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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August, 2010

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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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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 Price of the Barrels of Oil

subject to the Transfer of Rights

Rio de Janeiro, August 19th, 2010 Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras explains that, in response to an Official Letter from the Comissão de Valores Mobiliários, the Brazilian securities regulator or CVM (CVM/SEP/GEA-1/No. 353/2010), concerning the article in the *Folha de São Paulo* newspaper printed on August 18, 2010, entitled "Minister sees barrel closer to US\$10", concerning statements made by Márcio Zimmermann, the Minister of Mines and Energy and a member of Petrobras Board of Directors :

In accordance with the requirements of Paragraph 1, article 3, of CVM Instruction no. 358/02, the Company asked the Minister about the statements made in the newspaper article. The Minister affirmed that the statement referred to areas with characteristics similar to the pre-salt areas already under concession, and in no event did he provide a declarative statement concerning the valuation of the barrels of oil to be transferred to Petrobras pursuant to the Transfer of Rights. The statement "it indicates that the value of the reserves should remain within this price range" is solely an inference made by the newspaper.

With regard to the statement that the objective of the government is to "maximize the value of the reserves, since they are an asset of the Brazilian Federal Government", it should be noted that the Transfer of Rights will be a commercial transaction between two parties, Petrobras and the Brazilian Federal Government, in accordance with market rules and observing the Company's policies regarding to transactions between related parties and transparency. As such, it is natural for both parties to seek, through negotiations, to maximize their results. Therefore, it is not a sign that the price will be closer to US\$10 than to US\$5, which is an inference made by the newspaper article.

In the same article, the Minister affirmed that the government will seek a fair price, proving that values have not yet been determined. The same article also affirms that the ANP has not yet delivered to the Ministry of Mines and Energy the result of the studies ordered to the certification company concerning the value and volume of the reserves that will be transferred to Petrobras pursuant to the Transfer of Rights. Thus, it is not appropriate to talk about a material fact according to the rules of the CVM, since there is no concrete and defined information concerning the price of the barrels of oil.

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It is important to note that the determination of the price of the barrels of oil subject to the Transfer of Rights depends, among other factors and in addition to the determination of the areas that will be subject to the Transfer of Rights, upon the completion of the appraisals of the certification company hired by Petrobras and of the certification company hired by the ANP concerning the fair price, and, only after the completion of these appraisal reports will Petrobras and the Brazilian Federal Government discuss and determine the fair price of the barrels of oil subject to the Transfer of Rights.

Concerning newspaper reports published today, Petrobras clarifies that the Transfer of Rights is still under negotiation and the Company has been working to carry out a potential public offering of shares in September. At the moment, any discussion concerning the value of the barrels of oil subject to the Transfer of Rights is merely speculative, given that the reports from the certification companies are still not ready.

This announcement is not an offer of Petrobras shares. Petrobras shares may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an exemption from registration, and Petrobras currently intends to register the proposed offering in the United States. Any public offering of Petrobras shares will be made by means of a prospectus containing detailed information about Petrobras and the offering.

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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: August 19, 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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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.
