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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of December, 2008

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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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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

Clarifications about Investments

(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, in response to written notice received from Securities and Exchange Commission of Brazil CVM (CVM/SEP/GEA-2/No. 320/08), regarding an article published by the Valor Econômico newspaper that stated that

The new Maranhão and Ceará refineries, estimated at \$30.9 billion, will be in Petrobras 2009-2013 strategic plan, and a story posted on the Agência Estado Portal, on December 18 under the Dilma: Petrobras will invest R\$40 billion in 2009 headline, clarifies that:

The Company communicated widely, via market announcements issued on June 10 and 16 and on September 5 2008, that it is analyzing the possibility of installing two Premium refineries capable of processing 300,000 bpd and 600,000 bpd. Downstream Officer, Paulo Roberto Costa, states that he did not disclose investment figures for these two refineries and that they are still under analysis taking the Company's investment capacity into account. Such investments were not foreseen in the 2008-2012 Business Plan.

Therefore, regarding the statement that the refineries will be included in the 2009-2013 Business Plan, the Company informs that due to fact that the Board of Directors has not finalized its analysis of the Plan yet, as announced last Friday, the investments for the next five years will only be announced in 2009.

Concerning the statement made by Minister Dilma Rouseff, the R\$40 billion investment forecast for 2009 is related to amounts included in the current 2008-2012 Business Plan, which considers an average annual investment in the order of \$19.5 billion in Brazil. As the Minister highlighted, this forecast does not include possible investments in the pre-salt area, since these discoveries were made after the current Plan was announced, in August 2007, and may be amended for this reason.

The goals and investments currently in effect at the Company remain those announced in August 2007 for the 2008-2012 period until the new plan is approved, a fact that will be widely disclosed to the market.

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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 22, 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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