

BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORP
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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, 2006

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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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20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

Reorganization of the Financial Area

(Rio de Janeiro, September 1, 2006). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that it has completed the reorganization of its financial area.

The objective of the new general structure of the Financial Area is to integrate and bolster the Petrobras corporate activities, thereby improving the performance, control and sustainability of the Company's growth. The underlying rationale for the reorganization relates to the following aspects:

- a. growth perspectives incorporated in the Business Plan 2007-2011 that anticipate an annual increase of over 7.5% in output of oil, LNG and natural gas and a 68% increase in crude throughput over current refining levels by 2015, and investments of US\$ 87.1 billion in the period.
- b. the improvement of the Internal Controls System for meeting the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act which establishes specific responsibilities for the President and Chief Financial Officer, including the certification of the Company's financial statements;
- c. the adjustment of the organizational structure to act as a holding company in the guidance and coordination of the financial function of the companies within the Petrobras Group;
- d. organizational improvements, correcting overlapping functions, allocating responsibilities and correcting shortcomings in the Financial Area's operations;
- e. increasing the employment of the process management model adopted by the Company, eliminating dispersion in the execution of processes in the financial, accounting and fiscal areas and facilitating the monitoring, control and reduction in costs to the Company;
- f. adjustment to the perspectives for the Company's financial results;
- g. better structuring of the internal management of the area and the implementation of improvements;

The approved general structure with six executive departments has the following functions:

Corporate Financial Department Executive Manager: Daniel Lima de Oliveira
To manage and execute the corporate activities of the Financial Area, including the coordination and certification of the internal controls and the financial and corporate alignment of the Petrobras Group;

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Accounting Department Executive Management: Marcos Antonio Silva Menezes
To manage and consolidate the accounting processes of the Petrobras Group, relating with the regulatory agencies and executing the accounting activities of the Company and Group companies;

Finance Department Executive Manager: Pedro Augusto Bonésio
Provide guidance on cash management, banking relationships, funding, and other treasury operations for the Company and Group companies;

Fiscal Department Executive Manager: Maria Alice Ferreira Deschamps Cavalcanti
Plan and execute the Company's fiscal activities as well as those of the companies comprising the Group;

Financial Planning and Risk Management Executive Manager: Jorge Jose Nahas Neto
Coordinate the financial planning and risk management, evaluate the portfolio of existing assets and contract insurance cover for the Petrobras Group;

Investor Relations Department Executive Manager: Raul Adalberto de Campos
Plan, coordinate and execute the relationship of the Group companies with the market, the appropriate regulatory agencies and other company constituencies, and manage the Company's equities system.

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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 01, 2006

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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