

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA  
Form 6-K  
December 23, 2008

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

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**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 December, 2008**

**Commission File Number 1-15106**

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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)

**Avenida República do Chile, 65**  
**20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ**  
**Federative Republic of Brazil**  
(Address of principal executive office)

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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

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### **Extension of the financing terms**

(Rio de Janeiro, December 22, 2008). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, informs it has refinanced the loans contracted with Banco do Brasil (BB) and Caixa Econômica Federal (CEF) during 2008, postponing its maturities and enlarging the principal amount due to CEF.

The loans with BB, in the amount of R\$ 2.0 billions, that were negotiated during the first semester of this year with the maturities schedules for the first semester of 2009, were prepaid and exchange for a new loan, to mature in 2011.

The Company has also pre-paid the loan contracted at the end of the last October with CEF, and then exchange it for a new loan in the total amount to R\$ 3.6 billions, bringing additional net resources in the amount of R\$ 1.5 billion. Maturity is also scheduled for the beginning of 2011.

By these new transactions the Company aims to extend the duration of its debt, adjusting it to Company's needs.

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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: December 23, 2008

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:           /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa          

**Almir Guilherme Barbassa**  
**Chief Financial Officer and**  
**Investor Relations Officer**

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