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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)

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Federative Republic of Brazil**
(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

Clarification on the hiring of an FPSO

Rio de Janeiro, June 2, 2010 - Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras, the operator of the consortium in charge of developing Block BM-S-11, announced, on 06/01/2010, the signing of the Letter of Intent with SBM Offshore N.V. (SBM) and Queiroz Galvão Óleo e Gás S.A. (QGOG) for the construction of the FPSO that will operate in the second pilot project in the Tupi area, in the pre-salt layer of the Santos Basin.

SBM, in turn, issued a statement announcing that the estimated amount of the payments due by Petrobras in regarding to the contract to be executed in the upcoming days totaled approximately US\$3.75 billion.

The Company clarifies that its disclosure policy does not contemplates the disclosure of financial information about the executed contract, including the chartering rate of its platforms. However, in the context of the disclosure made by SBM, Petrobras clarifies that the amount refers to the sum of the chartering and operation rates, for the 20 years contract tenor and does not consider the net present value methodology. The first payment will only be made after the vessel has been delivered and operations begin.

Petrobras confirms that the project's timeline calls for the FPSO to be delivered 34 months after the Letter of Intent is signed.

Block BM-S-11 is operated by Petrobras (65%), in partnership with BG E&P do Brasil Ltda. (25%) and Petrogal Brasil/Galp Energia (10%).

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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 2, 2010

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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