

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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, 2016

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)

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

Approval of Sale of Petrobras Argentina

Rio de Janeiro, May 12, 2016 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras, in accordance with the material facts published on January 20, 2016, March 2, 2016, April 8, 2016, and May 3, 2016, announces that its Board of Directors approved, in a meeting held today, the sale of its entire 67.19% shareholding in Petrobras Argentina (PESA), owned by Petrobras Participaciones S.L. (“PPSL”), to Pampa Energía.

The transaction’s base price is US\$892 million, equivalent to the value of US\$1.327 billion for 100% of PESA. The transaction also included an agreement for subsequent operations for the acquisition of 33.6% of the concession of Rio Neuquen, Argentina, and 100% of Colpa Caranda asset in Bolivia for a total amount of US\$52 million.

The Rio Neuquen and Colpa Caranda assets have strategic value for Petrobras, because they represent a great potential for natural gas production in the Neuquén Basin, where Petrobras estimates to have large unconventional natural gas reserves (tight gas). It is noteworthy that the subsequent operations related to these assets are subject to approval by the appropriate bodies of deliberation of PESA and the relevant regulatory agencies.

The completion of the transaction is subject to certain typical conditions, including the approval by the relevant regulatory agencies.

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 12, 2016

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Ivan de Souza Monteiro
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.
