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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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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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Yes No

President of Petrobras at La Paz meeting

(Rio de Janeiro, May 11, 2006). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that the Minister of Mines and Energy of Brazil, Silas Rondeau, the Minister of Hydrocarbons of Bolivia, Andres Soliz Rada, and the presidents of Petrobras, José Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo and YPFB, Jorge Alvarado, met yesterday in La Paz in the spirit of the Puerto Iguazu Declaration, to discuss the issues arising from Decree, DS 28701 of May 1 2006.

The Minister of Mines and Energy of Brazil and the President of Petrobras reiterated their total respect for the sovereign decisions of the Bolivian government and people contained in DS 28701 and expressed their willingness to implement such decisions in accordance with appropriate regulations.

Within the framework of the complementary regulations, the parties agreed to hold meetings at a technical level for reaching a decision on the following aspects:

- Conditions for conducting business during the transition phase;
- Definition of conditions and contracts necessary for the production of gas and its commercialization; and the refining process, including mechanisms and forms of negotiated compensation;
- Preconditions for the signing of the production contracts.

Agreement was reached to establish a High Level Commission, made up of both ministers and the presidents of Petrobras and YPFB. At the same time, a technical commission is to be set up, subdivided into three working groups.

The parties further agreed that the proposal for revising natural gas prices should be discussed in a rational and equitable manner under the terms of the Puerto Iguazu Declaration and within the framework of the gas supply agreement (GSA).

The procedures established at the meeting reflect the interest of the parties in further enhancing the bilateral dialog.

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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 11, 2006

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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