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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 June, 2010

Commission File Number 1-15106

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.

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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

Clarifications about the Capitalization:

Payment by the Brazilian Federal Government

Rio de Janeiro, June 29, 2010 Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras in response to an official letter from the Comissão de Valores Mobiliários, the Brazilian securities regulator or CVM (OFÍCIO/CVM/SEP/GEA-1/N° 275/2010), complementing a statement released to the market on June 25, 2010 in response to a previous official letter from the CVM (OFÍCIO/CVM/SEP/GEA-1/N° 272/2010), hereby provides the following additional clarifications about an alternative form of payment by the Brazilian federal government in the capitalization transaction planned by Petrobras.

Consulted again, Finance Minister Guido Mantega reiterates that no alternative plan for Petrobras capitalization is under consideration and that, therefore, no discussion about an alternative form of payment by the Brazilian federal government for the shares to be issued by Petrobras during the capitalization process is necessary. As described in Article. 9, sole paragraph of the legislation approved by the Brazilian Congress on June 9, 2010 and currently pending signature by the President (Draft Bill No. 5941/09):

"Art 9 The Brazilian federal government is hereby authorized to subscribe for shares of Petrobras' capital stock and to pay for them with federal public debt securities.

Sole paragraph. The Brazilian federal government is hereby authorized, at the discretion of the Minister of Finance, to issue the bonds referred to above, priced at market value and in the form of a direct placement." (emphasis added)

In light of the possible form of payment by the Brazilian federal government and seeking to provide equitable treatment to all shareholders, the Company's Board of Directors approved the use of federal government bonds by minority shareholders to pay for their intended shares, as announced on November 19, 2009. The Company will disclose the valuation criteria and identify the bonds that may be used by minority shareholders to purchase their shares when that information is available.

This announcement is not an offer of Petrobras shares. Petrobras shares may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration, and Petrobras currently intends to

register the proposed offering in the United States. Any public offering of Petrobras shares will be made by means of a prospectus containing detailed information about Petrobras and the offering.

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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: June 29, 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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