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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of September, 2007

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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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Yes No

New light oil discovery in the Santos Basin

(Rio de Janeiro, September 5, 2007). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that the consortium formed by Petrobras (45% - Operator), British Gas - BG (30%), and REPSOL YPF Brasil (25%) has discovered 27° API oil at exploratory well 1-BRSA-491-SPS (1-SPS-50), located at a depth of 2,140 m, 273 km off the coast, in the Santos Basin in Block BM-S-9, (Figure below).

This new positive result reaffirms the historic moment oil exploration is going through in Brazil, particularly in this deep water area in the Santos Basin.

The formation test performed in the vertical well suggests the production of 2,900 barrels of oil and 57,000 cubic meters of gas per day, with flow limited by the test's operating facility and safety restrictions. Formation test assessments and new geological studies are now being undertaken to prove whether or not the reservoirs that have been found have good productivity characteristics and economically viable volumes under such geographical conditions.

New investments will be made, including in drilling new wells and developing new technologies that will lead to progress in Santos Basin deep waters. To do so, in compliance with the regulatory agency's norms, the Consortium must submit an Assessment Plan for this discovery's area to the NPA indicating the deadline for future investments in Exploration.

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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: September 05, 2007

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
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