

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2010

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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).

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. PETROBRAS

MATERIAL FACT

Incorporation of Comperj Petroquímicos Básicos S.A. and Comperj PET S.A.

Rio de Janeiro, December 13 2010 Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras, in compliance with CVM Instruction No. 358/02, hereby announces that its Board of Directors, during a meeting held on December 10, 2010, approved the proposed incorporation of its wholly-owned subsidiaries Comperj Petroquímicos Básicos S.A. (UPB) and Comperj PET S.A. (PET), and that it will submit these incorporations to the deliberation of its shareholders during an Extraordinary General Meeting to be convened in due course.

UPB, whose core activity is producing petrochemical feedstock, and PET whose core activity is producing polyethylene terephthalate, are companies that are part of the current corporate structure of the Rio de Janeiro Petrochemical Complex (Comperj), located in the Municipality of Itaboraí/RJ, as wholly-owned Petrobras subsidiaries.

However, the prospects originally envisaged when the Comperj was approved changed in light of several economic, market, and cost events, leading to a new structure for the Comperj, turning it into a Program consisting of three stages and a new timeframe.

With the UPB incorporation, the refinery will become a Petrobras Operating Unit, a fact that is aligned with the company's business segment strategy of increasing refining capacity in Brazil and abroad, seeking to balance it with the growth of its oil production, meeting product quality levels as required by the market, and offering, optimally, a variety of products and services according to the amounts and quality demanded by the target markets.

With the PET incorporation, the Complex' corporate structure will be streamlined, minimizing costs and facilitating the reallocation of the Program's investment resources

The Company will keep its shareholders and the general market timely and adequately informed about any developments concerning the incorporation operations until their completion.

Almir Guilherme Barbassa

CFO and Investor Relations Officer

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: December 13, 2010

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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