges	_	3,001	80	2	3,083
Transfer from long term to short term	_	(2,389)	(149)	(4)	(2,542)
Cumulative translation	_	(2,309)	(149)	(4)	(2,342)
adjustment (CTA)	_	(10,410)	(496)	(9)	(10,915)
Balance as of December 31, 2015	5-	24,697	1,725	17	26,439
Abroad					
Opening balance at January 1,					
2015	5,244	29,898	53,810	649	89,601
Additions (new funding obtained)		5,753	2,045	_	7,961
Interest incurred during the year	5	34	48	8	95
Foreign exchange/inflation indexation charges	442	1,342	(1,092)	56	748
Transfer from long term to short	442	1,342	(1,092)	30	740
term	(767)	(4,183)	(5,770)	(45)	(10,765)
Cumulative translation	(	( -,,	(2,110)	( )	(==,, ==,
adjustment (CTA)	(442)	(1,877)	(222)	(56)	(2,597)
Balance as of December 31, 2015	54,645	30,967	48,819	612	85,043
Total Balance as of December 31					
2015	4,645	55,664	50,544	629	111,482

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	12.31.20	1512.31.2014
Short-term debt	1,523	3,484
Current portion of long-term debt	11,500	6,845
Accrued interest	1,660	1,539
	14,683	11,868

#### 17.1. Summarized information on current and non-current finance debt

Maturity in	Up to 1		2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 years	Total (*)	Fair
<b>Maturity in</b> Financing in	year	years	years	years	years	onwards	iotai (*)	value
Brazilian Reais								
(BRL):	2,349	1,718	2,093	3,486	5,051	5,858	20,555	16,459
Floating rate debt		1,255	1,628	3,031	4,428	4,678	16,976	10,433
Fixed rate debt	393	463	465	455	623	1,180	3,579	
Average interest	333	403	403	733	023	1,100	3,373	
rate	15.1%	16.4%	15.0%	13.8%	11.4%	11.2%	13.0%	
Financing in	20.270	201170	20.070	20.070			20.070	
U.S.Dollars (USD)	:10.842	8,869	10,215	16,988	9,572	28,276	84,762	66,238
Floating rate debt		5,193	7,784	12,122	5,590	8,458	44,718	,
Fixed rate debt	5,271	3,676	2,431	4,866	3,982	19,818	40,044	
Average interest	·	•	•	·	·	·	•	
rate	4.1%	4.5%	4.1%	4.3%	4.6%	6.0%	4.9%	
Financing in BRL								
indexed to USD:	573	704	704	701	701	5,422	8,805	7,084
Floating rate debt	24	23	22	19	19	35	142	
Fixed rate debt	549	681	682	682	682	5,387	8,663	
Average interest								
rate	7.2%	7.0%	7.1%	7.0%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	
Financing in								
Pound Sterling								
(£):	68	-	-	-	-	2,543	2,611	1,656
Fixed rate debt	68	-	-	-	-	2,543	2,611	
Average interest								
rate	5.8%	_	_	_	_	6.1%	6.1%	
Financing in		0.4	0.5				720	704
Japanese Yen (¥):		94	85	_	_	_	738	724
Floating rate debt		85	85	_	_	_	255	
Fixed rate debt	474	9	_	_	_	_	483	
Average interest	2 00/	0.8%	0.6%				1.7%	
rate	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	_	_	_	1./70	

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Financing in Euro								
(€):	283	12	2,994	1,421	213	3,762	8,685	6,430
Floating rate debt	t 13	11	11	11	170	_	216	
Fixed rate debt	270	1	2,983	1,410	43	3,762	8,469	
Average interest								
rate	3.6%	1.6%	3.8%	3.9%	4.1%	4.4%	4.1%	
Financing in othe	r							
currencies:	9	-	-	-	-	_	9	9
Fixed rate debt	9	-	-	-	-	_	9	
Average interest								
rate	14.3%	_	_	_	_	_	14.3%	
Total as of								
December 31,								
2015	14,683	11,397	16,091	22,596	15,537	45,861	126,165	98,600
Total Average								
interest rate	5.9%	6.4%	5.6%	5.8%	6.9%	6.7%	6.3%	
Total as of								
December 31,		10 - 70			04400		100.000	100 710
2014	11,868	12,572	11,948	17,789	24,189	53,720	132,086	122,713
Total Average	2.00/	C 00/	C 40/	F 20/	F 20/	6.00/	F 60/	
interest rate	3.9%	6.0%	6.4%	5.2%	5.3%	6.0%	5.6%	

<sup>\*</sup> The average maturity of outstanding debt as of December 31, 2015 is 7.14 years (6.10 years as of December 31, 2014).

The fair value of the Company's finance debt is determined primarily by quoted prices in active markets for identical liabilities (level 1), when applicable US\$ 42,929 as of December 31, 2015. When a quoted price for an identical liability is not available, the fair value is determined based on a theoretical curve derived from the yield curve of the Company's most liquid bonds (level 2) US\$ 55,671 as of December 31, 2015.

The sensitivity analysis for financial instruments subject to foreign exchange variation is set out in note 33.2.

# 17.2. Capitalization rate used to determine the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalization

The capitalization rate used to determine the amount of borrowing costs eligible for capitalization was the weighted average of the borrowing costs applicable to the borrowings that were outstanding during the period, other than borrowings made specifically for the purpose of obtaining a qualifying asset. In 2015 the capitalization rate was 5.03% p.a. (4.91% p.a. in 2014).

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#### 17.3. Lines of credit

	Amount			Available		
Company Abroad	Financial institution	Date	Maturity	(Lines of Credit)	Used	Balance
Petrobras	JBIC UKEF -	7/16/2013	12/31/2018	1,500	-	1,500
PGT BV Total In Brazil	JPMORGAN	12/17/2015	12/22/2016	500 2,000	181 181	319 1,819
Petrobras Petrobras Petrobras PNBV Transpetro	BNDES BNDES FINEP BNDES BNDES Banco do	12/17/2012 7/31/2013 4/16/2014 9/3/2013 1/31/2007	5/30/2016 7/15/2016 12/26/2017 3/26/2018 Not defined	2,530	448 108 45 418 142	115 20 20 2,112 1,172
Transpetro	Brasil Caixa Econômica	7/9/2010	4/10/2038	116	61	55
Transpetro Total	Federal	11/23/2010	Not defined	100 4,817	5 1,227	94 3,588

#### 17.4. Collateral

The financial institutions that have provided financing to the Company usually do not require Petrobras to provide collateral related to loans. However, certain specific funding instruments to promote economic development are collateralized, as well as certain debt agreements of the subsidiary *Petrobras Distribuidora* are based on the Company's future exports.

The loans obtained by structured entities are collateralized based on the projects' assets, as well as liens on receivables of the structured entities. Certain wholly-owned subsidiaries issue securities that are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Petrobras (note 36).

The Company's capital market financing relates primarily to unsecured global notes.

#### 18. Leases

#### 18.1. Future minimum lease payments / receipts - finance leases

	Receipts	3		Paymen	ts	
Estimated lease	Future	Annual	Present	Future	Annual	Present
payments / receivable	value	interest	value	value	interest	value
2016	161	(105)	56	17	(5)	12
2017 – 2020	738	(432)	306	44	(26)	18
2021 and thereafter	1,545	(448)	1,097	174	(153)	21
As of December 31, 2015	2,444	(985)	1,459	235	(184)	51
Current			66			12
Non-current			1,393			39
As of December 31, 2015			1,459			51
Current			59			16
Non-current			1,455			56
As of December 31, 2014			1,514			72

## 18.2. Future minimum lease payments - operating leases

Operating leases mainly include oil and gas production units, drilling rigs and other exploration and production equipment, vessels and support vessels, helicopters, land and building leases.

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2016	11,686
2017 - 2020	31,089
2021 and thereafter	56,419
At December 31, 2015	99,194
As of December 31, 2014	118,404

In 2015, the balance of estimated future minimum lease payments under operating leases includes US\$ 60,628 (US\$ 69,565 as of December 31, 2014) with respect to assets under construction, for which the lease term has not commenced.

During 2015, the Company recognized expenditures of US\$ 9,898 (US\$ 10,652 during 2014) for operating lease installments.

#### 19. Related party transactions

The Company has a related-party transactions policy, approved by its Board of Directors, which establishes rules to ensure that all decisions involving related parties and potential conflicts of interest take into account applicable laws in the countries in which the Company operates and the parties involved in negotiations.

# 19.1. Transactions with joint ventures, associates, government entities and pension funds

The balances of significant transactions are set out in the following table:

	2015 Income		12.31.2015	5 2014 Income		12.31.2014
	(expense)	<b>Assets</b>	Liabilities	(expense)	<b>Assets</b>	Liabilities
Joint ventures and associates State-controlled gas						
distributors Petrochemical	3,021	255	72	4,507	506	195
companies Other associates and	3,676	144	45	7,703	205	82
joint ventures	571 7,268	134 533	453 570	537 12,747	152 863	263 540

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Government entities	2.42	1 115		662	4 220	
Government bonds Banks controlled by the	342	1,115	_	662	4,339	_
Federal Government Receivables from the Electricity sector (Note	(4,121)	2,607	24,336	(3,246)	3,814	28,304
8.4) Petroleum and alcohol account - receivables from Federal	1,618	3,415	-	2,364	2,966	_
government (Note 19.2 Federal Government - dividends and interest	) 5	219	_	3	317	_
on capital	_	_	_	22	_	_
Others	14 (2,142)	306 7,662	316 24,652	73 (122)	241 11,677	224 28,528
Pension plans	_ 5,126	36 8,231	110 25,332	1 12,626	_ 12,540	135 29,203
Revenues (mainly sales		-,		,	,_	
revenues) Foreign exchange and inflation indexation	8,544			14,297		
charges, net Finance income	(1,486)			(465)		
(expenses), net	(1,932)			(1,206)		
Current assets Non-current assets		2,255 5,976			6,715 5,825	
Current liabilities			3,248			1,855
Non-current liabilities	5,126	8,231	22,084 25,332	12,626	12,540	27,348 29,203

#### 19.2. Petroleum and Alcohol accounts - Receivables from Federal Government

As of December 31, 2015, the balance of receivables related to the Petroleum and Alcohol accounts was US\$ 219 (US\$ 317 as of December 31, 2014). Pursuant to Provisional Measure 2,181 of August 24, 2001, the Federal Government may settle this balance by using National Treasury Notes in an amount equal to the outstanding balance, or allow the Company to offset the outstanding balance against amounts payable to the Federal Government, including taxes payable, or both options.

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The Company has provided all the information required by the National Treasury Secretariat (Secretaria do Tesouro Nacional - STN) in order to resolve disputes between the parties and conclude the settlement with the Federal Government.

Following several negotiation attempts at the administrative level, the Company filed a lawsuit in July 2011 to collect the receivables.

The lawsuit is pending court-ordered expert proceedings, which are ongoing and for which the Company has agreed with the court expert's report. This report confirms that the Company has outstanding receivables with the Brazilian Federal Government and states that no supporting documents could be found with respect to the alleged payables by the Company to the Brazilian Federal Government.

The conclusion of court-ordered expert proceedings is pending, awaiting the Federal Government response.

#### 19.3. Compensation of employees and officers

The criteria for compensation of employees and officers are established based on the current labor legislation and the Company's policies related to Positions, Salaries and Benefits (*Plano de Cargos e Salários e de Benefícios e Vantagens*).

The compensation of employees (including those occupying managerial positions) and officers in the months of December 2015 and December 2014 were as follows:

Compensation of employees (amounts refer to monthly							
compensation in U.S. dollars)	2015 2014						
Lowest compensation	731.99 1,064.74						
Average compensation	4,315.36 5,905.34						
Highest compensation	23,442.1832,309.79						
Compensation of highest paid Petrobras officer	27,780.2138,798.87						

The total compensation of Petrobras' key management is set out as follows:

2015			2014		
Officers	Board	Total	Officers	Board	Total
	(members			(members)	

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		and alternates)				
Wages and short-term						
benefits	3.9	0.4	4.3	4.1	0.5	4.6
Social security and other						
employee-related taxes	1.0	0.1	1.1	1.1	0.1	1.2
Post-employment benefits						
(pension plan)	0.4	_	0.4	0.3	_	0.3
Variable compensation(*)				1.4	_	1.4
Total compensation						
recognized in the						
statement of income	5.2	0.5	5.7	6.9	0.6	7.5
					0.0	
Total compensation paid	5.2	0.5	5.7	6.5	0.6	7.1
Number of members	8	18	26	7	10	17
Number of members	0	10	20	1	10	Ι/

<sup>(\*)</sup> Due to the net loss of the year, the Extraordinary General Meeting, held on April 29, 2015, decided to cancel the full payment of Annual Variable Compensation (Remuneração Variável Anual - RVA 2014) for the year 2014, and also of all the deferred installments not yet paid, of officers' Annual Variable Compensation for the year 2013, according to corporate goals program and to law 6,404/76, article 152, paragraph 2.

In 2015, board members and officers of the consolidated Petrobras group received US\$ 20.3 as compensation (US\$ 30.8 in 2014).

The Extraordinary General Meeting held on July 1, 2015 amended the following:

• The article 18 of the Company's Bylaws to allow board members to have alternates with mandates limited to a two-year period; article 29 to establishes that five Advisory Committees will support the Board of Directors with their appraisals and recommendations regarding specific issues related to the Board; article 41 to permit that board members alternates may participate in all board meetings and receive a fixed monthly stipend as defined by the Board and in accordance with compensation limits established in the General Meeting;

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• This Extraordinary General Meeting also voted to increase the total Board members compensation established at the Annual General Meeting, by US\$ 245 thousand, in order to cover the fees of the alternate Board members from July 2015 to March 2016.

The compensation of the Advisory Committees to the Board of Directors is apart from the fixed compensation set for the Board members and, therefore, has not been classified under compensation of Petrobras' key management.

In 2015, the alternates of Board members which are also members of these committees received the amount of US\$ 25 thousand, as compensation (US\$ 30 thousand, including related charges).

#### 20. Provision for decommissioning costs

Non-current liabilities	2015	2014
Opening balance	8,267	7,133
Adjustment to provision	4,368	2,430
Payments made	(1,242)	(679)
Interest accrued	231	201
Others	121	75
Cumulative translation adjustment	(2,595)	(893)
Closing balance	9,150	8,267

The Company reviews and revises annually its estimated costs associated with well abandonment and dismantling of oil and gas producing properties.

As a result, for 2015, there was a US\$ 883 increase in the provision for decommissioning costs, mainly due to: (i) a US\$ 1,744 increase attributable to an acceleration of abandonment resulting from a shorter economic life of fields attributable to lower crude oil prices (Brent); (ii) a US\$ 1,848 increase due to an experience revision based on additional information obtained from 2015 well abandonments; and (iii) a US\$ 2,915 decrease related to a higher risk-adjusted discount rate of 6.73% p.a. (3.76% p.a. in 2014).

The Company regularly assesses new procedures and technologies in order to optimize the abandonment and dismantling of areas, considering industry best practices and previous experiences related to costs incurred through final abandonment.

## 21. Taxes

# 21.1. Income taxes and other taxes

Income taxes	Current asse	ets	<b>Current liabilities</b>		
	12.31.2015	12.31.2014	12.31.2015	12.31.2014	
Taxes in Brazil	959	1,018	62	139	
Taxes abroad	24	45	43	108	
	983	1,063	105	247	

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Other taxes	Current as 12.31.201!		Non-curre 12.31.201		Current lia 412.31.201		Non-curren (*) 412.31.2015
Current / Deferred ICMS (VAT) Current / Deferred PIS and COFINS	807	1,772	605	787	1,045	1,275	_
(taxes on revenues) CIDE Production	746 18	829 13	2,026 -	2,983 -	487 115	295 8	_ _
taxes Withholding income	_ _	_	_	_	622	1,517	_
taxes REFIS Others	- - 150 1,721	- - 73 2,687	- - 184 2,815	- - 230 4,000	435 274 244 3,222	486 - 281 3,862	15 11 - 26
Taxes abroad	44 1,765	61 2,748	6 2,821	8 4,008	143 3,365	202 4,064	_ 26

<sup>(\*)</sup> The values of other taxes in non-current liabilities are classified in others.

# 21.2. Tax amnesty and refinancing program - *Programa de Recuperação Fiscal* (REFIS)

On July 16, 2015 Petrobras paid US\$ 514 (US\$ 385 in cash and US\$ 129 using tax credits) to settle a definitive ruling at the administrative stage with respect to a tax deficiency notice issued by the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities. The notice is related to the tax on financial operations (*Imposto sobre operações financeiras - IOF*) applied to intercompany loans made by Petrobras to foreign subsidiaries in 2008.

In addition, Joint Ordinance 1,064 (*Portaria Conjunta RFB/PGFN 1.064*) issued by the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities and by the Brazilian Federal Tax Attorney General's Office, and

Normative Instruction 1,576/15 (*Instrução Normativa RFB 1.576/15*) issued by the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities, on August 3, 2015, provided taxpayers an option for partial relief from existing federal tax debts, through a tax amnesty program created under Law 12,996/14 – *Programa de Recuperação Fiscal (REFIS)*. The Company elected to join the *REFIS* to settle the tax liabilities as follows:

- a) Pay amounts due under the tax deficiency notices related to the tax on financial operations (IOF) applicable to intercompany loans made by Petrobras to its foreign subsidiaries in 2007, 2009 and 2010, and to pay amounts due related to the IOF applicable to similar intercompany loans made in other periods, for which a tax deficiency notice has not been issued (2011 and 2012), in the amount of US\$ 1,049. The Company had modified its procedures with respect to the payment of the IOF applicable to transactions from 2013 and, therefore, does not expect any additional tax deficiency notices.
- b) Pay the tax deficiency notices issued by the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities related to the alleged failure to pay withholding income tax (Imposto de Renda Retido na Fonte- IRRF) on amounts Petrobras paid to its former subsidiary Petrobras International Finance Company (PifCo) with respect to crude oil and oil product imports between 1999 and 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2007 to 2012, in the amount of US\$ 800.
- c) Penalties for noncompliance with customs clearance procedures on crude oil and oil product imports from 2008 to 2013, in the amount of US\$ 13.
- d) Indexation charges related to REFIS balance of US\$ 9 recognized in the last quarter of 2015.

The Company has agreed to pay those federal tax liabilities in 30 monthly installments, which are updated by the *Selic* interest rate, following an immediate down payment of 20% of the total amount due (after the discounts provided under the *REFIS*) and using tax credits (tax loss carryforwards) to pay for interest and penalties.

As a result, the Company recognized a total charge of US\$ 2,334 in 2015, of which US\$ 1,566 was recognized as other taxes expenses and US\$ 768 as finance expenses, of which the Company has already settled a total amount of US\$ 1,833: US\$ 971 was paid in cash, US\$ 509 by using tax credits and US\$ 353 by using judicial deposits. The remaining portion was recognized as taxes payable.

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## 21.3. Tax amnesty programs - State Tax (*Programas de Anistias Estaduais*)

In 2015, the Company elected to settle taxes in cash (VAT tax – ICMS) through an amnesty settlement programs administered by the states.

Date State Tax Law/Decree Amount

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In 2015 the Company charged to income US\$ 370, of which US\$ 314 was recognized in other taxes and US\$ 56 in finance expense in the Statement of Income.

# 21.4. Reduction tax litigation program (Programa de Redução de Litígios Tributários – PRORELIT)

On October 30, 2015, Petrobras joined the PRORELIT, established by Law No. 13,202 / 15 (Measure Conversion Act No. 685/15) paying US\$ 17, US\$ 5 in cash and US\$ 12 in tax credits debts and customs fines against the Company from 2014 and 2015 and to tax penalties for improper deduction of tax bases in 2003 and 2004. In 2015 the Company charged to income US\$ 17, of which US\$ 7 was recognized in other taxes expenses and US\$ 10 in finance expenses in the Statement of Income.

#### 21.5. Brazilian income taxes on earnings of offshore investees

During 2015 the Company has recognized additional income taxes expenses of US\$ 751 related to Brazilian income taxes on income generated by companies incorporated outside Brazil, as set out in the amendments to Brazilian Tax Law (note 4.15).

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#### 21.6. Deferred income taxes - non-current

Income taxes in Brazil comprise corporate income tax (IRPJ) and social contribution on net income (CSLL). Brazilian statutory corporate tax rates are 25% and 9%, respectively. The changes in the deferred income taxes are presented as follows:

#### a) Changes in deferred income taxes

**Property, Plant &** 

	Equipment	🔾						
	Oil and gas exploration costs	Others	Loans, trade and other receivables / payables and sfinancing	Finance leases	Provision for elegal proceedings	Tax	Inventories	Interes on ccapital
Balance at January 1,								
2014 Recognized in the	(13,406)	(3,903)	1,984	(518)	409	3,993	552	1,350
statement of								
income for the year Recognized	(2,055)	3,420	582	(42)	182	2,642	3	(1,418)
in shareholders	,							
equity Cumulative	-	-	1,952	(41)	_	-	-	-
translation adjustment Others (*)	1,814 -	262 (3)	(449) (70)	86 (77)	(75) 10	(854) (63)	(66) 1	68 -
Balance at December								
31, 2014 Recognized in the statement of	(13,647)	(224)	3,999	(592)	526	5,718	490	-
income for								
the period	(1,284) -	1,382 14	227 6,486	44 (14)	471 -	2,166 (152)	42 -	1

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Recognized in shareholders equity Cumulative translation	,							
adjustment Use of tax credits - REFIS and	4,608	223	(2,464)	206	(204)	(2,019	) (182)	(1)
PRORELIT	_	_	_	_	_	(521)	_	_
Others Balance at December	_	(104)	100	6	(1)	23	3	-
31, 2015	(10,323)	1,291	8,348	(350)	792	5,215	353	_

Deferred tax assets Deferred tax liabilities Balance at December 31, 2014

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(\*) Relates, primarily, to disposal of interests in investees or mergers.

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## b) Timing of reversal of deferred income taxes

Deferred tax assets were recognized based on projections of taxable profit in future periods supported by the Company's 2015-2019 Business and Management Plan (BMP). The main goals and objectives outlined in its business plan include business restructuring, a divestment plan, demobilization of assets and reducing operating expenses.

Management considers that the deferred tax assets will be realized to the extent the deferred tax liabilities are reserved and expected taxable events occur, based on its 2015-2019 Business and Management Plan.

The estimated schedule of recovery/reversal of net deferred tax assets (liabilities) recoverable (payable) as of December 31, 2015 is set out in the following table:

	Deferred income tax		
	Assets	Liabilities	
2016	1,310	21	
2017	415	19	
2018	124	26	
2019	989	33	
2020	689	26	
2021	1,993	27	
2022 and thereafter	496	80	
Recognized deferred tax credits	6,016	232	
Brazil	1,002	_	
Abroad	2,437	_	
Unrecognized deferred tax credits	3,439	_	
Total	9,455	232	

Unrecognized deferred tax credits in Brazil in amount of US\$ 1,002 comprise unused tax losses of subsidiaries without maturity which taxable profits are unexpected to be available against them in the future.

At December 31, 2015, the Company had tax loss carryforwards arising from offshore subsidiaries, for which no deferred tax assets had been recognized. These tax losses totaling US\$ 2,437 (US\$ 3,200 as of December 31, 2014) arose from net operating losses, mainly from oil and gas exploration and production and refining activities in the United States of US\$ 2,002 (US\$ 1,833 as of December 31, 2014), as well as Spanish companies in the amount of

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US\$ 435 (US\$ 485 as of December 31, 2014). In 2014 the Company had tax loss carryforwards from Dutch companies in amount of US\$ 882 which were fully utilized in 2015, thereby utilizing all available tax credits in that jurisdiction.

An aging of the unrecognized tax carryforwards, from companies abroad, classified by lapse of the applicable statute of limitations is set out below:

**Lapse of Statute of Limitations** 

Unrecognized deferred tax credits

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Total 2,437

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## 21.7. Reconciliation between statutory tax rate and tax expense

A reconciliation between income tax expense and the product of "income before income taxes" multiplied by the Brazilian statutory corporate tax rates is set out in the following table:

Income (loss) before income taxes	<b>2015</b> (9,748)	<b>2014</b> (8,824)	<b>2013</b> 13,410
Nominal income taxes computed based on Brazilian statutory corporate tax rates (34% Adjustments to arrive at the effective tax rate:	6)3,314	3,000	(4,558)
<ul> <li>Tax benefits from the deduction of interest on capital distribution</li> <li>Different jurisdictional tax rates for</li> </ul>	(1)	66	1,306
companies abroad . Brazilian income taxes on income of	(251)	559	644
companies incorporated outside Brazil (note 21.5)  Tax incentives	(751) 11	_ 26	57 (1)
<ul><li>Tax loss carryforwards (unrecognized ta losses)</li><li>Write-off - overpayments incorrectly</li></ul>	x (554)	(1,289)	_
capitalized (note 3)  Non taxable income (deductible	_	(907)	_
expenses), net (*)  Tax credits from offshore companies in	(658)	(338)	(198)
the exploration stage <ul><li>Others</li><li>Income taxes benefit (expense)</li></ul>	- 27 1,137	(1) 205 1,321	(2) 174 (2,578)
Deferred income taxes Current income taxes	2,043 (906) 1,137	3,045 (1,724) 1,321	(402) (2,176) (2,578)
Effective tax rate	11.7%	15.0%	19.2%

<sup>(\*)</sup> Includes the principal portion of the IOF tax contingency, as set out in note 21.2 (only the interest and inflation indexation portions are deductible) and share of earnings in equity-accounted investees.

#### 22. Employee benefits (Post-Employment)

	2015	2014
Liabilities		
Petros Pension Plan	5,938	7,874
Petros 2 Pension Plan	71	287
AMS Medical Plan	6,753	9,019
Other plans	88	107
	12,850	17,287
Current	655	796
Non-current	12,195	16,491
	12,850	17,287

#### 22.1. Petros Plan and Petros 2 Plan

The Company's post-retirement plans are managed by Fundação Petrobras de Seguridade Social (Petros), which was established by Petrobras as a nonprofit legal entity governed by private law with administrative and financial autonomy.

## a) Petros Plan - Fundação Petrobras de Seguridade Social

The Petros Plan was established by Petrobras in July 1970 as a defined-benefit pension plan and currently provides post-retirement benefits for employees of Petrobras and Petrobras Distribuidora S.A., in order to complement government social security benefits. The Petros Plan has been closed to new participants since September 2002.

Petros performs an annual actuarial review of its costs using the capitalization method for most benefits. The employers (sponsors) make regular contributions in amounts equal to the contributions of the participants (active employees, assisted employees and retired employees), on a parity basis.

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Petros' financial statements for 2015 will be presented to the Superintendência de Previdência Complementar – PREVIC (Superintendency of Post-retirement Benefits) by July 31, 2016 and in the event of a deficit higher than the ceiling amount established by the Resolution 22/2015, the Pension Plan will be require to initiate a deficit equating planning in 60 calendar days, beginning on the date of Executive Council approval. Accordingly, participants of the plan and their employers (sponsors) will be called to cover this deficit, pursuant to Brazilian Law (Constitutional Amendment 20/1998 and Complementary Law 109/2001), based on their respective proportions of regular contributions.

The aforementioned ceiling amount is determined by the following formula: 1% (duration of liabilities deducted by 4 years) x (total actuarial obligation).

As of December 31, 2015, the balance of the Terms of Financial Commitment (TFC), signed by Petrobras and Petros in 2008 is US\$ 3,036. The TCF is a financial commitment agreement to cover obligations with the pension plan, which amounts are due in 20 years, with 6% p.a. semiannual coupon payments based on the updated balance. The Company has provided crude oil and oil products pledged as security for the TFC totaling to US\$ 1,719 which are been reviewed.

The employers' expected contributions to the plan for 2016 are US\$ 180 and interest payments on TCF US\$ 188.

The duration of the actuarial liability related to the plan, as of December 31, 2015 is 10.06 years.

#### b) Petros 2 Plan - Fundação Petrobras de Seguridade Social

Petros 2 Plan was established in July 2007 by Petrobras and certain subsidiaries as a variable contribution plan recognizing past service costs for contributions for the period from August 2002 to August 29, 2007. The Petros 2 Plan currently provides post-retirement benefits for employees of Petrobras, Petrobras Distribuidora S.A., Stratura Asfaltos, Termobahia, Termomacaé, Transportadora Brasileira Gasoduto Brasil-Bolívia S.A. – TBG, Petrobras Transporte S.A. – Transpetro and Petrobras Biocombustível. The plan is open to new participants although there will no longer be payments relating to past service costs.

Certain elements of the Petros 2 Plan have defined benefit characteristics, primarily the coverage of disability and death risks and the guarantee of minimum defined benefit and lifetime income. These actuarial commitments are treated as defined benefit components of the plan and are accounted for by applying the projected unit credit method. Contributions paid for actuarial commitments that have defined contribution characteristics are accrued monthly in the statement of income and are intended to constitute a reserve for programmed retirement. The contributions for the portion of the plan with defined contribution

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characteristics were US\$ 222 in 2015.

The defined benefit portion of the contributions was suspended from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015, as determined by the Executive Council of Petros, based on advice of the actuarial consultants from Petros. Therefore, the entire contributions are being appropriated to the individual accounts of plan participants.

For 2016 the employers' expected contributions to the defined contribution portion of the plan are US\$ 259.

The duration of the actuarial liability related to the plan, as of December 31, 2015 is 29.58 years.

#### 22.2. Other plans

The Company also sponsors other pension and health care plans of certain of its Brazilian and international subsidiaries, including plans with defined benefit characteristics abroad, for subsidiaries in Argentina, Japan and other countries. Most of these plans are funded and their assets are held in trusts, foundations or similar entities governed by local regulations.

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#### 22.3. Pension Plans assets

Pension plans assets follow a long term investment strategy based on the risks assessed for each different class of assets and provide for diversification, in order to lower portfolio risk. The portfolio profile must comply with the Brazilian National Monetary Council (Conselho Monetário Nacional – CMN) regulations.

Petros establishes investment policies for 5-year periods, reviewed annually. Petros uses an asset liability management model (ALM) to address net cash flow mismatches of the benefit plans, based on liquidity and solvency parameters, simulating a 30-year period.

Portfolio allocation limits for the period between 2016 and 2020 for the Petros Plan of the Petrobras Group are 30% to 90% in fixed-income securities, 6% to 45% in variable-income securities, 2% to 8% in real estate, 0% to 15% in loans to participants, 0% to 10% in structured finance projects and up to 0% in variable-income securities abroad. Allocation limits for Petros 2 Plan for the same period are: 60% to 90% in fixed-income securities, 0% to 20% in variable-income securities, 0% to 5% in real estate, 0% to 15% in loans to participants, 0% to 8% in structured finance projects and 0% in variable-income securities abroad.

The pension plan assets by type of asset are set out following:

	2015 Quoted prices in active	Unquoted	Total fai value	r	2014 Total fai value	r
Type of asset	markets	prices		%		%
Fixed income	4,362	1,089	5,451	43%	7,715	38%
Corporate bonds	_	159	159		374	
Government bonds	4,362	_	4,362		5,881	
Other investments	_	930	930		1,460	
Variable income	4,309	169	4,478	36%	8,684	44%
Common and preferred						
shares	4,309	_	4,309		8,323	
Other investments	_	169	169		361	
Structured investments	_	978	978	8%	1,601	7%
Private equity funds	_	894	894		1,427	
Venture capital funds	_	9	9		20	
Real estate Funds	_	75	75		154	
Real estate properties	_	1,075	1,075	9%	1,436	7%
	8,671	3,311	11,982	96%	19,436	96%
Loans to participants			531	4%	715	4%
			12,513	100%	20,151	100%

As of December 31, 2015, the investment portfolio included Petrobras' common and preferred shares in the amount of US\$ 66 and US\$ 57, respectively, and Petros' real estate properties leased by the Company in the amount of US\$ 134.

Loans to participants are measured at amortized cost, which is considered to be an appropriate estimate of fair value.

# 22.4. Medical Benefits: Health Care Plan - Assistência Multidisciplinar de Saúde ("AMS")

Petrobras, Petrobras Distribuidora S.A., Petrobras Transporte S.A. – Transpetro, Petrobras Biocombustível and Transportador Brasileira Gasoduto Brasil-Bolívia - TBG operate a medical benefit plan for their employees in Brazil (active and retired) and their dependents: the AMS health care plan. The plan is managed by the Company based on a self-supporting benefit assumption and includes health prevention and health care programs. The plan is mainly exposed to the risk of an increase in medical costs due to new technologies, new types of coverage and to a higher level of usage of medical benefits. The Company continuously improves the quality of its technical and administrative processes, as well as the health programs offered to beneficiaries in order to hedge such risks.

The employees make fixed monthly contributions to cover high-risk procedures and variable contributions for a portion of the cost of the other procedures, both based on the contribution tables of the plan, which are determined based on certain parameters, such as salary and age levels. The plan also includes assistance towards the purchase of certain medicines in registered drugstores throughout Brazil. There are no health care plan assets. Benefits are paid and recognized by the Company based on the costs incurred by the participants.

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The duration of the actuarial liability related to this health care plan, as of December 31, 2015 is 21.54 years.

# 22.5. Net actuarial liabilities and expenses calculated by independent actuaries and fair value of plans assets

Aggregate information is presented for other plans, whose total assets and liabilities are not material.

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# a) Changes in the actuarial liabilities, in the fair value of the assets and in the amounts recognized in the statement of financial position

	2015				
	Pension pl	lan	Medical Plan	Other	
	Petros	Petros 2	AMS	plans	Total
Changes in the present value					
of obligations					
Obligations at the beginning of	27.700	E 4 2	0.010	1.67	27.420
the year	27,709	543 56	9,019 933	167 19	37,438
Interest expense: Term of financial commitment	2,847	56	933	19	3,855
(TFC)	454	_	_	_	454
Actuarial	2,393	56	933	19	3,401
Current service cost	2,393 77	35	58	12	182
Contributions paid by participants		_	_	_	102
Benefits paid	(1,213)	(5)	(347)	(4)	(1,569)
Remeasurement: Experience	(=,==5)	(3)	(3.7)	( . /	(2,303)
(gains) / losses	(521)	4	(764)	(4)	(1,285)
Remeasurement: (gains) / losses			,	,	( , = = ,
demographic assumptions	(46)	(49)	3	(1)	(93)
Remeasurement: (gains) / losses	-				
financial assumptions	(2,025)	(95)	853	(7)	(1,274)
Others	_	_	_	23	23
Cumulative Translation					
Adjustment	(8,760)	(192)	(3,002)	(62)	(12,016)
Obligations at the end of the year	18,170	297	6,753	143	25,363
Changes in the fair value of					
Changes in the fair value of plan assets					
Fair value of plan assets at the					
beginning of the year	19,835	256	_	60	20,151
Interest income	2,046	27	_	4	2,077
Contributions paid by the sponsor	-				
(Company)	193	_	349	7	549
Contributions paid by participants	102	_	_	_	102
Term of financial commitment					
(TFC) paid by the Company	165	_	_	_	165
Benefits Paid	(1,213)	(5)	(347)	(4)	(1,569)
Remeasurement: Return on plan	(2,744)	40	_	(1)	(2,705)
assets due to lower interest					

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income					
Others	_	_	_	13	13
Cumulative Translation					
Adjustment	(6,151)	(92)	(2)	(25)	(6,270)
Fair value of plan assets at the					
end of the year	12,233	226	_	54	12,513
Amounts recognized in the					
Statement of Financial					
Position					
Present value of obligations	18,170	297	6,753	143	25,363
( -) Fair value of plan assets	(12,233)	(226)	_	(54)	(12,513)
Net actuarial liability as of					
December 31,	5,937	71	6,753	89	12,850
Changes in the net actuarial					
liability					
Balance as of January 1,	7,874	287	9,019	107	17,287
Remeasurement effects					
recognized in other					
comprehensive income	152	(180)	92	(11)	53
Costs incurred in the period	878	64	991	27	1,960
Contributions paid	(193)	_	(349)	(7)	(549)
Payments related to Term of					
financial commitment (TFC)	(165)	_	_	_	(165)
Others	_	_	_	10	10
Cumulative Translation					
Adjustment	(2,609)	(100)	(3,000)	(37)	(5,746)
Balance as of December 31,	5,937	71	6,753	89	12,850

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	2014		Medical	Other	
	-	Pension plan			<b>-</b> 1
Changes in the present value of obligations	Petros	Petros 2	AMS	plans	Total
Obligations at the beginning of					
the year	27,804	354	6,999	151	35,308
Interest expense:	3,599	45	969	17	4,630
Term of financial commitment					
(TFC)	441	_	_	_	441
Actuarial	3,158	45	969	17	4,189
Current service cost	58	33	176	11	278
Contributions paid by participants	164	_	_	_	164
Benefits paid	(1,236)	(10)	(395)	(6)	(1,647)
Remeasurement: Experience					
(gains) / losses	1,114	158	(350)	7	929
Remeasurement: (gains) / losses -	-				
demographic assumptions	(2,022)	(55)	(757)	(6)	(2,840)
Remeasurement: (gains) / losses -	-				
financial assumptions	1,966	77	3,645	5	5,693
Others	_	_	_	7	7
Cumulative Translation					
Adjustment	(3,738)	(59)	(1,268)	(19)	(5,084)
Obligations at the end of the year	27,709	543	9,019	167	37,438
Changes in the fair value of					
plan assets					
Fair value of plan assets at the					
beginning of the year	22,462	233	_	40	22,735
Interest income	2,863	29	_	4	2,896
Contributions paid by the sponsor					
(Company)	245	_	396	7	648
Contributions paid by participants	164	_	_	_	164
Term of financial commitment					
(TFC) paid by the Company	203	_	_	_	203
Benefits Paid	(1,236)	(10)	(395)	(6)	(1,647)
Remeasurement: Return on plan					
assets due to lower interest	(0.005)			_	(a - a :
income	(2,206)	37	_	4	(2,165)
Others	(1)	_	_	20	19
	(2,659)	(33)	(1)	(9)	(2,702)

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Cumulative Translation Adjustment					
Fair value of plan assets at the					
end of the year	19,835	256	_	60	20,151
Amounts recognized in the					
Statement of Financial					
Position					
Present value of obligations	27,709	543	9,019	167	37,438
( -) Fair value of plan assets	(19,835)	(256)	_	(60)	(20,151)
Net actuarial liability as of					
December 31,	7,874	287	9,019	107	17,287
Changes in the net actuarial					
liability					
Balance as of January 1,	5,342	121	6,999	111	12,573
Remeasurement effects					
recognized in other	2.264	1.40	2.520	2	E 0.47
comprehensive income	3,264	143	2,538	2	5,947
Costs incurred in the period	794	49	1,155	24	2,022
Contributions paid	(245)	_	(396)	(7)	(648)
Payments related to Term of	(202)				(202)
financial commitment (TFC)	(203)	_	_	_ (12)	(203)
Others	1	_	_	(13)	(12)
Cumulative Translation	(1.070)	(26)	(1.277)	(10)	(2.202)
Adjustment	(1,079)	(26)	(1,277)	(10)	(2,392)
Balance as of December 31,	7,874	287	9,019	107	17,287

# b) Defined benefit costs

	2015 Pension		Medical		
	Plans Petros	Petros 2	Plan	Other	
			AMS	Plans	Total
Service cost	77	35	58	12	182
Interest on net liabilities (assets)	801	29	933	15	1,778
Others	_	_	_	_	_
Net expenses for the year Related to active employees:	878	64	991	27	1,960
Included in the cost of sales	258	33	204	2	497
Operating expenses in statement					
of income	133	27	128	24	312
Related to retirees	487	4	659	1	1,151
Net expenses for the year	878	64	991	27	1,960

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	2014 Pension		Medical		
	Plans Petros	Petros 2	Plan	Other	
			AMS	Other Plans	Total
Service cost	58	33	176	11	278
Interest on net liabilities (assets)	736	16	969	13	1,734
Others	_	_	10	_	10
Net expenses for the year Related to active employees:	794	49	1,155	24	2,022
Included in the cost of sales Operating expenses in statement	255	26	347	(1)	627
of income	140	22	179	24	365
Related to retirees	399	1	629	1	1,030
Net expenses for the year	794	49	1,155	24	2,022

	2013 Pension		Medical			
	Plans Petros	Petros 2	Plan	Other		
			AMS	Plans	Total	
Service cost	484	145	192	10	831	
Interest on net liabilities (assets)	912	51	735	16	1,714	
Others	_	22	_	(1)	21	
Net expenses for the year Related to active employees:	1,396	218	927	25	2,566	
Included in the cost of sales	597	119	267	3	986	
Operating expenses in statement						
of income	355	94	211	20	680	
Related to retirees	444	5	449	2	900	
Net expenses for the year	1,396	218	927	25	2,566	

# c) Sensitivity analysis of the defined benefit plans

The effect of a 100 basis points (bps) change in the assumed discount rate and medical cost trend rate is as set out below:

	Discount Rate Pension Benefits		Medical Benefits		Medical Cost Medical Benefits	
	+100 bps	-100 bps	+100 bps	-100 bps	+100 bps	-100 bps
Pension Obligation	(1,493)	1,777	(722)	877	901	(755)
Current Service cost and interest cost	(78)	94	(61)	72	158	(131)

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# d) Significant actuarial assumptions

<b>Assumptions</b> Discount rate - (real	2015	2014
rate) Expected Inflation (Brazilian price	7.33% (1) / 7.28% (2) / 7.32% (3)	6.14% (1) / 6.20% (2) / 6.15% (3)
index - IPCA) Nominal discount	6.87% (1) (2) (3) (4)	6.50% (1) (2) (3) (4)
rate (real rate + inflation) Expected salary	14.70% (1) / 14.65% (2) / 14.69% (3)	13.04% (1) / 13.10% (2) / 13.05 (3)
growth - real rate Expected salary growth - nominal	1.48% (1) / 2.79% (2)	1.761% (1) / 3.77% (2)
(real rate + Inflation) Medical plan	8.45% (1) / 9.85% (2)	8.37% (1) / 10.52% (2)
turnover	0.753% p.a (5)	0.642% p.a (5)
Pension plan turnover Expected changes in medical and hospita		Null
costs	14.92% to 3.70% p.a (6)	14.47% to 3.00% p.a (6) EX-PETROS 2013 (both genders) (1) (3)
Mortality table Disability table	AT-2000 female, smoothed in a 10% coefficient (2) TASA 1927 (1) / Álvaro Vindas (2) AT-49 male, amplified in a 10% coefficient (1)	AT-2000 female, smoothed in a 10% coefficient (2) TASA 1927 (1) (3) / Álvaro Vindas (2) AT-49 male, amplified in a 10% coefficient (1)
Mortality table for	(3)	(3)
disabled participants	IAPB 1957 (2) Male, 57 years / Female, 56 years	IAPB 1957 (2) Male, 57 years / Female, 56 years
Age of retirement	(7)	(7)

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- (1) Petros Plan for Petrobras Group.
- (2) Petros 2 Plan.
- (3) AMS Plan.
- (4) Inflation reflects market projections: 6.87% for 2016 and converging to 3.70% in 2025 torwards.
- (5) Average turnover (only of Petrobras, the sponsor) according to age and employment term.
- (6) Decreasing rate, converging in 30 years to the long-term expected inflation. Refers only to Petrobras (sponsor) rate.
- (7) Except for Petros 2 Plan, for which it was used the eligibility as the rules of Regime Geral de Previdência Social (RGPS) and the rules of the Plan.

## e) Expected maturity analysis of pension and medical benefits

	2015				
	Pension	Plan	Medical Plan		
	Petros	Petros		Other Plans	Total
Up to 1 Year	1,282	15	286	rialis	iotai