

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA
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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 December, 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)

Avenida República do Chile, 65
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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.

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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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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).

Acquisition of Nitrogenated Fertilizers Plant in Paraná

Rio de Janeiro, December 18th, 2012 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras announces that it has entered into an agreement with Vale S.A. (“Vale”) to purchase 100% of the shares issued by Araucária Nitrogenados S.A. (“Araucária Nitrogenados”), located in Araucária, Paraná.

The transaction is worth US\$ 234 million and payments will be made using the revenues from the leasing of mining rights owned by Petrobras to Vale, in Sergipe state.

The Araucária Nitrogenados plant is capable of producing 700,000 tons per year (kta) of urea, 475 kta of ammonia and 450,000 m³/year of Arla 32. The raw material used is asphalt residue, which is supplied by the Presidente Getúlio Vargas Refinery (REPAR), in Araucária.

This plant complements Petrobras’s additional fertilizer assets, allowing for close proximity to markets in São Paulo and Paraná, greater storage capacity and means of transportation, as well as optimization of the production mix of each plant to meet the demands of their adjacent markets and potential synergies with REPAR.

This acquisition was approved by Petrobras’ Board of Directors in a meeting held today and is not subject to approval by the Shareholders Meeting, and thus, there is no withdrawal rights to shareholders, as it does not fit into the conditions foreseen in article 256 of the Brazilian Corporate Law.

Transfer of the control depends on compliance with precedent conditions, including approval from the Brazilian Antitrust Authority (CADE).

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 18, 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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All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement, and you should not place reliance on any forward-looking statement contained in this press release. 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.
