

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA  
Form 6-K  
May 18, 2010

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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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 May, 2010**

**Commission File Number 1-15106**

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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**  
**20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ**  
**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

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### **Preliminary Agreement for investments in Saudi Arabia**

Rio de Janeiro, May 17 2010   Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras announces it signed today a Preliminary Agreement for investments in partnership with Saudi Company Modern Mining Holding Company Limited, in Saudi Arabia. In 2009, the companies had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the intention of building a green petroleum coke calcining plant, which resulted into the Agreement signed today.

The Preliminary Agreement aims to undertake a further study to analyze the feasibility of developing, funding, building, and operating a calcined petroleum coke (CPC) plant in Saudi Arabia.

Under the terms of the agreement, it is expected that the plant be built in Jubail or Raz az Zawra and that it produce up to 700 thousand tons of CPC a year, with green coke provided by Petrobras. The estimated investments for the project are approximately \$450 million, with equal shares between the partners and the possibility of funding from government and financial institutions. The plant is expected to be able to go on stream in the second half of 2012.

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objetiva , deverá , bem como outros termos similares, visam a identificar tais previsões, as quais, evidentemente, envolvem riscos ou incertezas previstos ou não pela Companhia. Portanto, os resultados futuros das operações da Companhia podem diferir das atuais expectativas, e o leitor não deve se basear exclusivamente nas informações aqui contidas.

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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: May 18, 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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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.

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