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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of March, 2013

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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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(Address of principal executive office)

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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

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).

Negotiations for contracting 2 new FPSOs for Lula Alto and Lula Central áreas

Rio de Janeiro, March 19, 2013 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras and its Block BM-S-11 partners, BG E&P Brasil and Petrogal Brasil, announces negotiations are underway for the contracting with consortium QGOG/SBM (Queiroz Galvão Óleo e Gás S.A./ SBM Offshore) of 2 FPSOs for production development at Lula Alto and Lula Central, in Lula Field, Santos Basin pre-salt.

Each FPSO will be connected to 18 wells, 10 of which are production wells and 8 injectors. Production is expected to begin in January 2016 at Lula Alto and in March 2016 at Lula Central.

Each FPSO will have a processing capacity of 150,000 bpd of oil and 6,000,000 m3/day of natural gas.

By contract the FPSOs should be delivered no later than November 2015 for Lula Alto and January 2016 for Lula Central, allowing these areas to start production according to the schedule established in the Petrobras Business Plan. Local Content requirements in the contract are 65% for each FPSO.

With this strategy, Petrobras has strengthened the robustness of its oil production curve, without prejudice to local content requirements and contributing to the employment generation in the Brazilian shipbuilding industry

Consortium BM-S-11 is operated by Petrobras (65%), in partnership with BG E&P Brasil Ltda. (25%) and Petrogal Brasil S.A (10%).

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: March 19, 2013

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

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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.
