

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA
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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2016

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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)

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

Signature of Petrobras Argentina Sale Contract

Rio de Janeiro, May 13, 2016 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras, pursuant to the Material Fact published yesterday. May 12, 2016 hereby announces the signature, today, of a Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Pampa Energía, for the sale of its interest in Petrobras Argentina (PESA) held through Petrobras Participaciones S.L. (PPSL).

The amount of US\$892 million from the sale of 67.19% of PESA will be paid in two installments, the first of which, corresponding to 20% of the total amount (US\$178 million) having been deposited in an escrow account today. The remainder will be paid on conclusion of the transaction, expected to occur within three months.

The transaction also envisages subsequent contingent payments related to possible concession renewals and other future events.

Also as part of the transaction, Petrobras guaranteed that it would continue operating in the exploration and production segment in Argentina through the subsequent acquisition of 33.6% of the Rio Neuquen concession. The acquisition of the Colpa Caranda asset, in Bolivia, is also considered strategic, due to synergies with Brazil's natural gas market.

This transaction, carried out through a competitive process, is an important part of Petrobras' 2015-16 Divestment Plan.

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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,” “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.

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, 2014, and the Company’s other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

