

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA

Form 6-K

February 25, 2015

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 February, 2015

Commission File Number 1-15106

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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)

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 ☒

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### **Moody's reviews Petrobras' global ratings**

Rio de Janeiro, February 24, 2015 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras informs that Moody's Investors Service reviewed Petrobras' global foreign currency debt ratings from Baa3 to Ba2. This rating is still on review. With this grade Petrobras is no longer an Investment Grade company for Moody's.

According to Moody's, this revision reflects concerns with the ongoing investigation of corruption and possible liquidity pressures that may arise if the Company is not able to timely deliver its audited financial statements.

Moody's also affirms that the Company may go through challenging times in order to reduce its debt in the coming years and may need more time than previously expected to reduce its leverage.

Moody's affirms that will consider further developments in the ongoing investigations and the progress towards normal production of financial statements. The agency also takes into account the possibility of government support, in case of need, and states that Petrobras' rating would be sensitive to any change in the government's rating.

Petrobras does not have any covenants related to rating downgrades or to losing its investment grade status.

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are subject to risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements, which address the Company's expected business and financial performance, among other matters, contain words such as "believe," "expect," "estimate," "anticipate," "optimistic," "intend," "plan," "aim," "will," "may," "would," "likely," and similar expressions. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. There is no assurance that the expected events, trends or results will actually occur. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or future events or for any other reason.

The Company's actual results could differ materially from those expressed or forecast in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of assumptions and factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) failure to comply with laws or regulations, including fraudulent activity, corruption, and bribery; (ii) the outcome of ongoing corruption investigations and any new facts or information that may arise in relation to the "Lava Jato Operation"; (iii) the effectiveness of the Company's risk management policies and procedures, including operational risk; and (iv) litigation, such as class actions or proceedings brought by governmental and regulatory agencies. A description of other factors can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the Company's other filings with the U.S. Securities and

**Exchange Commission.**

## 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: February 24, 2015

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

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**Almir Guilherme Barbassa**  
**Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations**  
**Officer**

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