

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA

Form 6-K

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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

For the month of May, 2012

Commission File Number 1-15106

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Brazilian Petroleum Corporation - PETROBRAS

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Avenida República do Chile, 65

20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ

Federative Republic of Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

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

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes ☐ No ☒

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

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS

Public Company

Material Fact

Dividends Payment

Rio de Janeiro, May 14, 2012 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A - Petrobras announces to shareholders that it will be making, on May 18, 2012, the payment of dividends deliberated on the Ordinary General Meeting held on March 19, 2012, related to the portion of the net adjusted profit of the 2011 results.

Common or preferred shareholders on the base date of March 19, 2012 will be entitled to this payment, in the amount of R\$ 0.12 (twelve cents) per dividend share. The table below presents the details of this payment:

	Dividends
Value in Reais per share ON and PN	R\$ 0,1200
Restatement at the SELIC Rate	R\$ 0,0044
Total Gross Value	R\$ 0,1244

This restatement at the SELIC Rate (R\$ 0,0044) will be subject to 22,5% withholding tax, corresponding to the variation in the SELIC rate between December 31, 2011 and May 18 2012. The above-mentioned withholding tax is not applicable to tax immune or exempt shareholders.

For the American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) negotiated in the New York Stock Exchange – NYSE, payment will be made through BNY Mellon, N.A., depositary bank for the ADRs. The estimated date for payment is May 25, 2012. Any other additional information may be obtained at www.adrinform.com.

Rights to interest on capital unclaimed within 3 (three) years as from payment date (May 18, 2012), will lapse and revert in favor of the Company (Law 6404/76, Article 287, Subsection II, Item a).

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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 14, 2012

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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