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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2006

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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)

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Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

FPSO Capixaba begins pre-operational activities in the Golfinho field

(Rio de Janeiro, May 8, 2006). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that pre-operational activities began at FPSO Capixaba in the Golfinho field in the Espírito Santo Basin.

The FPSO Capixaba is a floating, oil production, storage and offloading facility with a total daily production capacity of 100,000 barrels of oil and 3.5 million cubic meters of gas. During the pre-operational phase, which is expected to last between 5 and 7 days, it is estimated that the platform will produce up to 15,000 barrels/day of light 40° API grade oil.

Following the pre-operational phase, the FPSO Capixaba will go into full operation with production from the field contributing not only to the maintenance of Brazilian self-sufficiency in oil, but also increasing the share of light oil with a higher commercial value in the Company's portfolio. Output is expected to reach full capacity before the end of 2006.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 8, 2006

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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