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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of December, 2017

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. – 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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Libra Consortium signs contract for FPSO for Mero Field

Rio de Janeiro, December 18, 2017 - Petróleo Brasileiro SA - Petrobras, the Libra Consortium operator, announces that it signed, on November 14th, a contract with the Modec group to charter a FPSO platform (a Floating Production Storage and Offloading unit), the first definitive production system of Mero Field, which will be used in the Mero Pilot project. The project includes the interconnection of up to 17 wells to the platform and the start of the production is planned for 2021.

The FPSO will have a daily operational capacity rate up to 180,000 barrels of oil (bpd) and 12 million cubic meters per day of gas and will be installed in a water depth of 2,100 meters, in Mero Field, located in the northwestern area of the Libra block, about 180 km off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, in the pre-salt of the Santos basin.

The unit will be operated by Modec, the company responsible for the construction, and chartered for 22 years. Part of the construction will be carried out in Brazil, aligned with Petrobras' experience with other charters already performed.

Until now, 12 wells were drilled in Libra block. Because of its extension, high production potential, good quality of its oil and high commercial value, Libra opens a new business opportunity to the offshore industry.

The production on the Libra block started on November 26, this year, with the beginning of operation of Pioneiro de Libra FPSO, dedicated to Extended Well Tests and Early Production Systems. The consortium has declared commerciality of the oil accumulation located in the northwestern portion of the block on November 30, as disclosed to the market. With the declaration of commerciality, the northwestern portion of Libra officially became a field and was named Mero Field.

Libra Consortium is led by Petrobras - with a 40% interest - in partnership with Shell (20%); Total (20%), CNPC (10%) and CNOOC Limited (10%). The consortium also has the participation of the state-owned company Pré-Sal Petróleo SA (PPSA) as manager of the Production Sharing Agreement.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are subject to risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements, which address the Company's expected business and financial performance, among other matters, contain words such as "believe," "expect," "estimate," "anticipate," "optimistic," "intend," "plan," "aim," "will," "may," "should," "could," "would," "likely," and similar expressions. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. There is no assurance that the expected events, trends or results will actually occur. 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.

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The Company's actual results could differ materially from those expressed or forecast in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of assumptions and factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) failure to comply with laws or regulations, including fraudulent activity, corruption, and bribery; (ii) the outcome of ongoing corruption investigations and any new facts or information that may arise in relation to the "Lava Jato Operation"; (iii) the effectiveness of the Company's risk management policies and procedures, including operational risk; and (iv) litigation, such as class actions or proceedings brought by governmental and regulatory agencies. A description of other factors can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the Company's other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

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.

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. – PETROBRAS

Date: December 18, 2017.

By: /s/ Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Name: Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer
