

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM 6-K

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

For the month of September, 2012

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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)

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).

Petrobras starts production of FPSO Cidade de Anchieta in pre-salt of Campos Basin

Rio de Janeiro, September 11, 2012 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras informs that yesterday, September 10, around 6 pm, it has started the oil production at well 7-BAZ-02-ESS through the platform Cidade de Anchieta.

The platform is located in the Baleia Azul field in the area known as Parque das Baleias, off the coast of the state of Espírito Santo in Campos Basin. This platform, which is an FPSO (Floating, Production, Storage and Offloading), is exclusively dedicated for pre-salt production at Baleia Azul, Jubarte and Pirambu fields, in which Petrobras holds a 100% stake.

FPSO Cidade de Anchieta will produce oil of high commercial value (28° API). The FPSO was chartered to SBM Services Inc., and has the capacity to process 100,000 barrels of oil and 3.5 million m3 of gas per day. The platform is installed at a water depth of 1,221 meters, 80 km off the coast. The produced natural gas will be pumped through the Sul-Norte Capixaba pipeline to the Natural Gas Treatment Unit in Cacimbas, on the coast of Espírito Santo state.

The initial production of well 7-BAZ-02-ESS, which is already connected to the platform, is estimated at 20,000 barrels per day. An additional 9 wells (6 production wells and 3 injection wells) will be connected to the platform. Peak production of 100,000 barrels per day by is expected to be reached in February 2013.

FPSO Cidade de Anchieta was converted at the Keppel shipyard in Singapore and is part of the pre-salt development project for the Parque das Baleias area.

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: September 11, 2012

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

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