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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of January, 2011

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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

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Material Fact

Petrobras Proved Reserves in 2010

Rio de Janeiro, January 17, 2011 Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras, announces its proved reserves of oil, condensate and natural gas in 2010 according to the Security and Exchange Commission SEC criteria.

Petrobras Proved Reserves in 2010 (Brazil and International)

On December 31st, 2010, Proved Reserves were 12.748 billion boe, representing an increase of 5% in relation to 2009, distributed as shown:

Proved Reserves SEC Criteria	Volume (billion boe)	%
Brazil	12.138	95
International	0.610	5
Total	12.748	100

During 2010, 1.472 billion boe were incorporated into Proved Reserves during 2010 and 867 million boe were produced, resulting in an increase of 0.605 billion boe in relation to 2009 reserves (12.143 billion boe).

Proved Reserves Breakdown SEC	Volume (billion boe)
A) Proved Reserves in December, 2009	12.143
B) 2010 Production	(0.867)
C) Incorporation of Proved Reserves in 2010	1.472

D) Variation (B + C)	0.605
E) Proved Reserves in December, 2009 (A + D)	12.748

For each barrel of oil equivalent produced in 2010, 1.70 barrels of oil equivalent were appropriated, resulting in a Reserve Replacement Index of 170 %. The Reserve-Production Ratio was 14.7 years.

In addition to the volumes mentioned above, Petrobras has the right to produce, in pre-salt areas, 5 billion barrels of oil equivalent, acquired in 2010 with the Transfer of Rights Agreement.

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Petrobras Proved Reserves in Brazil

On December 31 2010, the Proved oil, condensate, and natural gas Reserves in the fields under concession to Petrobras in Brazil rose to **12.138** billion barrels of oil equivalent (boe), 5 % more than in 2009.

Proved Reserves SEC Criteria	Volume	%
Oil and Condensate (billion bbl)	10.380	86
Natural Gas (billion m ³)	279.673	14
Oil Equivalent (billion boe)	12.138	100

During 2010, 1.372 billion boe were appropriated to the Proved Reserves, compared to a cumulative production of 797million boe, as shown below:

Proved Reserves Breakdown SEC Criteria	Volume (billion boe)
A) Proved Reserves in December, 2009	11.563
B) 2010 Production	(0.797)
C) Incorporation of Proved Reserves in 2010	1.372
D) Variation (B + C)	0.575
E) Proved Reserves in December, 2010 (A + D)	12.138

For each barrel of oil equivalent produced in 2010, 1.72 barrels of oil equivalent were appropriated, resulting in a Reserve Replacement Index (RRI) of 172%. The Reserve-Production ratio was 15.2 years.

Eight hundred million boe of proved reserves are being appropriated from the Santos Basin Pre-Salt, while 100 million boe of proved reserves from the Campos Basin Pre-Salt.

International Proved Reserves

On December 31 2010, Petrobras Proved oil, condensate, and natural gas Reserves abroad, as per the SEC criterion, were 0.610 billion boe, 5 % more than a year earlier (0.580 billion boe).

Proved Reserves - SEC	Volume	%
Oil and Condensate (billion bbl)	0.378	62
Natural Gas (billion m3)	39.290	38
Oil Equivalent (billion boe)	0.610	100

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During 2010, 0.100 billion boe were appropriated to the Proved Reserves, compared to a cumulative production of 70 million boe, as shown below:

Proved Reserves Breakdown SEC Criteria	Volume (billion boe)
A) Proved Reserves in December, 2009	0.580
B) 2010 Production	(0.070)
C) Incorporation of Proved Reserves in 2010	0.100
D) Variation (B + C)	0.030
E) Proved Reserves in December, 2010 (A + D)	0.610

For each barrel of oil equivalent produced in 2010, 1.43 barrels of oil equivalent were appropriated, according to the SEC criteria the Reserve Replacement Index (RRI) in 2009 was of 143% and the Reserve/Production (R/P) ratio was 8.7 years.

The main reserve incorporation took place at Block 57, in Peru.

Petrobras clarifies that the hydrocarbon reserve properties belong to their respective National States.

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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: January 18, 2011

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
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