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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<b>Title of each class:</b>	<b>Name of each exchange on which registered:</b>
Petrobras Common Shares, without par value*	New York Stock Exchange*
Petrobras American Depositary Shares, or ADSs (evidenced by American Depositary Receipts, or ADRs), each representing 2 Common Shares	New York Stock Exchange
Petrobras Preferred Shares, without par value*	New York Stock Exchange*
Petrobras American Depositary Shares (as evidenced by American Depositary Receipts), each representing 2 Preferred Shares	New York Stock Exchange
6.125% Global Notes due 2016, issued by PifCo	New York Stock Exchange
5.875% Global Notes due 2018, issued by PifCo	New York Stock Exchange
7.875% Global Notes due 2019, issued by PifCo	New York Stock Exchange
5.75% Global Notes due 2020, issued by PifCo	New York Stock Exchange
6.875% Global Notes due 2040, issued by PifCo	New York Stock Exchange

\* Not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of American Depositary Shares pursuant to the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange.

**Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**  
**Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act:**

**Title of each class:**  
9.750% Senior Notes due 2011, issued by PifCo  
9.125% Global Notes due 2013, issued by PifCo  
7.75% Global Notes due 2014, issued by PifCo  
8.375% Global Notes due 2018, issued by PifCo

**The number of outstanding shares of each class of stock of Petrobras and PifCo as of December 31, 2009 was:**

5,073,347,344 Petrobras Common Shares, without par value  
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300,050,000 PifCo Common Shares, at par value U.S.\$1 per share

**Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined by Rule 405 of the Securities Act.**

Yes  No

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Yes  [Petrobras] No

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[Petrobras]

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

[PifCo]

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

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the International Accounting Standards Board

Other

If Other has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

Item 17  Item 18

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes  No

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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Many statements made in this annual report are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), that are not based on historical facts and are not assurances of future results. Many of the forward-looking statements contained in this annual report may be identified by the use of forward-looking words, such as believe, expect, anticipate, should, planned, estimate and potential, among others. We have made forward-looking statements that address, among other things, our:

- regional marketing and expansion strategy;
- drilling and other exploration activities;
- import and export activities;
- projected and targeted capital expenditures and other costs, commitments and revenues;
- liquidity; and
- development of additional revenue sources.

Because these forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, there are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include, among other things:

- our ability to obtain financing;
- general economic and business conditions, including crude oil and other commodity prices, refining margins and prevailing exchange rates;
- global economic conditions;
- our ability to find, acquire or gain access to additional reserves and to successfully develop our current ones;

- changes in, or failure to comply with, laws or regulations;
- receipt of governmental approvals and licenses;
- international and Brazilian political, economic and social developments;
- military operations, acts of terrorism or sabotage, wars or embargoes;
- the cost and availability of adequate insurance coverage; and
- other factors discussed below under Risk Factors.

These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, our actual results could differ materially from those expressed or forecast in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those in Risk Factors set forth below.

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 annual report. 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 crude oil and natural gas reserve data presented or described in this annual report are only estimates and our actual production, revenues and expenditures with respect to our reserves may materially differ from these estimates.

This is the annual report of both Petr leo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras (Petrobras) and its direct wholly owned Cayman Islands subsidiary, Petrobras International Finance Company (PifCo). PifCo's operations, which consist principally of purchases and sales of crude oil and oil products, are described in further detail below.

- uncertainties inherent in making estimates of our oil and gas reserves including recently discovered oil and gas reserves;
- competition;
- technical difficulties in the operation of our equipment and the provision of our services;

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms Petrobras, we, us, and our refer to Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras and its consolidated subsidiaries and special purpose companies, including Petrobras International Finance Company. The term PifCo refers to Petrobras International Finance Company and its subsidiaries.

**GLOSSARY OF PETROLEUM INDUSTRY TERMS**

Unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the meanings shown below:

ANP	The <i>Agência Nacional de Petróleo, Gás Natural e Biocombustíveis</i> (National Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels Agency), or ANP, is the federal agency that regulates the oil, natural gas and renewable fuels industry in Brazil.
Barrels	Barrels of crude oil.
BSW	Basic sediment and water, a measurement of the water and sediment content of flowing crude oil.
Catalytic cracking	A process by which hydrocarbon molecules are broken down (cracked) into lighter fractions by the action of a catalyst.
Coker	A vessel in which bitumen is cracked into its fractions.
Condensate	Light hydrocarbon substances produced with natural gas, which condense into liquid at normal temperature and pressure.
Deep water	Between 300 and 1,500 meters (984 and 4,921 feet) deep.
Distillation	A process by which liquids are separated or refined by vaporization followed by condensation.
EWT	Extended well test
FPSO	Floating Production, Storage and Offloading Unit.
Heavy crude oil	Crude oil with API density less than or equal to 22°.
Intermediate crude oil	Crude oil with API density higher than 22° and less than or equal to 31°.
Light crude oil	Crude oil with API density higher than 31°.
LNG	Liquefied natural gas.
LPG	Liquefied petroleum gas, which is a mixture of saturated and unsaturated hydrocarbons, with up to five carbon atoms, used as domestic fuel.

NGLs	Natural gas liquids, which are light hydrocarbon substances produced with natural gas, which condense into liquid at normal temperature and pressure.
Oil	Crude oil, including NGLs and condensates.
Pre-salt reservoir	A geological formation containing oil or natural gas deposits located beneath an evaporitic layer.
Proved reserves	Consistent with the definitions in the SEC's Amended Rule 4-10(a) of Regulation S-X, proved oil and gas reserves are those quantities of oil and gas, which, by analysis of geoscience and engineering data, can be estimated with reasonable certainty to be economically producible from a given date forward, from known reservoirs, and under existing economic conditions, operating methods, and government regulations. Existing economic conditions include prices and costs at which economic producibility from a reservoir is to be determined. The price is the average price during the 12-month period prior to December 31, 2009, unless prices are defined by contractual arrangements, excluding escalations based upon future conditions. The project to extract the hydrocarbons must have commenced or we must be reasonably certain that we will commence the project within a reasonable time.

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Reserves which can be produced economically through application of improved recovery techniques (such as fluid injection) are included in the proved classification when successful testing by a pilot project, or the operation of an installed program in the reservoir, provides support for the engineering analysis on which the project or program was based.

Proved developed reserves are reserves that can be expected to be recovered: (i) through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods or in which the cost of the required equipment is relatively minor compared to the cost of a new well; and (ii) through installed extraction equipment and infrastructure operational at the time of the reserves estimate if the extraction is by means not involving a well.

Proved undeveloped reserves are reserves that are expected to be recovered from new wells on undrilled acreage, or from existing wells where a relatively major expenditure is required for recompletion. Reserves on undrilled acreage are limited to those directly offsetting development spacing areas that are reasonably certain of production when drilled, unless evidence using reliable technology exists that establishes reasonable certainty of economic producibility at greater distances.

Undrilled locations are classified as having undeveloped reserves only if a development plan has been adopted indicating that they are scheduled to be drilled within five years, unless the specific circumstances justify a longer time. Proved undeveloped reserves do not include reserves attributable to any acreage for which an application of fluid injection or other improved recovery technique is contemplated, unless such techniques have been proved effective by actual projects in the same reservoir or an analogous reservoir or by other evidence using reliable technology establishing reasonable certainty.

SS Semi-submersible unit.

Ultra-deep water Over 1,500 meters (4,921 feet) deep.

**CONVERSION TABLE**

1 acre	=	0.004047 km <sup>2</sup>	
1 barrel	=	42 U.S. gallons	= Approximately 0.13 t of oil
1 boe	=	1 barrel of crude oil equivalent	= 6,000 cf of natural gas
1 m <sup>3</sup> of natural gas	=	35.315 cf	= 0.0059 boe
1 km	=	0.6214 miles	
1 km <sup>2</sup>	=	247 acres	
1 meter	=	3.2808 feet	
1 t of crude oil	=	1,000 kilograms of crude oil	= Approximately 7.5 barrels of crude oil (assuming an atmospheric pressure index gravity of 37° API)

**ABBREVIATIONS**

bbbl	Barrels
bn	Billion (thousand million)
bnbbbl	Billion barrels
bncf	Billion cubic feet
bnm <sup>3</sup>	Billion cubic meters
boe	Barrels of oil equivalent
bbbl/d	Barrels per day
cf	Cubic feet
GOM	Gulf of Mexico
GW	Gigawatts
GWh	One gigawatt of power supplied or demanded for one hour
km	Kilometer
km <sup>2</sup>	Square kilometers
m <sup>3</sup>	Cubic meter
mbbl	Thousand barrels
mbbl/d	Thousand barrels per day
mboe	Thousand barrels of oil equivalent
mboe/d	Thousand barrels of oil equivalent per day
mcf	Thousand cubic feet
mcf/d	Thousand cubic feet per day
mm <sup>3</sup>	Thousand cubic meters
mm <sup>3</sup> /d	Thousand cubic meters per day
mmbbl	Million barrels
mmbbl/d	Million barrels per day
mmboe	Million barrels of oil equivalent
mmboe/d	Million barrels of oil equivalent per day
mmcf	Million cubic feet
mmcf/d	Million cubic feet per day
mmm <sup>3</sup>	Million cubic meters
mmm <sup>3</sup> /d	Million cubic meters per day
mmt/y	Million metric tons per year
MW	Megawatts
MWavg	Amount of energy (in MWh) divided by the time (in hours) in which such energy is produced or consumed
MWh	One megawatt of power supplied or demanded for one hour
P\$	Argentine pesos
R\$	Brazilian <i>reais</i>

t	Metric ton
tcf	Trillion cubic feet
U.S.\$	United States dollars
/d	Per day
/y	Per year



## PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In this annual report, references to *real*, *reais* or R\$ are to Brazilian *reais* and references to U.S. dollars or U.S.\$ are to the United States dollars. Certain figures included in this annual report have been subject to rounding adjustments; accordingly, figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an exact arithmetic aggregation of the figures that precede them.

### Petrobras

The audited consolidated financial statements of Petrobras and our consolidated subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, and the accompanying notes, contained in this annual report have been presented in U.S. dollars and prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or U.S. GAAP. See Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects and Note 2(a) to our audited consolidated financial statements. We also publish financial statements in Brazil in *reais* in accordance with the accounting principles required by Law No. 6404/76, as amended, or Brazilian Corporate Law and the regulations promulgated by the *Comissão de Valores Mobiliários* (Brazilian Securities Commission, or the CVM), or Brazilian GAAP, which differs in significant respects from U.S. GAAP. Beginning in 2008, significant changes are being made to Brazilian Corporate Law to permit Brazilian GAAP to converge with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Pursuant to CVM regulations, we are required to report our financial statements in *reais* in IFRS beginning with the year ending December 31, 2010. Our consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2010, in *reais*, were prepared in accordance with IFRS. We do not expect to discontinue U.S. GAAP reporting for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Our functional currency is the Brazilian *real*. As described more fully in Note 2(a) to our audited consolidated financial statements, the U.S. dollar amounts as of the dates and for the periods presented in our audited consolidated financial statements have been recalculated or translated from the *real* amounts in accordance with the criteria set forth in Accounting Standard Codification ASC Topic 830 Foreign

Unless the context otherwise indicates:

- historical data contained in this annual report that were not derived from the audited consolidated financial statements have been translated from *reais* on a similar basis;
- forward-looking amounts, including estimated future capital expenditures, have all been based on our Petrobras 2020 Strategic Plan, which covers the period from 2009 to 2020, and on our 2009-2013 Business Plan, and have been projected on a constant basis and have been translated from *reais* in 2010 at an estimated average exchange rate of R\$2.00 to U.S.\$1.00, and future calculations involving an assumed price of crude oil have been calculated using a Brent crude oil price of U.S.\$61 per barrel for 2010, U.S.\$72 for 2011, U.S.\$74 for 2012, U.S.\$68 per barrel for 2013 and U.S.\$60 per barrel for 2014 adjusted for our quality and location differences, unless otherwise stated; and
- estimated future capital expenditures are based on the most recently budgeted amounts, which may not have been adjusted to reflect all factors that could affect such amounts.

### PifCo

PifCo's functional currency is the U.S. dollar. Substantially all of PifCo's sales are made in U.S. dollars and all of its debt is denominated in U.S. dollars. Accordingly, PifCo's audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2009, and the accompanying notes contained in this annual report have been presented in U.S. dollars and prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and include PifCo's wholly owned subsidiaries: Petrobras Europe Limited, Petrobras Finance Limited, Bear Insurance Company Limited (BEAR) and Petrobras Singapore Private Limited.

Currency Matters. U.S. dollar amounts presented in this annual report have been translated from *reais* at the period-end exchange rate for balance sheet items and the average exchange rate prevailing during the period for income statement and cash flow items.

**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS****Consolidation of Petrochemical Assets at Braskem**

After a series of consolidations and restructurings, in early 2009 we held minority interests in Brazil's two largest petrochemical companies: Braskem S.A. (Braskem), 25.4% of total capital and 31% of voting stock, and Quattor Participações (Quattor), 40% of total capital and 40% of voting stock. In January 2010, we further consolidated our position in the Brazilian petrochemical industry by announcing the merger of Braskem and Quattor, creating Brazil's largest petrochemicals company and the largest producer of thermoplastic resin in the Americas. We and our partner, Odebrecht S.A. (Odebrecht), will create a new holding company for Braskem called BRK Investimentos Petroquímicos S.A. (BRK) and proceed to consolidate our direct and indirect interests in the Brazilian petrochemical industry at Braskem through a series of mergers and capital increases. Decision-making at Braskem will be governed by a Shareholders' Agreement to be entered into with Odebrecht. See Item 4. Information on the Company Refining, Transportation and Marketing Petrochemicals and Fertilizers.

**Proposed Changes to the Oil Law in Light of Discoveries in the Pre-Salt Areas**

The Brazilian Congress is currently considering legislation that, if adopted, will significantly expand our operations in the pre-salt areas located off the coast of Brazil. The proposed legislation would, among other things, introduce production-sharing contracts for oil and gas exploration and production in pre-salt areas not under concession and in potentially strategic areas as defined by the National Energy Policy Council (CNPE), make us the exclusive operator in all pre-salt areas not yet under concession, and grant us either a 100% interest or a minimum interest to be established by the CNPE that would not be less than 30% in all pre-salt blocks not yet under concession with the option to increase our stake through a public bidding process.

A second legislative proposal currently under discussion in the Brazilian Congress involves a transfer of rights under which the Brazilian government would assign to us oil and gas exploration and production rights in pre-salt areas not under concession, up to a maximum prospective recovery of 5 billion barrels of oil equivalent. Along with this transfer of rights, the Brazilian government would be authorized to subscribe for additional shares of our capital stock, and the proceeds would be used for exploration and production of the areas transferred to us by the Brazilian government, general corporate purposes and to finance our planned capital expenditures.

For more information on these and other proposed changes to the Oil Law pending before the Brazilian Congress, see Item 4. Information on the Company Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Brazil Proposed Changes to the Oil Law.

**Investment in Brazilian Ethanol Industry**

On April 30, 2010, we announced a strategic partnership with Tereos Participações Ltda. (Tereos International), a Brazilian subsidiary of the Tereos Group, under which we will invest a total of R\$1.6 billion (U.S.\$909 million) over five years to acquire a 45.7% stake in Açúcar Guarani S.A. (Guarani), the fourth-largest sugarcane processor in Brazil. Our investment in Guarani, which is subject to Brazilian antitrust approval, will allow us to significantly increase our ethanol production, stimulate improvements in product quality, and further develop our ethanol distribution and marketing operations in accordance with our 2009-2013 Business Plan. See Item 4. Information on the Company Bio-Renewables.

## PRESENTATION OF INFORMATION CONCERNING RESERVES

Petrobras adopted new SEC rules for estimating and disclosing oil and gas reserve quantities included in this annual report. In accordance with these new rules, the year-end 2009 reserve volumes have been estimated using average prices during the 12-month period and include non-traditional reserves, such as synthetic oil and gas. Year-end 2008 and 2007 reserve volumes were estimated using year-end prices. In addition, the amended rules also adopted a reliable technology definition that permits reserves to be added based on field-tested technologies. The adoption of the SEC's new rules for estimating and disclosing oil and gas reserves and the FASB's issuance of the Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-03 Oil and Gas Reserve Estimation and Disclosure in December 2009 generated no material impact on our reported reserves or on our consolidated financial position or results of operations other than additional disclosures as discussed in Note 2(n) to our audited consolidated financial statements. DeGolyer and MacNaughton (D&M) provided estimates of most of our net domestic reserves as of December 31, 2009. D&M also provided estimates of most of our net international reserves where we are the operator as of December 31, 2009. All reserve estimates involve some degree of uncertainty. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Operations for a description of the risks relating to our reserves and our reserve estimates.

On January 14, 2010, we filed reserve estimates for Brazil with the ANP, in accordance with Brazilian rules and regulations, totaling 12.06 billion barrels of crude oil and condensate and 12.67 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The reserve estimates we filed with the ANP and those provided herein differ by approximately 22.5%. This difference is due to (i) the ANP requirement that we estimate proved reserves through the technical abandonment of production wells, as opposed to limiting reserve estimates to the life of our concession contracts as required by Rule 4-10 of Regulation S-X and (ii) different technical criteria for booking proved reserves, including the use of current oil prices as opposed to the SEC requirement that the 12-month average price be used to determine the economic producibility of reserves in Brazil.

We also file reserve estimates from our international operations with various governmental agencies under the guidelines of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, or SPE. The aggregate reserve estimates from our international operations, under SPE guidelines, amounted to 0.49 billion barrels of crude oil and NGLs and 1.22 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, which is approximately 20% higher than the reserve estimates calculated under Regulation S-X, as provided herein. This difference occurs because we have not yet included all volumes associated with fluid injection projects in Nigeria as proved reserves in accordance with the new SEC rules for estimating and disclosing oil and gas reserves. We will gradually add these volumes to our SEC proved reserves after performing additional engineering analysis of oil recovery techniques.

**PART I**

**Item 1. Identity of Directors, Senior Management and Advisers**

Not applicable.

**Item 2. Offer Statistics and Expected Timetable**

Not applicable.

**Item 3. Key Information**

**Selected Financial Data**

*Petrobras*

The following tables set forth our selected consolidated financial data, presented in U.S. dollars and prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The data for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2009 has been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements, which were audited by KPMG Auditores Independentes for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006 and by Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S/S for the year ended December 31, 2005. The information below should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, our audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes and Item 5.

Operating and Financial Review and Prospects. Certain prior year amounts for 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005 have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation standards. These reclassifications had no impact on our net income or any material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET DATA PETROBRAS**

	As of December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	(U.S.\$ million)				
<b>Assets:</b>					
Total current assets	42,644	26,758	29,140	30,955	25,784
Property, plant and equipment, net	136,167	84,719	84,282	58,897	45,920
Investments in non-consolidated companies and other investments	4,350	3,198	5,112	3,262	1,810
Total non-current assets	17,109	11,020	11,181	5,566	5,124
Total assets	<b>200,270</b>	<b>125,695</b>	<b>129,715</b>	<b>98,680</b>	<b>78,638</b>
<b>Liabilities and shareholders' equity:</b>					
Total current liabilities	30,965	24,756	24,468	21,976	18,161
Total long-term liabilities(1)	25,736	17,731	21,534	16,829	12,747
Long-term debt(2)	48,149	20,640	16,202	13,610	13,739
Total liabilities	<b>104,850</b>	<b>63,127</b>	<b>62,204</b>	<b>52,415</b>	<b>44,647</b>
Shareholders' equity					
Shares authorized and issued:					
Preferred share	15,106	15,106	8,620	7,718	4,772
Common share	21,088	21,088	12,196	10,959	6,929
Capital reserve and other comprehensive income	57,864	25,715	44,363	25,622	21,216
Petrobras' shareholders' equity	94,058	61,909	65,179	44,299	32,917
Noncontrolling interest	1,362	659	2,332	1,966	1,074
Total equity	<b>95,420</b>	<b>62,568</b>	<b>67,511</b>	<b>46,265</b>	<b>33,991</b>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<b>200,270</b>	<b>125,695</b>	<b>129,715</b>	<b>98,680</b>	<b>78,638</b>

(1) Excludes long-term debt.

(2) Excludes current portion of long-term debt.

**INCOME STATEMENT DATA PETROBRAS**

	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	(U.S.\$ million, except for share and per share data)				
Net operating revenues	91,869	118,257	87,735	72,347	56,324
Operating income(1)	21,869	25,294	20,451	19,844	15,085
Net income for the year attributable to Petrobras(2)	15,504	18,879	13,138	12,826	10,344
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:(3)					
Common	5,073,347,344	5,073,347,344	5,073,347,344	5,073,347,344	5,073,347,344
Preferred	3,700,729,396	3,700,729,396	3,700,729,396	3,699,806,288	3,698,956,056
Operating income per:(1)(3)					
Common and Preferred Shares.	2.49	2.88	2.33	2.26	1.72

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Common and Preferred ADS(4)	4.98	5.76	4.66	4.52	3.44
Basic and diluted earnings per:(2)(3)					
Common and Preferred Shares	1.77	2.15	1.50	1.46	1.18
Common and Preferred ADS(4)	3.54	4.30	3.00	2.92	2.36
Cash dividends per:(3)(5)					
Common and Preferred shares	0.59	0.47	0.35	0.42	0.34
Common and Preferred ADS(4)	1.18	0.94	0.70	0.84	0.68

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- (1) Beginning in 2008, we have accounted for employee benefit expenses for non-active participants as part of operating expenses rather than non-operating expenses. This reclassification had no effect on our consolidated net income, other than disclosure of our consolidated statements of income. Operating income amounts for all periods give effect to this reclassification.
  - (2) Our net income represents our income from continuing operations.
  - (3) We carried out a two-for-one stock split on April 25, 2008. Share and per share amounts for all periods give effect to the stock split.
  - (4) We carried out a four-for-one reverse stock split in July 2007 that changed the ratio of underlying shares to American Depositary Shares from four shares for each ADS to two shares for each ADS. Per share amounts for all periods give effect to the stock split.
  - (5) Represents dividends paid during the year.

Table of Contents*PifCo*

The following tables set forth PifCo's selected consolidated financial data, presented in U.S. dollars and prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The data for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2009 have been derived from PifCo's audited consolidated financial statements, which were audited by KPMG Auditores

Independentes for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008, 2007 and 2006, and by Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S/S for the year ended December 31, 2005. The information below should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, PifCo's audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes and Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects.

**BALANCE SHEET DATA PifCo**

	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	(U.S.\$ million)				
<b>Assets:</b>					
Total current assets	22,986	30,383	28,002	19,241	13,242
Property and equipment, net	2	2	1	1	-
Total other assets	3,377	2,918	4,867	2,079	3,507
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>26,365</b>	<b>33,303</b>	<b>32,870</b>	<b>21,321</b>	<b>16,749</b>
<b>Liabilities and stockholder's equity:</b>					
Total current liabilities	13,175	28,012	27,686	9,264	7,098
Total long-term liabilities(1)	-	-	-	7,442	3,734
Long-term debt(2)	13,269	5,884	5,187	4,640	5,909
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>26,444</b>	<b>33,896</b>	<b>32,873</b>	<b>21,346</b>	<b>16,741</b>
Total stockholder's (deficit) equity	(79)	(593)	(3)	(25)	8
<b>Total liabilities and stockholder's equity</b>	<b>26,365</b>	<b>33,303</b>	<b>32,870</b>	<b>21,321</b>	<b>16,749</b>

(1) Excludes long-term debt.

(2) Excludes current portion of long-term debt.

**INCOME STATEMENT DATA PifCo**

	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	(U.S.\$ million)				
Net operating revenue	28,850	42,443	26,732	22,070	17,136
Operating income (loss)	578	(927)	127	(38)	(13)
<b>Net income (loss) for the year</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>(772)</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>(211)</b>	<b>(28)</b>



## RISK FACTORS

### Risks Relating to Our Operations

***Substantial or extended declines and volatility in the international prices of crude oil, oil products and natural gas may have a material adverse effect on our income and future growth targets.***

The majority of our revenue is derived primarily from sales of crude oil and oil products and, to a lesser extent, natural gas. We do not, and will not, have control over the factors affecting international prices for crude oil, oil products and natural gas. The average price of Brent crude, an international benchmark oil, was approximately U.S.\$62.40 per barrel in 2009, U.S.\$96.99 per barrel for 2008 and U.S.\$72.52 per barrel for 2007, and the average price of Brent crude was U.S.\$76.78 per barrel in the first quarter of 2010. Changes in crude oil prices typically result in changes in prices for oil products and natural gas.

Historically, international prices for crude oil, oil products and natural gas have fluctuated widely as a result of many factors. These factors include:

- global and regional economic and geopolitical developments in crude oil producing regions, particularly in the Middle East;
- the ability of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to set and maintain crude oil production levels and defend prices;
- global and regional supply and demand for crude oil, oil products and natural gas;
- global financial crises, such as the global financial crisis of 2008;
- competition from other energy sources;
- domestic and foreign government regulations; and
- weather conditions.

Volatility and uncertainty in international prices for crude oil, oil products and natural gas may continue. Substantial or extended declines in international crude oil prices may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition, and the value of our proved reserves. Significant decreases in the price of crude oil may cause us to reduce or alter the timing of our capital expenditures, and this could adversely affect our production forecasts in the medium term and our reserve estimates in the future. In addition, our pricing policy in Brazil is intended to be at parity with international product prices over the long term. In general we do not adjust our prices for diesel, gasoline and LPG during periods of volatility in the international markets. As a result, material rapid or sustained increases in the international price of crude oil and oil products may result in reduced downstream margins for us, and we may not realize all the gains that our competitors realize in periods of higher international prices.

***Our ability to achieve our long-term growth objectives for oil production depends on our ability to discover additional reserves and successfully develop them, and failure to do so could prevent us from achieving our long-term goals for growth in production.***

Our ability to achieve our long-term growth objectives for oil production, including those defined in our 2009-2013 Business Plan, is highly dependent upon our ability to obtain new concessions through new bidding rounds and discover additional reserves, as well as to successfully develop our existing reserves. We will need to make substantial investments to achieve the growth targets set forth in our 2009-2013 Business Plan and we cannot assure you we will be able to raise the required capital.

Further, our competitive advantage in bidding rounds for new concessions in Brazil has diminished over the years as a result of the increased competition in the oil and gas sector in Brazil. In addition, our exploration activities expose us to the inherent risks of drilling, including the risk that we will not discover commercially productive crude oil or natural gas reserves. The costs of drilling wells are often uncertain, and numerous factors beyond our control (such as

unexpected drilling conditions, equipment failures or accidents, and shortages or delays in the availability of drilling rigs and the delivery of equipment) may cause drilling operations to be curtailed, delayed or cancelled. These risks are heightened when we drill in deep and ultra-deep water. Deep and ultra-deepwater drilling represented approximately 72.6% of the offshore exploratory wells we drilled in 2009.

Unless we conduct successful exploration and development activities or acquire properties containing proved reserves, or both, and are able to raise the necessary capital to fund these activities, our proved reserves will decline as reserves are extracted.

***We do not own any of the crude oil and natural gas reserves in Brazil.***

A guaranteed source of crude oil and natural gas reserves is essential to an oil and gas company's sustained production and generation of income. Under Brazilian law, the Brazilian government owns all crude oil and natural gas reserves in Brazil and the concessionaire owns the oil and gas it produces. We possess the exclusive right to develop our reserves pursuant to concession agreements awarded to us by the Brazilian government and we own the hydrocarbons we produce under the concession agreements, but if the Brazilian government were to restrict or prevent us from exploiting these crude oil and natural gas reserves, our ability to generate income would be adversely affected.

***Our crude oil and natural gas reserve estimates involve some degree of uncertainty, which could adversely affect our ability to generate income.***

The proved crude oil and natural gas reserves set forth in this annual report are our estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions (i.e., prices and costs as of the date the estimate is made). Our proved developed crude oil and natural gas reserves are reserves that can be expected to be recovered through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods. There are uncertainties in estimating quantities of proved reserves related to prevailing crude oil and natural gas prices applicable to our production, which may lead us to make revisions to our reserve estimates. Downward revisions in our reserve estimates could lead to lower future production, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

***We may not have sufficient resources to support future exploration, production and development***

These reservoirs are located in deep and ultra-deep waters at considerable distances from the shore and are of a size and magnitude that present operational challenges to our resources. In addition, the oil from these reservoirs presents a unique set of properties requiring the development of new exploration technology. We will be continually faced with these new challenges, and we may not be able to secure sufficient resources to develop the technology we will require to meet our exploration, production and development goals with respect to our pre-salt reservoirs.

***We are subject to numerous environmental and health regulations that have become more stringent in the recent past and may result in increased liabilities and increased capital expenditures.***

Our activities are subject to a wide variety of federal, state and local laws, regulations and permit requirements relating to the protection of human health and the environment, both in Brazil and in other jurisdictions in which we operate. In Brazil, we could be exposed to administrative and criminal sanctions, including warnings, fines and closure orders for non-compliance with these environmental regulations, which, among other things, limit or prohibit emissions or spills of toxic substances produced in connection with our operations. We have experienced oil spills in the past that resulted in fines by various state and federal environmental agencies, and several civil and criminal proceedings and investigations. See Item 8. Financial Information Legal Proceedings. Waste disposal and emissions regulations may also require us to clean up or retrofit our facilities at substantial cost and could result in substantial liabilities. The *Instituto Brasileiro do Meio Ambiente e dos Recursos Naturais Renováveis* (Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources, or IBAMA) routinely inspects our oil platforms in the Campos Basin, and may impose fines, restrictions on operations or other sanctions in connection with its inspections. In addition, we are subject to environmental laws that require us to incur significant costs to cover damage that a project may cause to the environment. These additional costs may have a negative impact on the profitability of the projects we intend to implement or may make such projects economically unfeasible.

*activities in our newly discovered pre-salt reservoirs.*

Exploiting our oil and gas discoveries in the pre-salt reservoirs will require substantial additional amounts of capital, human resources and a broad range of offshore oil services. A primary operational challenge will be the development of an innovative set of solutions to the new challenges posed by exploration and production in the newly discovered pre-salt reservoirs.

As environmental regulations become more stringent, and as new laws and regulations relating to climate change, including carbon controls, become applicable to us, it is probable that our capital expenditures for compliance with environmental regulations and to effect improvements in our health, safety and environmental practices will increase substantially in the future. Increased expenditures to comply with environmental regulations may result in reductions in other strategic investments. Any substantial increase in expenditures for compliance with environmental regulations or reduction in strategic investments may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

***We may incur losses and spend time and money defending pending litigations and arbitrations.***

We are currently a party to numerous legal proceedings relating to civil, administrative, environmental, labor and tax claims filed against us. These claims involve substantial amounts of money and other remedies. Several individual disputes account for a significant part of the total amount of claims against us. For example, on the grounds that drilling and production platforms may not be classified as sea-going vessels, the Brazilian Revenue Service asserted that overseas remittances for charter payments should be reclassified as lease payment and subject to a withholding tax of 25%. The Revenue Service has filed a tax assessment against us that on December 31, 2009, amounted to R\$4,391 million (approximately U.S.\$2,522 million). See Item 8. Financial Information Legal Proceedings.

In the event that claims involving a material amount and for which we have no provisions were to be decided against us, or in the event that the losses estimated turn out to be significantly higher than the provisions made, the aggregate cost of unfavorable decisions could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. In addition, our management may be required to direct its time and attention to defending these claims, which could preclude them from focusing on our core business. Depending on the outcome, certain litigation could result in restrictions on our operations and have a material adverse effect on certain of our businesses.

***Our investment in the natural gas and domestic power markets may not generate the returns we expect.***

Over the past few years, we have invested, alone or with other investors, in a number of gas-fired power plants in Brazil. These gas-fired power plants provide non-base-load capacity to the grid and tend to operate at low average utilization rates. This low utilization rate may limit our ability to provide a full return of capital on these investments.

We are also subject to fines and may lose our license to sell electricity if we are unable to fulfill our energy delivery commitments to the *Agência Nacional de Energia Elétrica ANEEL*, the Brazilian energy regulator, due to gas supply constraints. There are several factors that may affect our ability to deliver gas to our gas-fired power plants including our inability to secure supply of natural gas, problems affecting our natural gas infrastructure and increasing demand in the non-thermoelectric market. See Item 4. Information on the Company Gas and Power Power Electricity Sales for a more detailed description of these risks.

Natural gas demand is also influenced by general economic conditions and oil prices. Our natural gas prices do not immediately adjust to fluctuations in the international price of crude oil and oil products, which can make natural gas less competitive until it adjusts to lower international prices. If the Brazilian market does not develop as we expect, the resulting decrease in demand for our natural gas may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

As a result of the foregoing, our investment in the natural gas and domestic power markets has generated losses in the past and may not generate the returns we expect in the future.

***Exchange rate fluctuations could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations, because most of our revenues are in reais and a large portion of our liabilities are in foreign currencies.***

The impacts of fluctuations in exchange rates, especially the *real*/U.S. dollar rate, on our operations are varied and may be material. The principal market for our products is Brazil, as over the last three fiscal years over 73% our revenues have been denominated in *reais*, while some of our operating expenses and capital expenditures and a substantial portion of our indebtedness are, and are expected to continue to be, denominated in or indexed to U.S. dollars and other foreign currencies. In addition, during 2009 we imported U.S.\$12.3 billion of crude oil and oil products, the prices of which were all denominated and paid in U.S. dollars.

Our recent financial statements reflect the appreciation of the *real* by 8.7%, 17.2% and 25.4% against the U.S. dollar in 2006, 2007 and 2009, respectively, and the depreciation of the *real* by 31.9% against the U.S. dollar in 2008. The weakness of the U.S. dollar against other currencies in general has also affected our results. As of May 17, 2010, the exchange rate of the *real* to the U.S. dollar was R\$1.8045 per U.S.\$1.00, representing a depreciation of approximately 3.6% in 2010, year-to-date.

***We are exposed to increases in prevailing market interest rates, which leaves us vulnerable to increased financing expenses.***

As of December 31, 2009, approximately 51% U.S.\$29,047 million of our total indebtedness consisted of floating rate debt. In light of cost considerations and market analysis, we decided not to enter into derivative contracts or make other arrangements to hedge against the risk of an increase in interest rates. Accordingly, if market interest rates (principally LIBOR) rise, our financing expenses will increase, which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial

***We are not insured against business interruption for our Brazilian operations and most of our assets are not insured against war or sabotage.***

We do not maintain coverage for business interruptions of any nature for our Brazilian operations, including business interruptions caused by labor action. If, for instance, our workers were to strike, the resulting work stoppages could have an adverse effect on us. In addition, we do not insure most of our assets against war or sabotage. Therefore, an attack or an operational incident causing an interruption of our business could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

***We are subject to substantial risks relating to our international operations, in particular in South America, West Africa and the Middle East.***

We operate in a number of different countries, particularly in South America, West Africa and the Middle East, that can be politically, economically and socially unstable. The results of operations and financial condition of our subsidiaries in these countries may be adversely affected by fluctuations in their local economies, political instability and governmental actions relating to the economy, including:

- the imposition of exchange or price controls;
- the imposition of restrictions on hydrocarbon exports;
- the fluctuation of local currencies against the *real*;
- the nationalization of oil and gas reserves, as experienced in recent years in Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia;
- increases in export tax and income tax rates for crude oil and oil products, as experienced in recent years in Argentina, Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia; and
- unilateral (governmental) institutional and contractual changes, including controls on investments and limitations on new projects, as experienced in recent years in Venezuela,

condition.

Ecuador and Bolivia.

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If one or more of the risks described above were to materialize we may lose part or all of our reserves in the affected country and we may not achieve our strategic objectives in these countries or in our international operations as a whole, which may result in a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

Of the countries outside of Brazil in which we operate, Argentina is the most significant, representing 43.6% of our total international crude oil and natural gas production and 44.3% of our international proved crude oil and natural gas reserves as of December 31, 2009. Since 2007, the Argentine government has increased export tax rates for crude oil, natural gas and oil products that have negatively affected our results of operations and financial condition. We also have operations in Bolivia and Venezuela that represented, respectively, 19.8% and 4.3% of our total international production in barrels of oil equivalent at December 31, 2009. At December 31, 2008, Bolivia accounted for 31.02% of our international proved crude oil and natural gas reserves. However, on January 25, 2009, Bolivia adopted a new constitution that prohibits private ownership of the country's oil and gas resources. As a result, we were not able to include any proved reserves in Bolivia as reported at December 31, 2008 in our proved reserves for year-end 2009. We continue to report production from our operations in Bolivia under our existing contracts in that country. For more information about our operations outside Brazil, see Item 4. Information on the Company International.

### **Risks Relating to PifCo**

#### ***PifCo's operations and debt servicing capabilities are dependent on us.***

PifCo's financial position and results of operations are directly affected by our decisions. PifCo is a direct wholly owned subsidiary of Petrobras incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability. Currently, PifCo purchases crude oil and oil products from third parties and sells them at a premium to us on a deferred payment basis. PifCo also purchases crude oil and oil products from us and sells them outside Brazil.

Accordingly, intercompany activities and transactions, and therefore PifCo's financial position and results of operations, are affected by decisions made by us. Additionally, PifCo sells and purchases crude oil and oil products to and from third parties and related parties, mainly outside Brazil. Commercial operations are carried out under market conditions and at market prices. PifCo's ability to service and repay its indebtedness is consequently dependent on our own operations.

Financing for PifCo's commercial operations is provided by us, as well as third-party credit providers in favor of whom we provide credit support. Our support of PifCo's debt obligations is made through unconditional and irrevocable guaranties of payment.

Our own financial condition and results of operations, as well as our financial support of PifCo, directly affect PifCo's operational results and debt servicing capabilities. For a more detailed description of certain risks that may have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations and therefore affect PifCo's ability to meet its debt obligations, see Risks Relating to Our Operations.

#### ***PifCo depends on its ability to pass on its financing costs to us.***

PifCo is currently engaged in the purchase of crude oil and oil products for sale to us, as described above. PifCo regularly incurs indebtedness related to such purchases and/or in obtaining financing from us or third-party creditors. All such indebtedness has the benefit of a guaranty or other support from us, and PifCo has historically passed on its financing costs to us by selling crude oil and oil products to us at a premium to compensate for its financing costs. If for any reason we are not permitted to continue these practices, this would have a materially adverse effect on PifCo's business and on its ability to meet its debt obligations in the long term.





### **Risks Relating to Our Relationship with the Brazilian Government**

***The Brazilian government, as our controlling shareholder, may cause us to pursue certain macroeconomic and social objectives that may have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.***

The Brazilian government, as our controlling shareholder, has pursued, and may pursue in the future, certain of its macroeconomic and social objectives through us. Brazilian law requires the Brazilian government to own a majority of our voting stock, and so long as it does, the Brazilian government will have the power to elect a majority of the members of our board of directors and, through them, a majority of the executive officers who are responsible for our day-to-day management. As a result, we may engage in activities that give preference to the objectives of the Brazilian government rather than to our own economic and business objectives.

In particular, we continue to assist the Brazilian government to ensure that the supply and pricing of crude oil and oil products in Brazil meets Brazilian consumption requirements. Accordingly, we may make investments, incur costs and engage in sales on terms that may have an adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition. Prior to January 2002, prices for crude oil and oil products were regulated by the Brazilian government, occasionally set below prices prevailing in the world oil markets. We cannot assure you that price controls will not be reinstated in Brazil.

***We may not be able to obtain financing for some of our planned investments, and failure to do so could adversely affect our operating results and financial condition.***

The Brazilian government maintains control over our investment budget and establishes limits on our investments and long-term debt. As a state-controlled entity, we must submit our proposed annual budgets to the Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management, the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME), and the Brazilian Congress for approval. If our approved budget reduces our proposed investments and incurrence of

In addition, we expect to raise a substantial amount of capital to finance our exploration and production activities in pre-salt reservoirs and other planned investments by means of a capitalization. As part of the proposed changes to the Oil Law, the Brazilian Congress may authorize an onerous transfer of exploration and production rights in pre-salt areas not under concession from the Brazilian government to us, and allow us to exploit those areas. The proposed changes to the Oil Law are subject to approval from the Brazilian Congress. See Item 4. Information on the Company Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Brazil Proposed Changes to the Oil Law. Our operating results and financial condition may be adversely affected if a capitalization does not occur and we are unable to make our planned investments.

### **Risks Relating to Brazil**

***The Brazilian government has historically exercised, and continues to exercise, significant influence over the Brazilian economy. Brazilian political and economic conditions have a direct impact on our business and may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.***

The Brazilian government's economic policies may have important effects on Brazilian companies, including us, and on market conditions and prices of Brazilian securities. Our financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected by the following factors and the Brazilian government's response to these factors:

- devaluations and other exchange rate movements;
- inflation;
- exchange control policies;
- social instability;
- price instability;

new debt and we cannot obtain financing that does not require Brazilian government approval, we may not be able to make all the investments we envision, including those we have agreed to make to expand and develop our crude oil and natural gas fields. If we are unable to make these investments, our operating results and financial condition may be adversely affected.

- interest rates;
- liquidity of domestic capital and lending markets;
- tax policy;
- regulatory policy for the oil and gas industry, including pricing policy; and
- other political, diplomatic, social and economic developments in or affecting Brazil.

We may specifically be affected by certain initiatives to increase taxation on our exploration and production activities. In June 2003, the State of Rio de Janeiro enacted a new tax law that imposed a Domestic State Tax (ICMS) on our exploration and production activities, including on import of oil and gas exploratory equipment. The State of Rio de Janeiro has never enforced this law, and its constitutionality is being challenged in the Brazilian Supreme Court (*Supremo Tribunal Federal*, or STF). In the event that the state government attempts to enforce this law and the courts uphold that enforcement, we estimate that the amount of ICMS that we would be required to pay to the State of Rio de Janeiro could increase approximately R\$10.2 billion (U.S.\$5.9 billion) per year.

In addition, the recent discovery of large petroleum and natural gas reserves in the pre-salt areas of the Campos and Santos basins has prompted a proposal to change the existing Oil Law. The Brazilian Congress is currently considering substantial changes in the regulation of exploration and production activities in the pre-salt areas not subject to existing concessions. We cannot estimate the impact that any change to the Oil Law would have on Petrobras, or when any new regulations may become effective. See Item 4. Information on the Company Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Brazil Proposed Changes to the Oil Law.

Uncertainty over whether the Brazilian government will implement these or other changes in policy or regulations that may affect any of the factors mentioned above or other factors in the future may lead to

Such changes in policies and regulations may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition.

***Inflation and government measures to curb inflation may contribute significantly to economic uncertainty in Brazil and to heightened volatility in the Brazilian securities markets and, consequently, may adversely affect the market value of our securities and financial condition.***

Our principal market is Brazil, which has, in the past, periodically experienced extremely high rates of inflation. Inflation, along with governmental measures to combat inflation and public speculation about possible future measures, has had significant negative effects on the Brazilian economy. The annual rates of inflation have been historically high in Brazil prior to 1995 and Brazil experienced hyperinflation in the past. As measured by the National Consumer Price Index (*Índice Nacional de Preços ao Consumidor Amplo*, or IPCA), Brazil had annual rates of inflation of 4.46% in 2007, 5.90% in 2008 and 4.31% in 2009. Considering the historically high rates of inflation, Brazil may experience higher levels of inflation in the future. The lower levels of inflation experienced since 1995 may not continue. Future governmental actions, including actions to adjust the value of the *real*, could trigger increases in inflation, which may adversely affect our financial condition.

***Developments and the perception of risk in other countries, especially in the United States and in emerging market countries, may adversely affect the market price of Brazilian securities, including our shares and ADSs, and limit our ability to finance our operations.***

The market value of securities of Brazilian companies is affected to varying degrees by economic and market conditions in other countries, including the United States and other Latin American and emerging market countries. Although economic conditions in these countries may differ significantly from economic conditions in Brazil, investors' reactions to developments in these other countries may have an adverse effect on the market value of securities of Brazilian issuers. Crises in other countries or economic policies of other countries may diminish investor

economic uncertainty in Brazil and increase the volatility of the Brazilian securities market and securities issued abroad by Brazilian companies.

interest in securities of Brazilian issuers, including ours. This could adversely affect the market price of our shares and ADSs, and could limit our ability to finance our operations.

**Risks Relating to Our Equity and Debt Securities**

***The size, volatility, liquidity and/or regulation of the Brazilian securities markets may curb the ability of holders of ADSs to sell the common or preferred shares underlying our ADSs.***

Petrobras shares are some of the most liquid in the São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa), but overall, the Brazilian securities markets are smaller, more volatile and less liquid than the major securities markets in the United States and other jurisdictions, and may be regulated differently from the way in which U.S. investors are accustomed. Factors that may specifically affect the Brazilian equity markets may limit the ability of holders of ADSs to sell the common or preferred shares underlying our ADSs at the price and time they desire.

***The market for PifCo's notes may not be liquid.***

Some of PifCo's notes are not listed on any securities exchange and are not quoted through an automated quotation system. We can make no assurance as to the liquidity of or trading markets for PifCo's notes. We cannot guarantee that the holders of PifCo's notes will be able to sell their notes in the future. If a market for PifCo's notes does not develop, holders of PifCo's notes may not be able to resell the notes for an extended period of time, if at all.

***Holders of ADSs may be unable to exercise preemptive rights with respect to the common or preferred shares underlying the ADSs.***

Holders of ADSs who are residents of the United States may not be able to exercise the preemptive rights relating to the common or preferred shares underlying our ADSs unless a registration statement under the U.S. Securities Act is effective with respect to those rights or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. We are not obligated to file a registration statement with respect to the common or preferred shares relating to these preemptive rights, and therefore we may not file any such registration statement. If a registration statement is not filed and an exemption from registration does not exist, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as depositary, will attempt to sell the preemptive rights, and holders of ADSs will be

However, the preemptive rights will expire if the depositary cannot sell them. For a more complete description of preemptive rights with respect to the common or preferred shares, see Item 10. Additional Information Memorandum and Articles of Association of Petrobras Preemptive Rights.

***Restrictions on the movement of capital out of Brazil may impair the ability of holders of ADSs to receive dividends and distributions on, and the proceeds of any sale of, the common or preferred shares underlying the ADSs and may impact our ability to service certain debt obligations, including guaranties we have entered into in support of PifCo's notes.***

The Brazilian government may impose temporary restrictions on the conversion of Brazilian currency into foreign currencies and on the remittance to foreign investors of proceeds from their investments in Brazil. Brazilian law permits the Brazilian government to impose these restrictions whenever there is a serious imbalance in Brazil's balance of payments or there are reasons to foresee a serious imbalance.

The Brazilian government imposed remittance restrictions for approximately six months in 1990. The Brazilian government could decide to take similar measures in the future. Similar restrictions, if imposed, could impair or prevent the conversion of dividends, distributions, or the proceeds from any sale of common or preferred shares from *reais* into U.S. dollars and the remittance of the U.S. dollars abroad. If such restrictions were imposed, the depositary for the ADSs would hold the *reais* it cannot convert for the account of the ADS holders who have not been paid. The depositary would not invest the *reais* and would not be liable for the interest.

Similar restrictions, if imposed, could also impair or prevent the conversion of payments under the guaranties supporting PifCo's notes from *reais* into U.S. dollars and the remittance of the U.S. dollars abroad. In the case that the PifCo noteholders receive payments in *reais* corresponding to the equivalent U.S. dollar amounts due under PifCo's notes, it may not be possible to convert these amounts into U.S. dollars. These restrictions, if imposed, could also prevent us from making funds available to PifCo in U.S. dollars abroad, in which case PifCo may not have sufficient U.S. dollar

entitled to receive the proceeds of the sale.

funds available to make payment on its debt obligations.

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In addition, payments of dividends and other distributions to shareholders and payments under Petrobras' guaranties in connection with PifCo's notes do not currently require approval by or registration with the Central Bank of Brazil. The Central Bank of Brazil may nonetheless impose prior approval requirements on the remittance of U.S. dollars abroad, which could cause delays in such payments.

If holders of our ADSs exchange their ADSs for common or preferred shares, they risk losing the ability to remit foreign currency abroad and forfeiting Brazilian tax advantages.

The Brazilian custodian for our common or preferred shares underlying our ADSs must obtain a certificate of registration from the Central Bank of Brazil to be entitled to remit U.S. dollars abroad for payments of dividends and other distributions relating to our preferred and common shares or upon the disposition of the common or preferred shares. If holders of ADSs decide to exchange their ADSs for the underlying common or preferred shares, they will be entitled to continue to rely, for five Brazilian business days from the date of exchange, on the custodian's certificate of registration. After that period, such holders may not be able to obtain and remit U.S. dollars abroad upon the disposition of the common or preferred shares, or distributions relating to the common or preferred shares, unless they obtain their own certificate of registration or register under Resolution No. 2,689, of January 26, 2000, of the *Conselho Monetário Nacional* (National Monetary Council), which entitles registered foreign investors to buy and sell on the São Paulo Stock Exchange. In addition, if such holders do not obtain a certificate of registration or register under Resolution No. 2,689, they may be subject to less favorable tax treatment on gains with respect to the common or preferred shares.

If such holders attempt to obtain their own certificate of registration, they may incur expenses or suffer delays in the application process, which could delay their ability to receive dividends or distributions relating to the common or preferred shares or the return of their capital in a timely manner.

The custodian's certificate of registration or any foreign capital registration obtained by such holders may be affected by future legislative or regulatory changes and we cannot assure such holders that additional restrictions applicable to them, the disposition of the underlying common or preferred shares, or the repatriation of the proceeds from the process will not be imposed in the future.

***Holders of ADSs may face difficulties in protecting their interests.***

Our corporate affairs are governed by our bylaws and Brazilian Corporate Law, which differ from the legal principles that would apply if we were incorporated in a jurisdiction in the United States or elsewhere outside Brazil. In addition, the rights of an ADS holder, which are derivative of the rights of holders of our common or preferred shares, as the case may be, to protect their interests against actions by our board of directors are different under Brazilian Corporate Law than under the laws of other jurisdictions. Rules against insider trading and self-dealing and the preservation of shareholder interests may also be different in Brazil than in the United States. There is also a less active plaintiff's bar dedicated to the enforcement of shareholders' rights in Brazil than in the United States. In addition, shareholders in Brazilian companies ordinarily do not have standing to bring a class action.

We are a state-controlled company organized under the laws of Brazil and all of our directors and officers reside in Brazil. Substantially all of our assets and those of our directors and officers are located in Brazil. As a result, it may not be possible for holders of ADSs to effect service of process upon us or our directors and officers within the United States or other jurisdictions outside Brazil or to enforce against us or our directors and officers judgments obtained in the United States or other jurisdictions outside Brazil. Because judgments of U.S. courts for civil liabilities based upon the U.S. federal securities laws may only be enforced in Brazil if certain requirements are met, holders of ADSs may face greater difficulties in protecting their interest in actions against us or our directors and officers than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a state or other jurisdiction of the United States.





***Holders of our ADSs may encounter difficulties in the exercise of voting rights and preferred shares and the ADSs representing preferred shares generally do not give holders of ADSs voting rights.***

Holders of ADSs may encounter difficulties in the exercise of some of their rights as a shareholder if they hold our ADS rather than the underlying shares. For example, if we fail to provide the depositary with voting materials on a timely basis, holders of ADSs may not be able to vote by giving instructions to the depositary on how to vote for them.

In addition, a portion of our ADSs represents our preferred shares. Under Brazilian law and our bylaws, holders of preferred shares generally do not have the right to vote in meetings of our stockholders. This means, among other things, that holders of ADSs representing preferred shares are not entitled to vote on important corporate transactions or decisions. See Item 10. Additional Information Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation of Petrobras Voting Rights for a discussion of the limited voting rights of our preferred shares.

***We would be required to pay judgments of Brazilian courts enforcing our obligations under the guaranty relating to PifCo's notes only in reais.***

If proceedings were brought in Brazil seeking to enforce our obligations in respect of the guaranty relating to PifCo's notes, we would be required to discharge our obligations only in *reais*. Under the Brazilian exchange control rules, an obligation to pay amounts denominated in a currency other than *reais*, which is payable in Brazil pursuant to a decision of a Brazilian court, may be satisfied in *reais* at the rate of exchange, as determined by the Central Bank of Brazil, in effect on the date of payment.

***A finding that we are subject to U.S. bankruptcy laws and that the guaranty executed by us were a fraudulent conveyance could result in PifCo noteholders losing their legal claim against us.***

PifCo's obligation to make payments on the PifCo notes is supported by our obligation under the corresponding guaranty. We have been advised by our external U.S. counsel that the guaranty is valid and enforceable in

- were or are insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of our entry into such guaranty;
- were or are engaged in business or transactions for which the assets remaining with us constituted unreasonably small capital; or
- intended to incur or incurred, or believed or believe that we would incur, debts beyond our ability to pay such debts as they mature; and
- in each case, intended to receive or received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration therefore,

then our obligations under the guaranty could be avoided, or claims with respect to that agreement could be subordinated to the claims of other creditors. Among other things, a legal challenge to the guaranty on fraudulent conveyance grounds may focus on the benefits, if any, realized by us as a result of PifCo's issuance of these notes. To the extent that the guaranty is held to be a fraudulent conveyance or unenforceable for any other reason, the holders of the PifCo notes would not have a claim against us under the relevant guaranty and will solely have a claim against PifCo. We cannot assure you that, after providing for all prior claims, there will be sufficient assets to satisfy the claims of the PifCo noteholders relating to any avoided portion of the guaranty.

#### **Item 4. Information on the Company**

##### **History and Development**

Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras was incorporated in 1953 to conduct the Brazilian government's hydrocarbon activities. We began operations in 1954 and for approximately forty years carried out crude oil and natural gas production and refining activities in Brazil on behalf of the government.

accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the United States. In addition, we have been advised by our general counsel that the laws of Brazil do not prevent the guaranty from being valid, binding and enforceable against us in accordance with its terms. In the event that U.S. federal fraudulent conveyance or similar laws are applied to the guaranty, and we, at the time we entered into the relevant guaranty:

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As part of a comprehensive reform of the oil and gas regulatory system, the Brazilian Congress amended the Brazilian Constitution in 1995 to authorize the Brazilian government to contract with any state or privately-owned company to carry out upstream and downstream oil and gas activities in Brazil. On August 6, 1997, Brazil enacted the Oil Law (Law No. 9,478), which established a new regulatory framework, ended our exclusive right to carry out oil and gas activities, and allowed competition in all aspects of the oil and gas industry in Brazil. Since that time, we have been operating in an increasingly deregulated and competitive environment. The Oil Law also created an independent regulatory agency, the ANP, to regulate the oil, natural gas and renewable fuel industry in Brazil and to create a competitive environment in the oil and gas sector. Effective January 2, 2002, Brazil deregulated prices for crude oil, oil products and natural gas. See Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Brazil Price Regulation.

Our common and preferred shares have been traded on the São Paulo Stock Exchange since 1968. Petrobras was incorporated as a state-controlled company under Law No. 2,004 (effective October 3, 1953), and a majority of our voting capital must be owned by the Brazilian federal government, a state or a municipality. As of December 31, 2009, the Brazilian government owned 32.1% of our outstanding capital stock and 55.6% of our voting shares. We operate through subsidiaries, joint ventures, and associated companies established in Brazil and many other countries. Our principal executive office is located at Avenida República do Chile 65, 20031-912 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil and our telephone number is (55-21) 3224-4477.

### Overview of the Group

We are an integrated oil and gas company that is the largest corporation in Brazil and one of the largest companies in Latin America in terms of revenues. Because of our legacy as Brazil's former sole supplier of crude oil and oil products and our ongoing commitment to development and growth, we operate most of Brazil's producing oil and gas fields and hold a large base of proved reserves and a fully developed operational infrastructure.

In 2009, our average domestic daily hydrocarbons production was 2,101.3 mboe/d, an estimated 98.5% of Brazil's total. Over 84% of our domestic proved reserves are in large, contiguous and highly productive fields in the offshore Campos Basin, which allows us to concentrate our operational infrastructure and limit our costs of exploration, development and production. In 40 years of developing Brazil's offshore basins we have developed special expertise in deepwater exploration and production, which we exploit both in Brazil and in other offshore oil provinces.

We operate substantially all the refining capacity in Brazil. Most of our refineries are located in Southeastern Brazil, within the country's most populated and industrialized markets and adjacent to the Campos Basin that provides most of our crude oil. Our domestic refining capacity of 1,942 mbbbl/d is well balanced with our domestic refining production of 1,823 mbbbl/d and sales of oil products to domestic markets of 1,754 mbbbl/d. We expect the growth of our production capacity to exceed sales in the domestic market and for that trend to strengthen over time. We are also involved in the production of petrochemicals and fertilizers. We distribute oil products through our own BR network of retailers and to wholesalers.

We participate in most aspects of the Brazilian natural gas market. We expect that the percentage of natural gas in Brazil's energy matrix will grow in the future as we expand our production of both associated and non-associated gas, mainly from offshore fields in the Campos, Espírito Santo and Santos basins, and extend Brazil's gas transportation infrastructure. We use LNG terminals and import natural gas from Bolivia to meet demand and diversify our supply. We also participate in the domestic power market primarily through our investments in gas-fired thermoelectric power plants.

Outside of Brazil, we are active in 24 countries. In South America, our operations extend from exploration and production to refining, marketing, retail services and natural gas pipelines. In North America, we produce oil and gas and have refining operations in the United States. In Africa, we produce oil in Angola and Nigeria, and in Asia, we have refining operations in Japan. In other countries, we are engaged only in oil and gas exploration.



**Our activities comprise five business segments:**

- **Exploration and Production:** oil and gas exploration, development and production in Brazil;
- **Refining, Transportation and Marketing:** downstream activities in Brazil, including refining, logistics, transportation, oil products and crude oil exports and imports, petrochemicals and fertilizers;
- **Distribution:** distribution of oil products to wholesalers and through our BR retail network in Brazil;
- **Gas and Power:** gas transportation and distribution, electric power generation using natural gas and renewable energy sources; and
- **International:** exploration and production, refining, transportation and marketing, distribution and gas and power operations outside of Brazil.

The following table sets forth key information for each business segment in 2009:

	<b>2009</b>						
	<b>Exploration and Production</b>	<b>Refining, and Transportation and Marketing</b>	<b>Gas and Distribution</b>	<b>Power</b>	<b>International</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<b>(1) Eliminations</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>						
Net operating revenues	38,777	74,621	29,672	5,652	10,197		(67,050)
Income (loss) before income tax	14,588	9,819	960	657	232	(3,520)	(675)
Total assets at December 31	77,596	50,469	6,127	24,861	14,914	31,198	(4,895)
Capital expenditures	16,488	10,466	369	5,116	2,111	584	

- (1) Our Corporate segment includes our financing activities not attributable to other segments, including corporate financial management, central administrative overhead and actuarial expenses related to our pension and health care plans for inactive participants. Beginning in 2009, our Corporate segment includes the results from our Bio-Renewables operations. In prior years, the results from our Bio-Renewables operations were included in our Gas and Power segment.

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The following tables set forth our production of crude oil, natural gas, synthetic oil and synthetic gas by geographic area in 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	2009					Oil (mmbbl/d)	Synth O (mmbbl/d)
	Oil (mmbbl/d)	Synthetic Oil (mmbbl/d)(4)	Nat. Gas (mmcf/d)(1)	Synthetic Gas (mmcf/d)(1)(4)	Total (mboe/d)		
<b>Brazil:</b>							
Roncador field(2)	368.9	0.0	163.7	0.0	396.2	267.6	
Other	1,598.1	3.8	615.0	4.4	1,705.2	1,583.9	
Total Brazil.	1,967.0	3.8	778.7	4.4	2,101.4	1,851.5	
<b>International:</b>							
South America (outside of Brazil)	85.6	0.0	569.3	0.0	180.4	97.3	
North America	1.5	0.0	10.6	0.0	3.3	1.7	
Africa.	44.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.3	7.9	
Total International.	131.4	0.0	579.9	0.0	228.0	106.9	
Total consolidated production	2,098.4	3.8	1,358.6	4.4	2,329.4	1,958.4	
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:(3)</b>							
South America (outside of Brazil)	9.3	0.0	5.6	0.0	10.2	13.0	
<b>Worldwide production</b>	<b>2,107.7</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1,364.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>2,339.6</b>	<b>1,971.4</b>	

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- (1) Natural gas production figures are the production volumes of natural gas available for sale, excluding flared and reinjected gas and gas consumed in operations.
- (2) Roncador field contains more than 15% of our total proved reserves.
- (3) Companies in which Petrobras has a minority interest.
- (4) We produce synthetic oil and synthetic gas from oil shale deposits in São Mateus do Sul, in the Paraná Basin of Brazil.

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Production of crude oil and natural gas in Brazil is divided into onshore and offshore production, comprising 11% and 89% of total production in Brazil, respectively. Campos Basin is one of Brazil's main and most prolific oil and gas offshore basins, with over 60 hydrocarbon reserves discovered, eight large oil fields and a total area of approximately 115,000 km<sup>2</sup> (28.4 million acres).

In 2009, Campos Basin produced an average 1,693.6 mbbbl/d of oil and 12.0 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (453.6 mmcf/d) of associated natural gas during 2009, comprising 84.2% of our total production from Brazil.

The following table sets forth our average production prices and average production costs by geographic area and by product type for the last three years.

	Brazil	South America (outside of Brazil)	North America	Africa  (U.S.\$)	Total	Equity and non-consolidated affiliates(1)
<b>During 2009</b>						
Average production prices						
Oil, per barrel	54.22	46.00	62.23	68.09	54.18	64.64
Natural gas, per thousand cubic feet(1)	3.76	2.06	3.87		2.87	
Synthetic oil, per barrel	50.88				50.88	
Synthetic gas, per thousand cubic feet	2.97				2.97	
Average production costs, per barrel total	9.91	7.06	22.64	9.15	9.69	17.12
<b>During 2008</b>						
Average production prices						
Oil, per barrel	81.55	61.96	108.05	67.65	80.54	87.96
Natural gas, per thousand cubic feet(1)	6.69	2.58	9.94		5.07	
Synthetic oil, per barrel						
Synthetic gas, per thousand cubic feet						
Average production costs, per barrel total	12.34	6.40	17.49	7.28	11.82	20.98
<b>During 2007</b>						
Average production prices						
Oil, per barrel	61.57	49.51	71.32	63.64	60.88	66.22
Natural gas, per thousand cubic feet(1)	5.86	2.23	7.69		4.26	
Synthetic oil, per barrel						
Synthetic gas, per thousand cubic feet						
Average production costs, per barrel total	10.32	5.55	10.51	27.40	9.90	12.47

(1) The volumes of natural gas used in the calculation of this table are the production volumes of natural gas available for sale and are also shown in the production table above.

(2) Operations in Venezuela.



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The following table sets forth our estimated net proved developed and undeveloped reserves of crude oil and natural gas by region as of December 31, 2009.

Reserves category	Reserves			
	Oil	Natural gas	Synthetic oil	Synthetic gas
	(mmbbl)	(bncf)	(mmbbl)(1)	(bncf)(1)
<b>Proved developed:</b>				
<b>Brazil</b>	6,121.4	5,382.8	6.84	5.62
<b>International</b>				
South America (outside of Brazil)	139.9	485.6	0.0	0.0
North America	3.8	37.2	0.0	0.0
Africa	58.5	31.8	0.0	0.0
Total International	202.2	554.6	0.0	0.0
Total consolidated proved reserves	6,323.6	5,937.4	6.84	5.62
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates</b>				
South America (outside of Brazil)	22.2	32.5	0.0	0.0
<b>Total proved developed reserves</b>	<b>6,345.8</b>	<b>5,969.9</b>	<b>6.84</b>	<b>5.62</b>
<b>Proved undeveloped:</b>				
<b>Brazil..</b>	3,797.9	4,476.4	0.0	0.0
<b>International</b>				
South America (outside of Brazil)	84.7	554.2	0.0	0.0
North America	3.5	14.3	0.0	0.0
Africa	52.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total International	140.7	568.5	0.0	0.0
Total consolidated proved reserves	3,938.6	5,044.9	0.0	0.0
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates</b>				
South America (outside of Brazil)	17.6	30.7	0.0	0.0
<b>Total proved undeveloped reserves</b>	<b>3,956.2</b>	<b>5,075.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total proved reserves (developed and undeveloped)</b>	<b>10,302.0</b>	<b>11,045.5</b>	<b>6.84</b>	<b>5.62</b>

- (1) Volumes of synthetic oil and synthetic gas from oil shale deposits in the Paraná Basin in Brazil have been included in our proved reserves for the first time in accordance with the new SEC rules for estimating and disclosing reserve quantities.

We calculate reserves based on forecasts of field production, which depend on a number of technical parameters, such as seismic interpretation, geological maps, well tests, reservoir engineering studies and economic data. All reserve estimates involve some degree of uncertainty. The uncertainty depends primarily on the amount of reliable geological and engineering data available at the time of the estimate and the interpretation of that data. Our estimates are

#### *Internal Controls over Proved Reserves*

The reserves estimation process begins with an initial evaluation of our assets by geophysicists, geologists and engineers. Corporate Reserves Coordinators (*Coordenadores de Reservas Corporativo*, or CRCs) safeguard the integrity and objectivity of our reserves estimates by supervising and providing technical support to Regional Reserves Coordinators

thus made using the most reliable data at the time of the estimate, in accordance with the best practices in the oil and gas industry.

The statements contained in this Item 4 regarding exploration and development projects and production estimates are forward-looking and subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee that our actual levels of activity, production or performance will meet these expectations. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors.

(*Coordenadores de Reservas Regionais*, or CRRs) who are responsible for preparing the reserves estimates. Our CRRs and CRCs have degrees in geophysics, geology, petroleum engineering and accounting and are trained internally and abroad in international reserves estimates seminars. CRCs are responsible for compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations, consolidating and auditing the reserves estimation process. The technical person primarily responsible for overseeing the preparation of our domestic reserves is a member of the SPE, with 20 years of experience in the field and has been with Petrobras for 26 years.

The technical person primarily responsible for overseeing the preparation of our international reserves has 15 years of experience in the field and has been with Petrobras for 30 years. Our reserves estimates are presented to our senior management and submitted to the board of directors for final approval.

DeGolyer and MacNaughton reviewed and certified 96.5% of our domestic proved crude oil, condensate and natural gas reserve estimates as of December 31, 2009. Outside of Brazil, D&M also reviewed and certified 93.3% of our estimates of international proved oil, condensate and natural gas reserves in fields where we are the operator as of December 31, 2009. The estimates for the certification were performed in accordance with Rule 4-10 of Regulation S-X of the SEC. For further information on our proved reserves, see *Supplementary Information on Oil and Gas Exploration and Production* beginning on page F-134.

### *Changes in Proved Reserves*

The changes that occurred in 2009 to Petrobras' proved reserves are primarily attributable to discoveries, well extensions, improved recoveries, production for the year and revisions to previous estimates. Revisions to previous estimates reflect changes in prices, technical revisions and changes in the status of concessions held by us. The most significant changes in our proved reserves in 2009 occurred within Brazil, with a net addition of 1,935.7 mmboe to our domestic proved reserves due primarily to higher oil prices and technical revisions. Outside of Brazil, the principal change in our proved reserves in 2009 occurred in Bolivia due to the adoption of a new constitution that prohibits private ownership of that country's oil and gas resources. As a result, we were not able to include any of our 284.3 mmboe of proved reserves in Bolivia as reported at December 31, 2008 in our proved reserves for year-end 2009.

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The table below summarizes information about the changes in total proved reserves for 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<b>Total Proved Developed and Undeveloped Reserves (consolidated entities only)</b>			
	<b>Oil</b>	<b>Synthetic oil</b>	<b>Gas</b>	<b>Synthetic gas</b>
	<b>(mmbbl)</b>	<b>(mmbbl)</b>	<b>(bncf)</b>	<b>(bncf)</b>
<b>Reserves quantity information for the year ended December 31, 2009</b>				
January 1, 2009	9,105.5	0.0	12,139.4	0.0
Revisions of previous estimates	1,734.8	0.0	(521.7)	0.0
Improved recovery	21.7	0.0	0.8	0.0
Purchases of minerals <i>in situ</i>	99.4	0.0	110.3	0.0
Extensions and discoveries	135.5	8.1	146.7	6.6
Production	(735.3)	(1.2)	(782.8)	(1.0)
Sales of minerals <i>in situ</i>	(99.4)	0.0	(110.3)	0.0
December 31, 2009	<b>10,262.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>10,982.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Reserves quantity information for the year ended December 31, 2008</b>				
January 1, 2008	9,552.8	0.0	12,479.8	0.0
Revisions of previous estimates	130.2	0.0	195.2	0.0
Improved recovery	29.8	0.0	7.5	0.0
Purchases of minerals <i>in situ</i>	12.3	0.0	123.1	0.0
Extensions and discoveries	76.2	0.0	152.7	0.0
Production	(685.1)	0.0	(818.9)	0.0
Sales of minerals <i>in situ</i>	(10.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0
December 31, 2008	<b>9,105.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12,139.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Reserves quantity information for the year ended December 31, 2007</b>				
January 1, 2007	9,418.1	0.0	11,765.9	0.0
Revisions of previous estimates	666.8	0.0	586.1	0.0
Improved recovery	25.3	0.0	11.5	0.0
Purchases of minerals <i>in situ</i>	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extensions and discoveries	102.3	0.0	852.9	0.0
Production	(659.7)	0.0	(736.6)	0.0
Sales of minerals <i>in situ</i>	(2.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0
December 31, 2007	<b>9,552.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>12,479.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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Natural gas production volumes used in the calculation of this table are the net volumes withdrawn from Petrobras proved reserves, including flared and reinjected gas volumes and gas consumed in operations. As a result, the natural gas production volumes in this table are different from those shown in the production table above, which shows the production volumes of natural gas available for sale.

*Proved Undeveloped Reserves*

The most significant changes to and investments in our proved undeveloped reserves in 2009 occurred within Brazil. The net addition of proved undeveloped reserves in Brazil was 499.0 mmboe in 2009, 434.7 mmboe of which was due to higher oil prices and technical revisions. In 2009, we invested a total of U.S.\$8.1 billion to convert proved undeveloped reserves into proved developed reserves, of which approximately 93% (U.S.\$7.5 billion) was invested in Brazil. We converted a total of 714.3 mmboe of proved undeveloped reserves to proved developed reserves in 2009, approximately 90% (640 mmboe) of which were Brazilian reserves.

In recent years, we have developed projects and increased investments to convert our proved undeveloped reserves into proved developed reserves.

We had a total of 4.8 bnboe of proved undeveloped reserves at year-end 2009, approximately 9% (430 mmboe) of which have remained undeveloped for five years or more as a result of several factors affecting development and production, including the inherent complexity of ultra-deepwater developments projects, particularly in Brazil, and constraints in the capacity of our existing infrastructure.

*Properties*

The following tables show the number of gross and net productive oil and natural gas wells and total gross and net developed and undeveloped oil and natural gas acreage in which Petrobras had interests as of December 31, 2009. A gross well or acre is one in which a whole or fractional working interest is owned, while the number of net wells or acres is the sum of the whole or fractional working interests in gross wells or acres.

	As of December 31, 2009								
	Oil		Natural gas		Synthetic oil		Synthetic gas		
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	
<b>Gross and net productive wells:</b>									
<b>Brazil</b>	7,910	7,907	281	275	0	0	0	0	
<b>International</b>									
South America (outside of Brazil)	5,615	4,303	534	383	0	0	0	0	
North America	9	4	9	4	0	0	0	0	
Africa	33	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total international	5,657	4,313	543	387	0	0	0	0	
Total consolidated	13,567	12,220	824	662	0	0	0	0	
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:</b>									
South America (outside of Brazil)	119	41	303	73	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total gross and net productive wells</b>	<b>13,686</b>	<b>12,261</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

	As of December 31, 2009							
	Oil		Natural gas		Synthetic oil		Synthetic gas	
	(in acres)							
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
<b>Gross and net developed acreage:</b>								
<b>Brazil</b>	3,501,418	3,408,257	97,764	85,602	34,595	34,595	0	0
<b>International</b>								
South America (outside of Brazil)	1,446,170	964,839	2,068,363	1,498,066	0	0	0	0
North America	13,248	6,582	21,811	9,290	0	0	0	0
Africa	346,049	69,784	31,696	6,339	0	0	0	0
Total international	1,805,467	1,041,205	2,121,870	1,513,695	0	0	0	0
Total consolidated	5,306,885	4,449,462	2,219,634	1,599,297	34,595	34,595	0	0
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:</b>								
South America (outside of Brazil)	220,110	54,687	42,434	11,853	0	0	0	0
<b>Total gross and net developed acreage</b>	<b>5,526,995</b>	<b>4,504,149</b>	<b>2,262,068</b>	<b>1,611,150</b>	<b>34,595</b>	<b>34,595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	As of December 31, 2009							
	Oil		Natural gas		Synthetic oil		Synthetic gas	
	(in acres)							
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
<b>Gross and net undeveloped acreage:</b>								
<b>Brazil</b>	855,915	710,270	490,264	285,023	0	0	0	0
<b>International</b>								
South America (outside of Brazil)	510,079	320,201	1,149,938	774,009	0	0	0	0
North America	1,751	1,751	3,071	1,650	0	0	0	0
Africa	266,830	53,366	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total international	778,660	375,318	1,153,009	775,659	0	0	0	0
Total consolidated	1,634,575	1,085,588	1,643,273	1,060,682	0	0	0	0

**Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:**

South America (outside of Brazil)	179,766	45,406	42,805	12,141	0	0	0	0
<b>Total gross and net undeveloped acreage</b>	<b>1,814,341</b>	<b>1,130,994</b>	<b>1,686,078</b>	<b>1,072,823</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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*Drilling and Other Exploratory and Development Activities*

The following table sets forth the number of net productive and dry exploratory and development wells drilled for the last three years.

	2009	2008	2007
<b>Net productive exploratory wells drilled:</b>			
<b>Consolidated subsidiaries:</b>			
Brazil	35.66	50.25	56.57
South America (outside of Brazil)	1.23	2.2	1.73
North America	0.20	0.75	1.00
Africa	0.45	0.10	0.16
Other	0.00	1.25	1.00
Total consolidated subsidiaries	37.54	54.55	60.46
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:</b>			
South America (outside of Brazil)	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total productive exploratory wells drilled</b>	<b>37.54</b>	<b>54.55</b>	<b>60.46</b>
<b>Net dry exploratory wells drilled:</b>			
<b>Consolidated subsidiaries:</b>			
Brazil	55.68	71.24	34.65
South America (outside of Brazil)	1.99	6.63	3.56
North America	1.00	0.25	1.00
Africa	1.05	0.00	0.17
Other	0.00	0.00	0.10
Total consolidated subsidiaries	59.72	78.12	39.48
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:</b>			
Venezuela	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total dry exploratory wells drilled</b>	<b>59.72</b>	<b>78.12</b>	<b>39.48</b>
<b>Total number of net wells drilled.</b>	<b>97.26</b>	<b>132.67</b>	<b>99.94</b>
<b>Net productive development wells drilled:</b>			
<b>Consolidated subsidiaries:</b>			
Brazil	546.15	369.00	325.35
South America (outside of Brazil)	57.00	163.23	212.98
North America	0.00	0.00	0.00
Africa	1.70	2.24	2.53
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total consolidated subsidiaries	604.85	534.47	540.86
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:</b>			
Venezuela	6.00	6.00	5.00
<b>Total productive development wells drilled</b>	<b>610.85</b>	<b>540.47</b>	<b>545.86</b>
<b>Net dry development wells drilled:</b>			
<b>Consolidated subsidiaries:</b>			
Brazil	9.80	4.00	3.00
South America (outside of Brazil)	0.00	0.00	0.00
North America	0.00	0.00	0.00
Africa	0.00	0.00	0.00



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Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total consolidated subsidiaries	9.80	4.00	3.00
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:</b>			
Venezuela	0.00	1.00	0.00
<b>Total dry development wells drilled</b>	9.8	5.00	3.00
<b>Total number of net wells drilled</b>	620.65	545.47	548.86

We also conduct limited oil shale mining operations in São Mateus do Sul, in the Paraná Basin of Brazil, and we use oil shale from these deposits to produce synthetic oil and gas.

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*Present Activities*

The following table summarizes the number of wells in the process of being drilled as of December 31, 2009. For more information about our on-going exploration and production activities in Brazil, see Exploration and Production. Our present exploration and production activities outside of Brazil are described in International.

	<b>Year-end 2009</b>	
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net</b>
<b>Wells Drilling</b>		
<b>Consolidated Subsidiaries:</b>		
<b>Brazil</b>	69	65.93
<b>International</b>		
South America (outside of Brazil)	105	60.22
North America	4	1.20
Africa	19	3.20
Others	0	0
Total International	128	64.62
Total consolidated production	197	130.55
<b>Equity and non-consolidated affiliates:</b>		
Venezuela	21	6
<b>Total wells drilling</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>136.55</b>

*Delivery Commitments*

We sell crude oil under a variety of contractual obligations, primarily through long-term and spot-market contracts in quantities based on production from specified properties. Some of our long-term contracts specify delivery of fixed and determinable quantities. We are contractually committed to deliver to third parties a total of approximately 360 mbb/d in 2010, 266 mbb/d in 2011 and 200 mbb/d in 2012 of crude oil. We have met all contractual delivery commitments, and we believe our domestic proved reserves are sufficient to allow us to continue to deliver all contracted volumes.

We also sell natural gas under contracts that specify delivery of fixed and determinable quantities. For information on our natural gas delivery commitments and pricing, see Gas and Power Natural Gas.

**Exploration and Production**

in 2000 and 1,971 mbb/d in 2009. In 1974 we made our first discovery in the Campos Basin offshore in Brazil, which now accounts for over 84% of our proved reserves. We aim to grow oil and gas reserves and production sustainably and be recognized for excellence in Exploration and Production operations. Our primary goals are to:

- explore and develop oil resources in increasingly deeper waters in the Campos Basin;
- explore and develop Brazil's two other most promising offshore basins: Espírito Santo (light oil, heavy oil and gas) and Santos (gas and light oil);
- develop gas resources in the Santos Basin and elsewhere to meet Brazil's growing demand for gas and increase the contribution of domestic gas production to meeting that demand;

Oil and gas exploration and production activities in Brazil are the largest component of our company portfolio. In 1970, we produced 164 mbb/d of crude oil, condensate and natural gas liquids in Brazil. We increased production to 181 mbb/d in 1980, 654 mbb/d in 1990, 1,271 mbb/d

- explore and develop the potentially substantial pre-salt reservoirs that lie below the Espírito Santo, Campos and Santos basins; and
- sustain and increase production from onshore fields through drilling and enhanced recovery operations.

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In new areas, our activities typically begin with geological research and seismic activities, followed by exploratory drilling. When this yields encouraging results, we proceed with extended well tests, development drilling and pilot production, which typically involve substantial investments. It usually takes several years for successful exploration activity to be reflected in increased reserves and production.

During 2009, our oil and gas production from Brazil averaged 2,101 mboe/d, of which 93.8% was oil and 6.2% was natural gas. On December 31, 2009, our estimated net proved crude oil and natural gas reserves in Brazil were 11.56 billion boe, of which 86% was crude oil and 14% was natural gas. Brazil provided 90% of our worldwide production in 2009 and accounted for 95% of our worldwide reserves at December 31, 2009 on a barrels of oil-equivalent basis. Historically, approximately 85% of our total Brazilian production has been oil; in the future, we plan to increase the share of natural gas to meet increasing domestic demand. In 2009, we drilled a total of 558 development wells, of which 41 were offshore and 517 were onshore.

Brazil's richest oil fields are located offshore, most of them in deep waters. Since 1971, when we started exploration in the Campos Basin, we have been active in these waters and we have become globally recognized as innovators in the technology required to explore and produce hydrocarbons in deep and ultra-deep water. We operate more production (on a boe basis) from fields in deep and ultra-deep water than any other company, according to PFC Energy, an energy consultancy.

*Exploration and Production Key Statistics***Exploration and Production:**

	2009	2008 (U.S.\$ million)	2007
Net operating revenues	38,777	59,024	41,991
Income before income tax	14,588	31,657	21,599
Total assets at December 31	77,596	51,326	53,175
Capital expenditures	16,488	14,293	9,448

In 2009, offshore production accounted for 75.9% of our production and deepwater production accounted for 86.3% of our production in Brazil. At December 31, 2009, we operated 203 wells in water deeper than 1,000 meters (3,281 feet). By December 31, 2009, we had drilled around 29 exploratory wells in water deeper than 1,000 meters (3,281 feet). We continue to upgrade our deepwater technologies. See Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Research and Development.

Offshore exploration, development and production costs are generally higher than those onshore, but we have been able to offset these higher costs by higher drilling success ratios, larger discoveries and greater production volumes. We have historically been successful in finding and developing significant oil reservoirs offshore, which has allowed us to achieve economies of scale by spreading the total costs of exploration, development and production over a large base. By focusing on opportunities that are close to existing production infrastructure, we limit the incremental capital requirements of new field development.

We have also implemented a variety of asset-rationalization programs designed to increase oil recovery from existing fields and reduce natural decline from producing fields.

Our exploration and production activities outside Brazil are included in our International business segment. See International.



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Information about our principal oil and gas producing fields in Brazil is summarized in the table below.

<b>Basin</b>	<b>Fields</b>	<b>Petrobras %</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Fluid(1)</b>	
Alagoas	Pilar/Rio Remedio	100%	Onshore	Light Oil/Natural Gas	
Camamu	Manati	35%	Shallow	Natural Gas	
Campos	Albacora	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
			Deepwater	Intermediate	
	Albacora Leste	90%	Deepwater	Intermediate	
			Ultra-deepwater		
	Barracuda	100%	Deepwater	Intermediate	
	Bicudo	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
	Bijupirá/Salema	22.4%(2)	Deepwater	Intermediate	
	Bonito	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
	Carapeba	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
	Caratinga	100%	Deepwater	Intermediate	
	Cherne	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
	Corvina	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
	Enchova	100%	Shallow	Heavy Oil	
	Espadarte	100%	Deepwater	Intermediate	
	Jubarte	100%	Deepwater	Heavy Oil	
	Marimba	100%	Deepwater	Intermediate	
	Marlim	100%	Deepwater	Heavy Oil	
	Marlim Leste	100%	Deepwater	Intermediate	
				Ultra-deepwater	Intermediate
		Marlim Sul	100%	Deepwater	Intermediate
			Ultra-deepwater		
	Namorado	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
	Pampo	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
	Pargo	100%	Shallow	Intermediate	
	Roncador	100%	Ultra-deepwater	Intermediate	
	Vermelho	100%	Shallow	Heavy Oil	
	Voador	100%	Deepwater	Heavy Oil	
Espírito Santo	Fazenda Alegre	100%	Onshore	Heavy Oil	
	Peroá	100%	Shallow	Light Oil	
	Golfinho	100%	Deepwater	Intermediate	
			Ultra-deepwater	Intermediate	
Potiguar	Canto do Amaro/Alto da Pedra/Cajazeira Estreito/Rio Panon	100%	Onshore	Intermediate Oil/Natural Gas	
		100%	Onshore	Heavy Oil/Natural Gas	
Recôncavo	Jandaia	100%	Onshore	Light Oil	
	Miranga	100%	Onshore	Light Oil/Natural Gas	

Santos	Merluza	100%	Shallow	Natural Gas
Sergipe	Carmopolis	100%	Onshore	Intermediate
	Sirirízinho	100%	Onshore	Intermediate
Solimões	Leste do Urucu	100%	Onshore	Light Oil/Natural Gas
	Rio Urucu	100%	Onshore	Light Oil/Natural Gas

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- (1) Heavy oil = up to 22° API; intermediate oil = 22° API to 31° API; light oil = greater than 31° API  
(2) Petrobras is not the operator in this field.

We conduct exploration, development and production activities in Brazil through concession contracts, which we obtain through participation in bid rounds conducted by the ANP. Some of our existing concessions were granted by the ANP without an auction in 1998, as provided by the Oil Law. These are known as the Round Zero concession contracts.

Since such time, we have participated in all of the auction rounds, most recently in December 2008.

Our domestic oil and gas exploration and production efforts are primarily focused on three major basins offshore in Southeastern Brazil: Campos, Espírito Santo and Santos.

The following map shows our concession areas in Brazil as of December 2009.

### *Campos Basin*

The Campos Basin, which covers approximately 115,000 km<sup>2</sup> (28.4 million acres), is the most prolific oil and gas basin in Brazil as measured by proved hydrocarbon reserves and annual production. Since we began exploring this area in 1971, over 60 hydrocarbon accumulations have been discovered, including eight large oil fields in deep water and ultra-deep water. The Campos Basin is our largest oil- and gas-producing region, producing an average 1,693.6 mbbbl/d of oil and 12.0 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (453.6 mmcf/d) of associated natural gas during 2009, 84.2% of our total production from Brazil.

At December 31, 2009, we were producing from 41 fields at an average rate of 1,693.6 mbbbl/d of oil and held proved crude oil reserves representing 90% of our total proved crude oil reserves in Brazil. At December 31, 2009, we held proved natural gas reserves in the Campos Basin representing 53% of our total proved natural gas reserves in Brazil. We operated 38 floating production systems, 14 fixed platforms and 5,472 km (3,400.3 miles) of pipeline and flexible pipes in water depths from 80 to 1,886 meters (262 to 6,188 feet), delivering oil with an average API gravity of 22.9° and an average BSW of 1%. At December 31, 2009, we held exploration rights to 21 blocks in the Campos Basin, comprising 5,884 km<sup>2</sup> (1.4 million acres).

In 2009, we installed and began operations in Platform P-51 located in the Marlim Sul field and FPSO Cidade de Niterói located in the Marlim Leste fields of offshore Campos Basin, which added combined capacities of 280 mbbbl/d of oil and 9.5 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d of natural gas. In addition to participating in the installation of these two platforms in 2009 as the operator, we also participated in the installation of two other FPSOs, located in Frade and in Parque das Conchas, operated by our partners, and in which we have interests of 30% and 35%, respectively.

### *Espírito Santo Basin*

We have made several discoveries of light oil and natural gas in the Espírito Santo Basin, which covers approximately 75,000 km<sup>2</sup> (18.5 million acres) offshore and 14,000 km<sup>2</sup> (3.5 million acres) onshore. At December 31, 2009, we were producing from 46 fields at an average rate of 40.9 mbbbl/d and held proved crude oil reserves, representing 1% of our total proved crude oil reserves in Brazil. At December 31, 2009, we were producing natural gas at an average rate of 1.5 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (54.9 mmcf/d) and held proved natural gas reserves representing 7% of our total proved natural gas reserves in Brazil.

On December 31, 2009, we held exploration rights to 23 blocks, six onshore and 17 offshore, comprising 8,623 km<sup>2</sup> (2.1 million acres).

In 2009, we installed and began operations in FPSO Cidade de São Mateus in Camarupim of the Espírito Santo Basin with capacity to produce 25 mbbbl/d of oil and 10 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d of natural gas. We are developing another deepwater project to increase natural gas production from the Espírito Santo Basin, the Canapu project served by the FPSO Cidade de Vitória with capacity to produce 2 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d, which is expected to come on stream in the second quarter of 2010.

In addition to developing new projects, we are also optimizing existing resources in the Golfinho field by moving the FPSO Capixaba to the Parque das Baleias field in the Campos Basin in anticipation of our pre-salt exploration efforts there. We reconnected two wells previously served by the FPSO Capixaba to the FPSO Cidade de Vitória in the Golfinho field.



We expect that future new-source production from Campos will be predominantly from deepwater oil fields. We are currently developing 12 major projects in the Campos Basin: Marlim Sul Modules 2 and 3, Marlim Leste Module 2, Roncador Modules 3 and 4, Jubarte Phase II, Cachalote Phase I, pre-salt reservoirs of Parque das Baleias, Papa-Terra, Frade, Ostra and Baleia Azul.

*Santos Basin*

The Santos Basin, which covers approximately 348,900 km<sup>2</sup> (86 million acres) off the city of Santos, in the State of São Paulo, is one of the most promising exploration areas offshore Brazil and the focus of our plans to develop domestic natural gas. At December 31, 2009, we produced oil from two fields and one exploration area at an average rate of 14.4 mbbbl/d and held proved crude oil reserves representing 1% of our total proved crude oil reserves in Brazil. At December 31, 2009, we produced natural gas at an average rate of 0.7 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (26.3 mmcf/d) and held proved natural gas reserves in the Santos Basin representing 16% of our total proved natural gas reserves in Brazil.

In January 2006, we approved a plan to increase our gas production to meet increasing domestic gas demand. In order to continually develop and focus our goal, we subsequently approved a second plan, known as Plangas, to accelerate gas production and build supporting infrastructure in the Santos and Espírito Santo basins. We expect these investment plans to increase our average gas production capacity from the Santos Basin from 0.58 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (20.5 mmcf/d) in 2009 to 15.4 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (543.4 mmcf/d) by January 2011.

Gas development plans for the Santos Basin include:

- Mexilhão, located in shallow water in Santos Basin Block BS-400, is scheduled to come on stream in 2010 with initial production of approximately 1.9 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (67.0 mmcf/d), potentially increasing to 9.3 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (328.2 mmcf/d) in 2012;
- Urugua-Tambau is expected to produce at an initial rate of 1 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (35.3 mmcf/d) in 2010, potentially increasing to 7.9 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (278.8 mmcf/d) of gas and 30 mbbbl/d of light oil in 2012; and
- Lagosta came on stream in 2009, with initial production of approximately 1.4 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (49.4 mmcf/d), potentially increasing to 1.8 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (63.6 mmcf/d).

On December 31, 2009, we held exploration rights to 49 blocks in the Santos Basin, comprising 28,384 km<sup>2</sup> (7.0 million acres).

*Pre-Salt Reservoirs*

In recent years, we have focused our offshore exploration efforts on pre-salt reservoirs located in a region approximately 800 km (497 miles) long and 200 km (124 miles) wide stretching from the Campos to the Santos basins. Our existing concessions in this area cover approximately 24% (35,739 km<sup>2</sup> or 8.4 million acres) of the pre-salt areas. An additional 4% (6,000 km<sup>2</sup> or 1.5 million acres) is under concession to other oil companies for exploration. The remaining 72% (107,230 km<sup>2</sup> or 26 million acres) of the pre-salt region is not yet under concession, and the licensing of new pre-salt concessions is on hold pending the outcome of a regulatory review by the Brazilian government. See

Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Brazil Proposed Changes to the Oil Law.

Since 2005, we have drilled 41 wells as operator in this 149,000 km<sup>2</sup> (36.8 million acre) area, 85% of which have yielded discoveries of hydrocarbon resources. We hold interests ranging from 20% to 100% in the pre-salt exploration areas under concession to us. In the southern part of the region, where the salt layer is thick and the hydrocarbons have been more perfectly preserved, we have made particularly promising discoveries, including Blocks BM-S-11 (Tupi and Iara) and BM-S-9 (Carioca and Guará) in the Santos Basin since 2006. In the northern part of the region, we made significant discoveries in 2008 and early 2010 in the area known as Parque das Baleias and in the Barracuda field, both in the Campos Basin.

As a result, we are committing substantial resources to develop these pre-salt discoveries, which are located in deep and ultra-deep waters at target depths of between 5,000 and 7,000 meters (16,404 and 22,966 feet). According to the 2009-2013 Business Plan, we plan to invest U.S.\$28.9 billion, approximately 31% of our total domestic capital expenditures for exploration and production in the period, in the development of the pre-salt reservoirs through 2013.



### *Santos Basin Pre-Salt*

In May 2009, we initiated production in the pre-salt region of the Santos Basin with an extended well test in Tupi that has produced, on average, 20 mbbbl/d. In 2009, we also drilled five wells in the same region, and we expect to drill up to 11 new wells here in 2010. These efforts are part of our Phase 0 development plan for 2009 to 2013, during which we will gather information about the pre-salt reservoirs in the region and test drilling technologies to improve efficiency and minimize costs. In the last quarter of 2010, we plan to start-up two EWTs and also a pilot system FPSO with capacity of 100 mbbbl/d.

From 2013 to 2017, we will adapt standard FPSO technology from the Campos Basin for use in the pre-salt region of the Santos Basin in order to accelerate production in the area and generate cash flow to finance additional investment in the region. During this Phase 1A, we expect two pilot system FPSOs with a capacity of 120 mbbbl/d per unit to start up by 2013 to 2014, to be followed by eight additional systems with a capacity of 150 mbbbl/d per unit scheduled to start up between 2015 and 2016. Beginning in 2017, we will initiate Phase 1B of our development plan that will feature, among other developments, improved technologies and engineering specifically designed for the pre-salt region of the Santos Basin. As a result, we expect production levels in the region to accelerate significantly during this period.

Although we have made promising discoveries in the region, we are still in the early stages of our exploration efforts and do not expect to classify any pre-salt reserves in the Santos Basin as proven before year-end 2010.

### *Campos Basin Pre-Salt*

In the pre-salt region of the Campos Basin, we have drilled a total of 23 wells and we made a significant discovery of intermediate oil (30° API) in the Parque das Baleias area in November 2008, followed by a promising discovery of 28° API oil at our ultra-deep exploratory well in the Barracuda area in February 2010. These recent discoveries are in addition to our ongoing EWT in the Jubarte field off the coast of the State of Espírito Santo, where a single well pilot system has been producing at an average rate of 10 to 12 mbbbl/d since September 2008. We expect to accelerate pre-salt production in Parque das Baleias using existing infrastructure in the area. In December 2008, we began another EWT with a dynamic positioned vessel in the Cachalote field, which lasted until November 2009, and we expect to start producing from this field and from the Baleia Franca field using an existing FPSO by the second half of 2010. In 2012, we expect to start-up a pilot system exclusively dedicated to pre-salt exploration in the area of Baleia Azul using FPSO Espadarte.

To date, the pre-salt layer located off the coast of the State of Espírito Santo in the Campos Basin has contributed 182 mmbbl to our domestic proved reserves.

The map below shows the location of the pre-salt reservoirs as well as the status of our exploratory activities there.

### *Other Basins*

We produce hydrocarbons and hold exploration acreage in eight other basins in Brazil. Of these, the most significant are the shallow offshore Camamu Basin and the onshore Potiguar, Recôncavo, Rio Grande do Norte, Sergipe, Alagoas and Solimões basins.

While our onshore production is primarily in mature fields, we plan to sustain and slightly increase production from these fields in the future by using enhanced recovery methods.

We had a total of 318 production agreements as of December 31, 2009, and were the 100% owner in 283 of them. We are operators under 12 of our 35 partnership agreements.

The following table describes our principal development projects in the various basins and their production capacity:

<b>Field</b>	<b>Unit Type</b>	<b>Production Unit</b>	<b>Crude Oil Nominal Capacity (bbl/d)</b>	<b>Natural Gas Nominal Capacity (mcf/d)</b>	<b>Water Depth (meters)</b>	<b>Start Up (year)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Tiro e Sidon	SS	Atlantic Zephyr	20,000	0	150	2010	Chartered from PETROSERV
Canapu	n/a	n/a	0	70,628	1,440	2010	Production by FPSO Cidade de Vitória
Mexilhão	Fixed Platform	PMXL-1	0	529,710	172	2010	
Urugua-Tambau	FPSO	Cidade de Santos	35,000	353,140	1,300	2010	Chartered from Modec
Tupi pilot	FPSO	Cidade de Angra dos Reis	100,000	176,573	2,200	2010	Chartered from Modec
Cachalote and Baleia Franca	FPSO	Capixaba	100,000	123,599	n/a	2010	Existing FPSO chartered from SBM
Marlim Sul-Module 3	SS	P-56	100,000	211,884	n/a	2011	
Jubarte-Phase II	FPSO	P-57	180,000	70,628	1,300	2011	
Baleia Azul	FPSO	Espadarte	100,000	88,285	1,400	2012	Existing FPSO chartered from SBM
Roncador-Module 3	SS	P-55	180,000	211,884	1,790	2012	
Roncador-Module 4	FPSO	P-62	180,000	211,884	1,545	2013	
Papa-Terra-Module 1	TLWP	P-61	0	0	1,180	2013	Production by P-63
Papa-Terra-Module 2	FPSO	P-63	150,000	31,783	1,165	2013	

Guara Pilot	FPSO	n/a	120,000	176,573	2,141	2013
Baleia Azul	FPSO	P-58	180,000	211,884	1,400	2014
Tupi Nordeste Pilot	FPSO	n/a	120,000	176,573	2,130	2014

### *Exploration*

As of December 31, 2009, we had 147 exploration agreements covering 225 blocks, and 33 evaluation plans. We are exclusively responsible for conducting the exploration activities in 66 of the 147 exploration agreements. As of December 31, 2009, we had partnerships in exploration with 23 foreign and domestic companies, for a total of 81 agreements.

We conduct exploration activities under 57 of our 81 partnership agreements.

We focus much of our exploration effort on deepwater drilling, where the discoveries are substantially larger and our technology and expertise create a competitive advantage. In 2009, we invested a total of U.S.\$3.3 billion in exploration activities in Brazil. We drilled a total of 116 gross exploratory wells in 2009, of which 51 were offshore and 65 onshore, with a success ratio of 40%.

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Because offshore Brazil is geographically isolated from other offshore drilling areas, and because we often drill in unusually deep waters, we plan carefully for our future drilling rig needs. By using a combination of our own rigs and units that we contract for periods of three years or longer, we have historically ensured the availability of drilling units to meet our needs, and paid lower average day rates than if we had contracted the units on a spot basis. We continually evaluate our need for rigs, renew our drilling contracts, contract ahead for rigs as needed, and stimulate new rig construction by signing long-term operating leases with drilling contractors for rigs that are not yet built.

We have entered into three to ten-year contracts for 27 additional drilling rigs to engage in deep-water exploration of our offshore fields. These rigs will arrive in Brazil and begin operations during 2010 through 2012. Of these 27 rigs, one will have the capacity to operate in water depths of up to 1,500 meters (4,920 feet), three will be capable of operating in water depths of up to 2,000 meters (6,560 feet), 12 will be capable of operating in water depths of up to 2,400 meters (7,830 feet), and 11 will be capable of drilling in water depths of up to 3,000 meters (9,840 feet). All of these rigs will be chartered by us and have been built or are being built in shipyards outside Brazil

**Drilling Units in Use by Exploration and Production****On December 31**

	2009		2008		2007	
	Leased	Owned	Leased	Owned	Leased	Owned
Onshore	31	13	25	11	14	13
Offshore, by water depth (WD)	36	9	31	8	27	8
Jack-up rigs	2	5	2	4	1	4
Floating rigs:						
500 to 1000 meter WD	9	2	9	2	6	2
1000 to 1500 meters WD	12	1	10	1	10	1
1500 to 2000 meters WD	8	1	7	1	7	1
2000 to 2500 meters WD	4	0	2	0	2	0
2500 to 3000 meters WD	1	0	1	0	1	0

In addition to these 27 new drilling rigs already contracted, we are currently bidding for the construction of seven drill ships and two additional drilling rigs, which can be drill ships, semi- submersible units or mono-column drill ships, as well as charters for up to 19 additional drilling units. All of these 28 rigs are to be built in Brazil, to develop a Brazilian rig building industry that can meet our long-term needs. We expect to fulfill our future drilling requirements with a combination of rigs built in Brazil, supplemented when needed by the international fleet of deepwater rigs.

For our shallow water segment, we are building and will operate two jack-up drilling units designed to operate in water depths of 107 meters (350 feet) with High Pressure High Temperature (HPHT) capabilities. We expect to begin operating these units in 2012.

We also intend to minimize costs by dividing engineering procurement and construction packages into smaller pieces and purchasing equipment from or contracting with a greater number of competitors, as well as by increasing oversight over suppliers.

*Proved Reserves*

On December 31, 2009, our estimated proved reserves of crude oil and natural gas in Brazil totaled 11.56 billion barrels of oil equivalent, including: 9.92 billion barrels of crude oil and natural gas liquids and 261.24 bnm3 (9.86 tcf) of natural gas. As of December 31, 2009, our domestic proved developed crude oil reserves represented 62% of our total domestic proved developed and undeveloped crude oil reserves. Our domestic proved developed natural gas reserves represented 55% of our total domestic proved developed and undeveloped natural gas reserves. Total

In 2009, higher oil prices contributed to cost inflation in the industry and reduced availability of oil and gas production equipment. We have taken measures to minimize cost and risk by simplifying and standardizing our equipment, wherever possible. We are increasing our use of industry- standard equipment instead of developing our own custom-made standards and equipment.

domestic proved crude oil reserves increased at an average annual rate of 1% in the last five years. Natural gas proved reserves increased at an average annual rate of 4% over the same period. Recent discoveries in our pre-salt reservoirs are still under evaluation and to a significant degree are not included in our proved reserves. In 2009, our domestic proved reserves increased by 13% due in part to increased recovery from existing fields, new discoveries in exploratory blocks and revisions in costs. See Overview of the Group Changes in Total Proved Reserves.



See Overview of the Group, and Supplementary Information on Oil and Gas Producing Activities in our audited consolidated financial statements for further details on our proved reserves.

### Refining, Transportation and Marketing

We are an integrated company with a dominant market share in our home market. As of December 31, 2009, we operated 92% of Brazil's total refining capacity and we supplied almost all of the refined product needs of third-party wholesalers, exporters and petrochemical companies, in addition to the needs of our Distribution segment. We own and operate eleven refineries in Brazil, with a total net distillation capacity of 1,942 mbbbl/d, and are one of the world's largest refiners.

We operate a large and complex infrastructure of pipelines and terminals and a shipping fleet to transport oil products and crude oil to domestic and export markets. Most of our refineries are located near our crude oil pipelines, storage

### Refining, Transportation and Marketing Key Statistics

	2009	2008 (U.S.\$ million)	2007
<b>Refining, Transportation and Marketing:</b>			
Net operating revenues	74,621	96,202	69,549
Income (loss) before income tax	9,819	(2,956)	4,171
Total assets at December 31	50,469	27,521	31,218
Capital expenditures	10,466	7,234	4,488

### Refining

We are committed to developing as an integrated energy company and to increasing our refining capacity in Brazil both to accompany the refining needs of an anticipated increase in oil exploration and production in the near future and the increasing long-term demands of a growing Brazilian market for oil products.

facilities, refined product pipelines and major petrochemical facilities, facilitating access to crude oil supplies and end-users.

We also import and export crude oil and oil products. We continue to import certain oil products, particularly diesel, for which Brazilian demand exceeds refining capacity, although in smaller volumes than in 2008 because we were able to increase our diesel production by increasing the efficiency of our refineries. We expect the need for imports to decline in the future as we build additional refining capacity and upgrade our refineries to facilitate the processing of domestically produced crudes. We export our surplus heavy crude oil, and expect exports to increase as our production increases more rapidly than Brazilian demand for oil.

Our Refining, Transportation and Marketing segment also includes petrochemical and fertilizer operations that add value to the hydrocarbons we produce and provide beneficial inputs to the growing Brazilian economy.

Our refining capacity in Brazil as of December 31, 2009, was 1,942 mbbbl/d and our average throughput during 2009 was 1,791 mbbbl/d.

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The following table shows the installed capacity of our Brazilian refineries as of December 31, 2009, and the average daily throughputs of our refineries in Brazil and production volumes of principal oil products in 2009, 2008 and 2007.

Name (Alternative Name)(1)	Location	Crude Distillation Capacity at December 31, 2009 (mmbbl/d)	Average Throughput (mmbbl/d)		
			2009	2008	2007
LUBNOR	Fortaleza (CE)	7	7	6	6
RECAP (Capuava)	Capuava (SP) Rio de Janeiro	53	44	45	42
REDUC (Duque de Caxias)	(RJ)	242	238	256	243
REFAP (Alberto Pasqualini)	Canoas (RS)	189	169	142	148
REGAP (Gabriel Passos)	Betim (MG)	151	140	143	132
REMAN (Isaac Sabbá)	Manaus (AM)	46	41	39	41
REPAR (Presidente Getúlio Vargas)	Araucária (PR)	189	185	183	169
REPLAN (Paulínia)	Paulinia (SP) São Jose dos	365	341	324	348
REVAP (Henrique Lage)	Campos (SP)	251	241	205	236
RLAM (Landulpho Alves)	Mataripe (BA)	279	220	254	261
RPBC (Presidente Bernardes)	Cubatão (SP)	170	165	168	153
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,942</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>1,765</b>	<b>1,779</b>

(1) We have a 100% interest in each of these refineries, with the exception of REFAP, in which we have a 70% share.

The crude oil we currently produce in Brazil is heavy or intermediate, while our refineries were originally designed to run on lighter imported crude. We import some light crude to balance the slate for our refineries and are investing in our refinery system to maximize our ability to process heavier domestic crude.

These investments will give us the flexibility to adjust our mix between heavy and light crudes to take advantage of market prices and match our refinery outputs to product demand.

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The following tables summarize output of oil products and sales by product in Brazil for the last three years.

	Year-end	Year-end	Year-end
	2009	2008 (mmbbl/d)(1)	2007
<b>Domestic Output of Oil Products(2):</b>			
<b>Refining and marketing operations</b>			
Diesel	737	694	670
Gasoline	331	343	350
Fuel oil	243	255	263
Naphtha	143	136	154
LPG.	135	142	147
Jet fuel	74	65	69
Other	159	153	141
<b>Total domestic output of oil products</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>1,787</b>	<b>1,795</b>
Installed capacity	1,942	1,942	1,986
Utilization (%)	92	91	90
<b>Domestic crude oil as % of total feedstock processed</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>

(1) Unaudited.

(2) As registered by the National Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels Agency (ANP).

	Year-end	Year-end	Year-end
	2009	2008 (mmbbl/d)(1)	2007
<b>Domestic Sales Volumes:</b>			
Diesel	740	760	705
Gasoline	338	344	300
Fuel oil	102	110	106
Naphtha	164	151	166
LPG	210	213	206
Jet fuel	79	75	70
Other	121	84	172
<b>Total oil products</b>	<b>1,754</b>	<b>1,737</b>	<b>1,725</b>
Ethanol and other products	112	88	62
Natural gas	240	321	248
<b>Total domestic market</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>2,035</b>
Exports	707	676	618
International sales and other operations	537	552	586
<b>Total international market(2)</b>	<b>1,244</b>	<b>1,228</b>	<b>1,204</b>
<b>Total sales volumes</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>3,374</b>	<b>3,239</b>

- (1) Unaudited.
- (2) Includes PifCo's third-party sales.

In general, we plan to invest in refinery projects designed to:

- enhance the value of Brazilian crude oil by increasing our capacity to refine greater quantities of the heavier crude oil that is produced domestically;
- increase refining capacity to produce oil products that the Brazilian market demands but that we currently import, such as diesel;
- improve gasoline and diesel quality to comply with stricter environmental regulations currently being implemented; and

- reduce emissions and pollutant streams.

We are currently building a new 230 mbb/d refinery named Abreu e Lima (RNE) in Northeastern Brazil in a proposed partnership with PDVSA, the Venezuelan state oil company. This refinery is designed to process 16° API crude and will produce 162 mbb/d of diesel as well as LPG, naphtha, bunker fuel and petroleum coke. Based on contracts executed for the construction, the total estimated cost is approximately U.S.\$13.3 billion (R\$26.7 billion). We expect operations to come on-stream in 2012.

We are also planning two new refineries located in Northeastern Brazil: Premium I and Premium II with capacity of 600 mbb/d and 300 mbb/d, respectively. These refineries are designed to process heavy crude oil (20° API) and to maximize production of low-sulfur diesel in addition to LPG, naphtha, low-sulfur kerosene, bunker fuel and petroleum coke.

*Major Refinery Projects*

The following table shows our most significant planned investments in our existing refineries for 2009 to 2013:

<b>Planned Investments 2009-2013</b>	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>
Quality (diesel and gasoline)	13,196
Cokers	4,602
Expansion and metallurgic adaptation	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,388</b>

The planned investments described above are primarily for hydro-treating units to reduce sulfur and meet international standards and coking units capable of converting heavy oil into lighter products.

In recent years, we have been upgrading our refineries to reduce the sulfur content of the diesel we offer to our automotive customers in Brazil from 1,800 ppm to a maximum of 500 ppm by year-end 2013. In addition, we have upgraded three of our refineries to produce low-sulfur (50 ppm) diesel, and we plan to upgrade three additional refineries to produce 50 ppm sulfur diesel in 2010 and two additional refineries to produce 10 ppm ultra-low sulfur diesel by 2013. We are simultaneously upgrading our refineries to reduce the sulfur content of our gasoline from 1,000 ppm to a maximum of 50 ppm by year-end 2014.

In 2009, we invested a total of U.S.\$4,052 million in our refineries, U.S.\$3,197 million of which was invested to improve the quality of our diesel and gasoline, U.S.\$751 million to convert heavy oil into lighter products, and U.S.\$104 million to expansion projects. Our refinery upgrades in 2009, together with existing low-sulfur diesel imports, allowed us to offer a total of 26.2 mbb/d of 50 ppm sulfur diesel to our customers in Brazil, including to low-emission bus fleets in large Brazilian cities such as São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Curitiba, Belo Horizonte and Salvador, as well in the greater metropolitan areas of Belem, Fortaleza and Recife. We plan to offer an additional 45.4 mbb/d of 50 ppm sulfur diesel for sale in 2010. In 2012, we will further increase our supply of 50 ppm sulfur diesel by 72.4 mbb/d to meet growing demand from low-emission heavy duty vehicles. Beginning in 2013, we plan to supply 82.7 mbb/d of 10 ppm ultra-low sulfur diesel to Brazil's fleet of low-emission heavy duty

The major refinery projects that are scheduled to be completed in our 11 refineries during 2010 are the following:

- Diesel quality upgrades at RECAP and REVAP;
- Gasoline quality upgrades at REFAP, RPBC, REDUC, REGAP and RECAP; and
- Delayed coking units at REVAP.

From 2011 through 2013, we plan to complete the following major refinery projects:

- Diesel quality upgrades at REFAP, REGAP, RLAM, REPAR, REPLAN and RPBC;
- Gasoline quality upgrades at REPLAN, REVAP, REPAR, RLAM and REMAN;
- Delayed coking units at RNE and REPAR; and

vehicles.

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- Completion of two delayed coking units at RNE to increase heavy oil processing.

- Mild thermal cracking units to improve diesel and gasoline quality at REMAN.

The following major refinery projects are scheduled to be completed after 2013:

- Diesel quality upgrades at REDUC and REFAP; and

In November 2009, we began improvement and expansion projects at the Potiguar Clara Camarão refinery in Guamaré, Rio Grande do Norte, with the goal of processing 33,000 bbl/d of petroleum for the production of low-sulfur diesel, gasoline and naphtha by 2010.

### *Imports and Exports*

We use exports and imports of crude oil and oil products to balance our domestic production and refinery capacity with market needs and optimize our refining margins, importing light crude for our refineries and exporting heavier crude that is surplus to our needs.

We import diesel due to insufficient production in our Brazilian refineries and export gasoline, largely because ethanol and vehicular natural gas provide a substantial share of Brazil's light vehicle transportation fuels. We also export fuel oil, of which 35,259 bbl was exported as bunker fuel.

The table below shows our exports and imports of crude oil and oil products in 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b> (m bbl/d)	<b>2007</b>
<b>Exports (1)</b>			
Crude oil	478	439	353
Fuel oil (including bunker fuel)	150	152	160
Gasoline	38	40	59
Other	39	42	43
Total exports	<b>705</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>615</b>
<b>Imports</b>			
Crude oil	396	373	390
Diesel and other distillates	78	100	83
LPG	45	40	29
Naphtha	25	23	17
Other	3	34	19
Total imports	<b>547</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>538</b>

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(1) Includes sales made by PifCo to unaffiliated third parties, including sales of oil and oil products purchased internationally.

### *Logistics and Infrastructure*

We own and operate an extensive network of crude oil and oil products pipelines in Brazil that connect our terminals, refineries and other primary distribution points. On December 31, 2009, our onshore and offshore, crude oil and oil products pipelines extended 13,996 km (8,698 miles). We operate 27 marine storage terminals and 20 other tank farms with nominal aggregate storage capacity of 65 million barrels. Our marine terminals handle an average 10,000 tankers annually.

We operate a fleet of owned and chartered vessels. These provide shuttle services between our producing basins offshore Brazil and the Brazilian mainland, domestic shipping and international shipping to other parts of South America, the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, Europe, West Africa and the Middle East.

The fleet includes double-hulled vessels, which operate internationally where required by law, and single-hulled vessels, which operate in South America and Africa only. In order to accommodate growing production volumes, we are increasing our fleet of owned vessels both to replace an ageing fleet and to decrease our dependency on chartered vessels and fluctuations in prices tied to the U.S. dollar. The new ships are needed to upgrade our fleet and handle increased production volumes. Upgrades will include replacing single-hulled tankers with double-hulled vessels and replacing vessels nearing the end of their 25-year useful life. While our near term strategy contemplates an increase to the number of owned vessels, our long-term strategy continues to focus on the flexibility afforded to us in operating a combination of owned and chartered vessels.



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In accordance with our 2009-2013 Business Plan, we intend to contract with Brazilian shipyards to construct 49 new vessels to be delivered by 2015. We have already signed contracts with four shipyards for 33 vessels for delivery between 2010 and 2014, including:

- ten Suezmax, five Aframax, four Suezmax DP and three Aframax DP ships to be constructed by the Atlantico Sul shipyard, in Suape, Pernambuco;
- four Panamax ships to be constructed by the EISA shipyard in Rio de Janeiro;

- four tankers to be constructed by the Mauá shipyard in Niterói; and
- three bunkers to be constructed by the Superpesa shipyard in Rio de Janeiro.

We expect to contract the remaining 16 vessels (eight LPG carriers and eight product tankers) in 2010. We will continue to charter additional vessels as needed in the future.

The table below shows our operating fleet and vessels under contract and in various stages of construction as of December 31, 2009.

	In Operation		Under Contract/Construction	
	Number	Tons Deadweight Capacity	Number	Tons Deadweight Capacity
Owned fleet:				
Tankers	41	2,590,485	33	3,570,350
LPG tankers	6	40,146	0	0
Anchor Handling Tug Supply (AHTS)	1	1,920	0	0
Floating, Storage and Offloading (FSO)	1	28,903	0	0
Layed-up vessel	3	56,697	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>2,718,151</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3,570,350</b>
Chartered vessels:				
Tankers	102	11,547,564		
LPG tankers	18	593,190		
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>12,140,754</b>		

Prior to the 1997 Oil Law, we held a monopoly on Brazilian oil and natural gas pipelines and shipping oil products to and from Brazil. The Oil Law provided for open competition in the construction and operation of pipeline facilities and gave the ANP the power to authorize other entities to transport crude oil, natural gas and oil products. We subsequently transferred our transportation and storage network and fleet to a separate wholly owned subsidiary, Petrobras Transporte S.A. Transpetro. The transfer was required by the Oil Law and facilitates access to excess capacity by third parties on a non-discriminatory basis. We enjoy preferred access to the Transpetro network based on our historical usage levels. In practice, third parties make

- converting the existing oil products pipeline between Guararema and Guanabara Bay to transport 2.88 mmm<sup>3</sup> /y of ethanol by the second half of 2010, with a plan to expand to 4 mmm<sup>3</sup> /y by 2011; and
- building a new ethanol pipeline from Paulínia to São Sebastião to transport 12.9 mmm<sup>3</sup> /y of ethanol, primarily for export.

very limited use of this network.

We have distributed ethanol to the domestic market through our pipelines for 30 years. As the global demand for ethanol has increased, we are investing to expand our ethanol pipeline and logistics capacity, including:

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*Petrochemicals and Fertilizers*

Our petrochemicals operations provide a growing market for the crude oil and other hydrocarbons we produce, increase our value added and provide domestic sources for products that would otherwise be imported. We aim to expand our petrochemicals operations in Brazil and elsewhere in South America and to integrate these into our overall business.

Our strategies are to:

- increase domestic production of basic petrochemicals and engage in second generation and biopolymers activities through investments in companies in Brazil and abroad, capturing synergies within all our businesses; and
- increase production of fertilizers in order to supply the Brazilian market.

In September 2009, our board of directors approved the transfer of the fertilizer business to the Gas and Power segment effective in 2010, due to the synergies of the business of our natural gas operations.

In the past, the Brazilian petrochemicals industry was fragmented into a large number of small companies, many of which were not internationally competitive and were therefore poor customers for our petrochemical feedstocks. In 2009, we participated in the consolidation and restructuring of the Brazilian petrochemicals industry.

In June 2009, Quattor Participações (Quattor), which is 60% owned by União de Industrias Petroquímicas S.A. (Unipar) and 40% owned by Petrobras and Petroquisa, completed another step in its restructuring process in 2009 with the creation of Quattor Química S.A (Quattor Química) through a merger of Polietilenos União (PU) and Petroquímica União (PQU). Braskem S.A. (Braskem) also strengthened its position in 2009 through a merger with Petroquímica Triunfo S.A. (Triunfo), which completed the consolidation of certain of our petrochemical assets with Braskem, Odebrecht S.A. (Odebrecht), Petroquisa and Nordeste Química S.A. (Norquisa).

As a result of these restructurings, in early 2009 we held minority interests in Brazil's two largest petrochemical companies: Braskem S.A., 25.4% of total capital and 31% of voting stock, and Quattor, 40% of total capital and 40% of voting stock.

In January 2010, we further consolidated our position in the Brazilian petrochemical industry by announcing the merger of Braskem and Quattor, creating Brazil's largest petrochemicals company and the largest producer of thermoplastic resin in the Americas. We and our partner, Odebrecht, will create a new holding company for Braskem called BRK Investimentos Petroquímicos S.A. (BRK) and proceed to consolidate our direct and indirect interests in the Brazilian petrochemical industry at Braskem through a series of mergers and capital increases. Decision-making at Braskem will be governed by a Shareholders' Agreement to be entered into with Odebrecht. Through our minority holding in Brazil's largest new major petrochemicals company, we can better participate in planning the industry's future needs.

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Quattor and Braskem together operate 27 petrochemical plants producing basic petrochemicals and plastics, and related distribution and waste processing operations. The table below shows the primary production capacities of each of Quattor and Braskem as of December 31, 2009.

**Petrochemical Materials Nominal Capacity**

	(mmt/y)
<b>Quattor Participações</b>	
Ethylene	1.22
Propylene	0.37
Cumene	0.32
Polyethylene	1.04
Polypropylene	0.88
<b>Braskem</b>	
Ethylene	2.53
Propylene	1.21
Polyethylene	2.00
Polypropylene	1.11
PVC	0.54

We have four new petrochemicals projects under construction or in various stages of engineering or design:

- **Complexo Petroquímico do Rio de Janeiro** Comperj will process petroleum for the production of polypropylene, polyethylene, styrene and ethylene glycol, among other petrochemical products for use in the plastics industry. Comperj will also produce fuel such as LPG, diesel, kerosene, petroleum coke and sulfur in partnership with refineries and petrochemical plants. We broke ground in 2008 and began construction in 2010 with the goal of beginning production in 2013.
- **Companhia Petroquímica de Pernambuco** PetroquímicaSuape: a 700,000 t/y purified terephthalic acid plant to start up in 2011. PetroquímicaSuape was originally a joint venture between Companhia Integrada Têxtil do Nordeste Citene and Petroquisa. In August 2008, Citene declared its intention to withdraw from this partnership and Petroquisa subsequently acquired 100% of the project. Construction began in 2008 and is on-going.

- **Companhia de Coque Calcinado de Petróleo Coquepar**: two calcined petroleum coke plants, one in Rio de Janeiro and one in Paraná, with a combined capacity of 700,000 t/y. The first of the two plants is expected to start up in 2012. Coquepar is a joint venture between Petroquisa (40%), Unimetal (30%) and Energy Investments (30%).

Our fertilizer plants in Bahia and Sergipe produce ammonia and urea for the Brazilian market. In 2009, these plants sold a combined 207,000 t of ammonia and 707,000 t of urea. We are currently conducting feasibility studies for two additional fertilizer facilities:

- UFN III with the ability to produce 1.21 million t/y of urea and 761 t/y of ammonia from 2.2 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d of natural gas; and
- UFN IV with the ability to produce 763,000 t/y of urea and 1.1 million t/y of methanol from 4 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d of natural gas.

These facilities would reduce Brazil's deficit in these fertilizers, while increasing the demand for our natural gas produced offshore.

- Companhia Integrada Têxtil de Pernambuco Citepe: a 240,000 t/y of polyester yarn facility expected to start up in 2010.

**Distribution**

Our Distribution segment sells oil products that are primarily produced by our Supply operations and works to expand the domestic market for these oil products and biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel. Our primary goals are to: create value by meeting growing customer needs for fuels, including both traditional hydrocarbons and biofuels; and sustain and expand our market share by providing superior quality, service and leadership in the growing biofuels sector.

We supply and operate Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR, which accounts for 38.0% of the total Brazilian distribution market, according to the ANP. BR distributes oil products, ethanol and biodiesel, and vehicular natural gas to retail, commercial and industrial customers. In 2009, BR sold the equivalent of 767.4 mbbbl/d of oil products and other fuels to wholesale and retail customers, of which the largest portion (40.7%) was diesel.

*Distribution Key Statistics*

	2009	2008 (U.S.\$ million)	2007
<b>Distribution:</b>			
Net operating revenues	29,672	30,892	23,320
Income before income tax	960	1,245	676
Total assets at December 31	6,127	4,775	5,652
Capital expenditures	369	309	327

At December 31, 2009, our BR network included 7,221 service stations, or 19.2% of the stations in Brazil. This total includes 759 stations in Northern, Northeastern and Northwestern Brazil that we acquired from Ipiranga in 2007, and which were incorporated into the BR network in April 2009.

BR was Brazil's leading service station in 2009, with BR-owned and franchised stations making 30.0% of Brazil's retail diesel, gasoline, ethanol, vehicular natural gas and lubricant sales, according to the ANP. Most BR stations are owned by franchisees that use the BR brand name under license and purchase exclusively from us; we also provide technical support, training and advertising. We own 773 of the BR stations and are required by law to subcontract the operation of these owned stations to third parties.

The retail fuel market in Brazil is highly competitive and we expect that prices will be subject to continued pressure. We seek to enhance profitability and customer loyalty by building on our strong brand image and providing superior quality and service. We believe that

Service stations in our network also sell vehicular natural gas. The number of stations offering this product increased to 501 in December 2009, from 453 in December 2008, and total gas sales in 2009 were 482 mmm<sup>3</sup> (17,005 mmcf).

We also distribute oil products and biofuels under the BR brand to commercial and industrial customers, which accounts for 55.7% of the total Brazilian wholesale market, according to the ANP. Our customers include aviation, transportation and industrial companies, as well as utilities and government entities, all of which generate relatively stable demand.

We also sell oil products produced by our Supply operations to other retailers and to wholesalers.

Our LPG distribution business, Liquigas Distribuidora, held a 22.4% market share and ranked second in LPG sales in Brazil in 2009, according to the ANP.

We participate in the retail sector in other South American countries through our International business

our market share position is supported by a strong BR segment. See International.  
brand image and by the remodeling of service stations  
and the addition of lubrication centers and convenience  
stores.

## Gas and Power

For many years, we have been simultaneously developing Brazil's natural gas reserves, infrastructure and markets. We have been developing gas sources in offshore Brazil and Bolivia, increasing our actual supply of natural gas from approximately 11.0 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (388.5 mmcf/d) in 1999 to 46.1 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (1,628.0 mmcf/d) in 2009. To monetize our growing production, we have constructed the Bolivia-Brazil gas pipeline completed in 1999, two LNG terminals, both completed in 2009, a domestic transportation system and gas-fired electric power generation capacity, both of which we have been developing for the past decade. As a result of our efforts, natural gas supplied 3.7% of Brazil's total energy needs in 1998 compared to 8.7% in 2009, and is projected to supply 14.2% of Brazil's energy needs by 2020, according to Empresa de Pesquisa Energética, a branch of the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME).

The development plans of our Exploration and Production operations are expected to result in substantial increases in gas production from the Espírito Santo and Santos basins off the Brazilian coast, including from pre-salt reservoirs. We are investing in transportation infrastructure to deliver these new volumes to markets in Northeastern and Southeastern Brazil and to improve the flexibility of our distribution system. Natural gas imported from Bolivia will play a lesser though still important role in our operations as we increase domestic gas production. LNG imports will supplement gas demand in Brazil, particularly with respect to surges in demand related to thermoelectric power generation.

We are also improving our commercial operations through a suite of natural gas sales contracts that better allow us to match supply and demand for gas and electric power.

Our primary goals for our Gas and Power segment are to:

- add value by monetizing Petrobras' natural gas reserves;
- assure flexibility and reliability in the commercialization of natural gas in thermoelectric and non-thermoelectric markets;
- expand our LNG business to meet demand and diversify our supply of natural gas; and
- optimize our thermoelectric power plant portfolio and invest in renewable energy sources for power generation.

### Gas and Power Key Statistics

	2009	2008 (U.S.\$ million)	2007
<b>Gas and Power:</b>			
Net operating revenues	5,652	8,802	4,912
Income (loss) before income tax	657	(504)	(947)
Total assets at December 31	24,861	14,993	15,536
Capital expenditures	5,116	4,256	3,223

### Natural Gas



Our natural gas business comprises four activities: transportation (building and operating natural gas pipeline networks in Brazil); acquisition and regasification of LNG; equity participation in distribution companies that sell natural gas to end-users; and commercialization (purchase and resale).

### *Transportation*

Over the last five years, we have invested approximately U.S.\$13.32 billion (R\$26.82 billion) to expand and improve our natural gas transportation system in Brazil.

Today, we have two main pipeline networks linked by the Southeast Northeast Interconnection Gas Pipeline (Gasene, completed in March 2010), that allow us to transport natural gas to areas of demand. The Malha Sudeste (Southeast Network) spans 5,030 km (3,125 miles) and connects our main offshore natural gas producing fields in the Campos and Espírito Santo basins to the growing markets of the Southeast Region, including Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo. The Malha Nordeste (Northeast Network) spans 1,968 km (1,223 miles) and carries gas from onshore and offshore natural gas fields in the Northeast to consumers in that region. The Southeast Network includes the 2,593 km (1,612 mile) Brazilian portion of the Bolivia-Brazil natural gas pipeline. In the Northern Region, the 661 km (411 mile) Urucu-Coari-Manaus pipeline connects the Solimões Basin to Manaus, where natural gas is used primarily to generate electric power, and also to meet industrial, commercial and retail demand.

In 2009, we invested U.S.\$4.3 billion (R\$ 9.6 billion) and in 2010 we plan to invest another U.S.\$3.5 billion (R\$6.5 billion). With the completion of our investments in 2010, the gas infrastructure in Brazil will be largely completed.

The major projects completed in 2009 and in the first half of 2010 were the following:

- Cabiúnas-Reduc (Gasduc III): a 183 km (114 mile) gas pipeline connecting the Campos and Espírito Santo basins to the Southeast Region, with the capacity to transport 40 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (1,412 mmcf/d) of natural gas.
- Urucu-Coari-Manaus: a 661 km (411 mile) gas pipeline in the Northern Region with the capacity to transport up to 4.1 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (144.8 mmcf/d) of natural gas, with a potential to reach up to 6.75 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (238.4 mmcf/d) with the installation of two compression stations.
- The Gasene network to transport up to 20 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (706.3 mmcf/d) for 949 km (590 miles) from Cacimbas, in the State of Espírito Santo, to the city of Catu in the State of Bahia.
- The Japeri-Reduc (RJ) (45 km, 28 mile), Paulínia-Jacutinga (SP-MG) (93 km, 58 mile) and Cacimbas-Vitória (ES) (130 km, 81 mile) pipelines, and a 15 km (9 mile) pipeline to connect the Guanabara Bay regasification terminal.

- Gasbel II: a 296 km (167 mile) gas pipeline connecting Volta Redonda in Rio de Janeiro State to the Queluzito District in the State of Minas Gerais, with the capacity to transport up to 5 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d of natural gas, increasing the existing capacity of the Gasbel I gas pipeline. The total capacity of the two pipelines is 7.9 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (279.0 mmcf/d).

Projects that are still under construction but which are scheduled to be completed during 2010 are the following:

- Caraguatatuba-Taubaté (Gastau): a 96 km (60 mile) gas pipeline in the State of São Paulo connecting the Caraguatatuba gas processing facilities to the compression station of Taubaté, with the capacity to transport 20 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (706.3 mmcf/d) of natural gas.
- Pilar-Ipojuca: a 189 km (117 mile) gas pipeline connecting Pilar in the State of Alagoas, to Ipojuca in the State of Pernambuco, with the capacity to transport 15 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (529.7 mmcf/d) of natural gas. This pipeline will allow us to increase the supply of natural gas to consumers in the Northeast Region.

The map below shows our existing pipelines and our pipelines under construction.

### *Acquisition and Regasification of LNG*

We have completed construction of two LNG terminals, one in Rio de Janeiro with a send-out capacity of 20 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (706 mmcf/d) that was completed in January 2009, and the other in Pecém in Northeastern Brazil with a send-out capacity of 7 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (247 mmcf/d) that was completed in December 2008.

The terminals are supported by two large LNG regasification ships with a capacity of 14 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (494 mmcf/d) and 7 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (247 mmcf/d), respectively. The new terminals and regasification ships give us the flexibility to import gas from other sources to supplement domestic natural gas supplies. We have negotiated and signed with several companies LNG

supply contracts and Master Sales Agreements that will be used to acquire LNG cargoes as needed.

*Equity Participation in Distribution Companies*

Under Brazilian law, each state holds a monopoly over local gas distribution. Most states have formed companies to act as local gas distributors and we hold interests that vary from 24% to 100% in 20 of these 27 distribution companies. Nonetheless, in all of the companies where we hold a minority stake, we appoint executive officers and members of the board of directors.

The State of Espírito Santo has assigned us exclusive rights to distribute natural gas through our BR subsidiary. In 2009, Brazil's distribution companies sold a combined 36.4 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (1,285 mmcf/d) of natural gas, of which our share was 21%, according to our estimates.

The map below shows the name and location of each local gas distributor in which we have an equity interest and our share in those companies.

Our most significant distribution holdings are:

Name	State	Group Share %	Average Gas Sales in 2009 (mmm <sup>3</sup> /d)	Customers
CEG RIO	Rio de Janeiro	37.41	3,759	23,031
BAHIAGAS	Bahia	41.50	3,100	3,328
SCGÁS	Santa Catarina	41.00	1,578	1,645
GASMIG	Minas Gerais	40.00	1,537	279

According to our estimates, our two most significant holdings, CEG Rio and Bahiagás, sold 10.3% and 8.5% of Brazil's national gas volumes in 2009, respectively. CEG Rio and Bahiagás are Brazil's third and fourth largest gas distributors. These companies, together with independent distributors Comgás (32.5% of Brazil's 2009 national gas volumes) and CEG (15.7% of the same), supply 67% of the Brazilian market.

*Commercialization*

In 2009, our Gas and Power segment supplied an average 46.1 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (1,628.0 mmcf/d) of natural gas for consumption.

Of the 2009 total, 20.8% was used for internal consumption, 8.9% was used for thermoelectric power generation and the remaining 70.3% was consumed by industrial, commercial and retail natural gas users.

In 2009, our Exploration and Production segment supplied 49.9% of our total gas needs, we imported 48.6% from Bolivia, and the balance of 1.5% was supplied by LNG imports. We expect the proportion of domestic gas in our total supply mix to increase in future years as our Exploration and Production segment brings new gas fields on stream.

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The table below shows the sources of our natural gas supply, our sales and internal consumption of natural gas, and our revenues for each of the past three years:

<b>Supply and Sales of Natural Gas</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b> (mmm <sup>3</sup> /d)	<b>2007</b>
<b>Sources of natural gas supply</b>			
Domestic production	23.0	30.3	22.4
Imported from Bolivia	22.4	30.4	26.9
Liquefied natural gas	0.7	0.0	0.0
Total natural gas supply	46.1	<b>60.7</b>	<b>49.3</b>
<b>Sales of natural gas</b>			
Sales to local gas distribution companies(1)	32.4	36.8	35.1
Sales to gas-fired power plants	4.1	12.8	4.1
Total sales of natural gas	36.5	<b>49.6</b>	<b>39.3</b>
<b>Internal consumption</b> (refineries, fertilizer and gas-fired power plants)(2)	9.6	11.1	10.0
<b>Revenues</b> (U.S.\$ billion)(3)	3.5	5.1	2.8

(1) Includes sales to local gas distribution companies in which we have an equity interest.

(2) Includes gas used in the transport system.

(3) Excludes internal consumption.

The table below shows how the natural gas we supplied was utilized in our principal markets from 2007 to 2009:

<b>Natural Gas Consumption</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b> (mmm <sup>3</sup> /d)	<b>2007</b>
Industrial, commercial and retail	32.4	36.8	35.1
Gas-fired power plants	5.3	14.7	5.8
Refineries and fertilizer plants	7.6	7.9	10.3

Consumption by industrial, commercial and retail natural gas customers decreased 11.9% in 2009 compared to 2008. The decrease in the non-thermoelectric market was due mainly to reduced industrial demand as a result of global economic conditions. Thermoelectric consumption decreased 63.9% from 2008 to 2009 due to abundant rainfall and lower industrial output.

### *Gas Sales Contracts and Pricing*

In 2007, we adopted a suite of gas contracts that offer customers four different supply options to give us the flexibility to match our gas sales more closely to the

- **Firm Flexible:** we may interrupt supplies in accordance with negotiated conditions, in which case we agree to supply a substitute fuel and compensate the end user for additional costs. The price is equivalent to the gas sold under Firm Inflexible contracts. We have committed 4.20 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (148.3 mmcf/d) of gas under this contract through 2012.

- **Interruptible:** we have the right to interrupt supplies in accordance with negotiated conditions and the distributor or end user is responsible for finding alternative fuels. The

volumes we have available from our Exploration and Production segment, imports from Bolivia and LNG imports. The principal characteristics of these contracts are:

- Firm Inflexible: the distributor assures payment under take-or-pay contracts and we guarantee delivery of the contracted volume. We have committed 22.61 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (798.5 mmcf/d) of gas under this contract through 2012.

distributor pays a lower price for gas under this type of contract. We have committed 3.25 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (114.8 mmcf/d) of gas under this contract through 2012.

- Preferential: we are obligated to provide natural gas as demanded, but the consumer has the right to interrupt purchases at any time. We expect this type of contract to be used predominantly by thermoelectric customers using LNG. We have committed 5.12 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d of gas under this contract through 2012.

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The price of gas under the first three contracts includes a fixed component, which is revised annually based on the IGP-M inflation index, and a variable component, which is revised quarterly based on a fuel oil basket and exchange rate variation. Preferential contracts are priced based on a fixed component, which is revised annually based on the IPCA inflation index, and a variable component based on the price of imported LNG, which is revised monthly based on the Henry Hub rate and exchange rate variation.

Of our total sales to distribution companies in the non-thermoelectric market in 2009, approximately 47% was delivered under the new contracts. We will use the new contracts to deliver up to 63% of the volumes committed to the non-thermoelectric market through 2012.

The table below shows our future gas supply commitments from 2010 to 2014, including sales to both local gas distribution companies and gas-fired power plants.

Natural Gas Sales Contracts	2010	2011	2012 (mmm <sup>3</sup> /d)	2013	2014
<b>To local gas distribution companies:</b>					
Related parties(1)	16.16	18.07	19.05	19.64	19.92
Third parties	18.09	17.81	17.48	17.10	16.88
<b>To gas-fired power plants:</b>					
Related parties(1)	7.68	3.69	3.60	3.60	3.63
Third parties	2.59	7.27	7.70	8.90	9.15
Total(2)	44.52	46.84	47.83	49.24	49.58
Estimated contract revenues (U.S.\$ billion)(3)(4)	4.1	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.0

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- (1) For purposes of this table, related parties include all local gas distribution companies and power generation plants in which we have an equity interest and third parties refer to those in which we do not have an equity interest.
  - (2) Estimated volumes are based on take or pay agreements in our contracts, expected volumes and contracts under negotiation (including renewals of existing contracts), not maximum sales.
  - (3) Figures show revenues net of taxes. Estimates are based on outside sales and do not include internal consumption or transfers.
  - (4) Prices may be adjusted in the future and actual amounts may vary.

### *Short-Term Natural Gas Commitments*

In order to develop and stimulate the Brazilian natural gas market in general, and the industrial market in particular, we created an auction system in early 2009 to sell natural gas to the non-thermoelectric market under short-term contracts at more competitive prices. These auctions allowed us to commercialize natural gas

These auctions allowed us to offer a total of approximately 22.0 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (776.9 mmcf/d) of natural gas for sale under six-month contracts at prices that were up to 41% lower than those specified under our standard long-term contracts with local gas distribution companies.

volumes reserved for but not utilized by local gas distributors, offering lower prices to the end user. Between April and September of 2009, we offered a total of approximately 12.0 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (423.8 mmcf/d) of natural gas for sale through these auctions under one- and two-month contracts.

Beginning in September 2009, we expanded the short-term auctions to include natural gas volumes that had been reserved for gas-fired thermoelectric plants under long-term contracts, which we did not expect to deliver for at least six months because of low demand for power from gas- fired plants.

In total, the auctions allowed us to sell between 2.4 and 6.2 mmm<sup>3</sup> /d (84.8 to 218.9 mmcf/d) of natural gas between April and December 2009 under short-term contracts of between one and six months in duration, equivalent to approximately 8% of the total volume of natural gas consumed in the non-thermoelectric market in 2009 (1,036 mmm<sup>3</sup> or 36,586 mmcf).



*Long-Term Natural Gas Commitments*

When we invested in the Bolivia-Brazil pipeline in 1996, we entered into a series of long-term contracts with three companies:

- Gas Supply Agreement (GSA) with the Bolivian state-owned company Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales Bolivianos (YPFB) to purchase certain minimum volumes of natural gas at prices linked to the international fuel oil price through 2019, after which the agreement may be extended until all contracted volume has been delivered. On December 18, 2009, Petrobras and YPFB signed the fourth amendment to the GSA, which provides for additional payments to YPFB for liquids contained in the natural gas purchased by Petrobras through the GSA, of between U.S.\$100 million and U.S.\$180 million per year, retroactive to May 2007.
- Ship-or-Pay agreement with Gás Transboliviano (GTB), owner and operator of the Bolivian portion of the pipeline to transport certain minimum volumes of natural gas through 2019; and
- Ship-or-Pay agreement with Transportadora Brasileira Gasoduto Bolivia-Brasil (TBG), owner and operator of the Brazilian portion of the pipeline to transport certain minimum volumes of natural gas through 2019.

Our volume obligations under the ship-or-pay arrangements were generally designed to match our gas purchase obligations under the GSA. The tables below show our contractual commitments under these agreements for the five-year period from 2010 through 2014.

**Commitments to Purchase and Transport**

<b>Natural Gas</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
<b>Purchase commitments to YPFB</b>					
Volume obligation (mmm <sup>3</sup> /d)(1)	24.06	24.06	24.06	24.06	24.06
Volume obligation (mmcf/d)(1)	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00	850.00
Brent crude oil projection (U.S.\$)(2)	61.00	72.00	74.00	68.00	60.00
Estimated payments (U.S.\$ million)(3)	1,535.00	1,452.00	1,577.00	1,536.00	1,414.00
<b>Ship-or-pay contract with GTB</b>					
Volume commitment (mmm <sup>3</sup> /d)	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Volume commitment (mmcf/d)	1,059.00	1,059.00	1,059.00	1,059.00	1,059.00
Estimated payments (U.S.\$ million)(4)	109.46	109.99	110.53	111.07	111.60
<b>Ship-or-pay contract with TBG</b>					
Volume commitment (mmm <sup>3</sup> /d)	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Volume commitment (mmcf/d)	1,059.00	1,059.00	1,059.00	1,059.00	1,059.00
Estimated payments (U.S.\$ million)(4)	387.01	388.43	389.86	391.29	392.73

(1) 25.3% of contracted volume supplied by Petrobras Bolivia.

- (2) Brent price forecast based on our 2020 Strategic Plan.
- (3) Estimated payments are calculated using gas prices expected for each year based on our Brent price forecast. Gas prices may be adjusted in the future based on contract clauses and amounts of natural gas purchased by Petrobras may vary annually.
- (4) Amounts calculated based on current prices defined in natural gas transport contracts.

### *Power*

Brazil has a total of 107,185 MW of installed electric power capacity, of which around 81% is in low-cost hydroelectric stations that supply around 93% of the country's electric power needs. While hydroelectric power facilities have many advantages, and are particularly suited to meeting base electric power needs, they cannot be readily expanded, have limited ability to meet surges in demand and are vulnerable to periods of prolonged drought.

Brazil has accordingly been developing thermoelectric power generation capacity to supplement the base hydroelectric system. Thermoelectric generation is expected to play an increasing role in meeting Brazil's power needs as the country's economic growth fuels the demand for energy.

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As part of this national strategy, we have been developing and operating gas-fired thermoelectric power generation plants. We currently own stakes in 26 thermoelectric power plants, and we control 16 of them. As a result of our investments in the power sector, we currently own 63% of the total gas-fired thermoelectric installed capacity in Brazil according to the *Operador Nacional do Sistema Elétrico ONS* (National Electricity System Operator) (ONS).

We generate electricity from our thermoelectric power plants to supplement Brazil's base-load hydroelectric generation. During 2009, abundant rainfall allowed the Brazilian hydroelectric system to generate 47,139 MWavg of electricity, or 93% of the country's needs. As a result, we were called upon to generate only 525 MWavg of electricity in 2009, compared to 2,025 in 2008. Of our 2009 generation, 59% was generated in the Southeast Region of the country, 30% in the South, and 11% in the Northeast.

We also export energy to neighboring countries. In 2009, we exported 80 MWavg to Argentina and Uruguay.

*Electricity Capacity and Sales**Power Generation Capacity*

We had a total of 5,965.9 MW of installed capacity at year-end 2009, 5,438.7 MW of which was installed in thermoelectric plants controlled by us (5,405.9 MW of gas-fired capacity, and 31 MW of oil-fired capacity).

Under Brazil's power pricing regime, we are allowed to sell only that portion of our power-generating capacity that is certified by the MME. At year-end 2009, the MME certified 2,661 MWavg of commercial capacity out of the total 5,438.7 MW of installed capacity controlled by us due to gas supply constraints.

Given the growing importance of thermoelectric generation and to increase our certified commercial capacity, in 2007 we entered into an agreement with the ANEEL under which we committed to increase our ability to supply power to the grid from our own plants. We will accomplish this by increasing natural gas supplies, including LNG, converting some existing power plants to dual-fuel operation and leasing backup oil-fired power plants. By 2011 we are committed to supply up to 6,065 MW and expect to have an average 3,696 MW certified commercial capacity available for sale, exclusive of our own power requirements.

The table below shows the installed capacity and commercial capacity of the thermoelectric power plants controlled by us for 2009 through 2012 under our agreement with the ANEEL:

<b>Petrobras Installed Capacity and Utilization</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012(2)</b>
Gross installed capacity (MW)	5,966	6,065	6,065	6,100
Certified commercial capacity(1) (MWavg)	2,661	3,481	3,696	3,361

(1) Weighted average of certified commercial capacity for the year.

(2) Our installed and commercial capacity will be reduced in 2012 due to the termination of our lease of the Araucaria thermoelectric power plant.

*Electricity Sales*

Non-base-load thermoelectric plants like ours are used to supplement hydroelectric generation when needed. Prior to 2004, Brazil's power pricing regime made it difficult for such plants, which operate at low average utilization rates, to cover their operating costs and provide a return on capital. To compensate owners of thermoelectric plants for the security they provide to the system, Brazil enacted the New Regulatory Model for the power sector. Under the Model, public utilities are required to secure their expected energy needs under long-term contracts through auctions coordinated by the MME.

Only that portion of our thermoelectric capacity defined as New Energy under the New Regulatory Model for the power sector is eligible to be sold through the auction system. Thermoelectric power generators of New Energy bid in these auctions to supply standby availability up to their certified commercial capacity, although they will not necessarily be called upon to generate this power.

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Thermoelectric power that does not meet the definition of New Energy is largely sold under long-term bilateral contracts, primarily with power distribution companies. Such contracts are subject to the regulations that governed the power sector before the enactment of the New Regulatory Model. Under these agreements, we are compensated for our thermoelectric capacity based on a combination of factors, including whether or not we actually generate energy, the certified power generation capacity of each power plant, and conditions of supply and demand in Brazil's power market. Each of these factors are determined by the appropriate regulatory bodies in Brazil, including the MME, the ONS and the *Câmara de Comercialização de Energia Elétrica CCEE* (Electricity Trading Board).

Of the total 3,896 MWavg of power available for sale in 2011 (including the certified commercial capacity of our plants and power purchased from third parties), approximately 41% has already been sold as standby availability in the 2005 and 2006 auctions, and approximately 48% has been committed under bilateral contracts, leaving 448 MWavg of power generating capacity available for sale.

The following table summarizes our commitments under standby availability and bilateral contracts, power purchased from third parties, and the power we expect to be available for sale if the infrastructure to deliver gas to our thermoelectric power plants is completed.

	2008	2009	2010 (MWavg)	2011	2012
<b>Total available for sale:</b>					
Commercial capacity (MW) (1)	1,605	2,661	3,481	3,696	3,361
Purchased from third parties	888	329	212	200	200
<b>Commitments:</b>					
Standby availability auctions	352	821	1,391	1,596	1,596
Bilateral contracts	1,900	2,103	2,232	1,862	1,866
<b>Remaining available for sale (1)(2)</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>99</b>

(1) Projections based on existing capacity and expected supply of gas.

(2) Represents the remaining commercial capacity available for sale beginning in 2010.

*Standby Availability*

In the 2005 and 2006 auctions, we sold standby availability of 1,391 and 205 MWavg, respectively, on 15-year contracts beginning in 2008 to 2011. This represented most of our capacity that is classified as New Energy. We have been compensated for the standby availability from the 2005 and 2006 auctions since 2008, with the capacity compensation stepping up through 2011, at which time it stabilizes.

Under the terms of these contracts, we will be compensated a fixed amount whether or not we generate any power, and we receive an additional amount for the energy we actually generate at a price that is set on the date of the auction and revised annually based on an inflation-adjusted fuel oil basket. These contracts generate losses when our actual costs of generating power increase and our prices as adjusted by the formula do not rise accordingly.

#### *Bilateral Contracts*

In 2010, 2,232 MWavg of our generating capacity will be subject to the terms of bilateral contracts, with 1,862 MWavg committed under bilateral contracts in 2011 and 1,866 committed in 2012.

The agreements will run off gradually, with the last contract expiring in 2028. As existing bilateral contracts run-off, we will negotiate new long-term contracts on the same or better terms. We will sell our remaining certified power- generation capacity under short- and medium-term bilateral contracts and auctions conducted by us and by the MME.

In the past, limited supplies of natural gas affected our ability to generate electricity from our own thermoelectric plants under existing bilateral contracts, even when it would have been profitable for us to do so. Our limited natural gas infrastructure also exposed us to fines when we were unable to deliver contracted amounts of electricity. We paid fines in the total amount of R\$46 million (U.S.\$ 23 million) in 2009, compared to R\$434 million (U.S.\$ 236 million) paid in 2008. Even as we increase the available supply of natural gas, our earnings under these contracts are difficult to predict because the net margins are subject to adjustments coordinated by the CCEE. Additionally, the contracts do not permit us to directly pass on to our customers changes in the cost of acquiring natural gas.

Beginning in 2010 we can fully supply our gas-fired plants, giving us maximum flexibility to decide how best to utilize our gas resources based on prevailing economic conditions. Under the terms of the bilateral contracts, during periods of high international gas prices and low demand for power in Brazil, it may be more profitable for us to sell our gas directly to the market than to generate contracted amounts of energy from our own gas-fired plants. Under these circumstances, we may fulfill our contractual commitments by purchasing power from third parties, as we did in 2008, or elect to pay fines instead of generating electricity.

#### *Renewable Energy and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases (GHG)*

We have also invested in a number of renewable power generation sources in Brazil including wind, solar and small hydroelectric plants. Our small hydroelectric plants, built in partnership with other Brazilian companies, have 316.4 gross MW of installed capacity, of which 25.4 MW are expected to become operational in 2010.

In 2009, we sold 49 MWavg from wind-powered plants on 20-year contracts beginning in 2011 through an auction of reserve energy. The reserve energy system was created in 2008 to supplement Brazil's power grid by auctioning energy directly to the Brazilian government from eligible power plants to meet future demand. We participated in the 2009 reserve energy auction through our interests in four eligible wind-power plants with a total installed capacity of 104.0 MW. These wind-powered plants will be built in partnership with other Brazilian companies.

As part of our 2020 Strategic Plan, we adopted climate change guidelines to reduce GHG under the Clean Development Mechanism. We are developing several GHG reduction projects including wind energy, small hydropower plants (SHP), power generation using turbo expanders in refineries, nitrous oxide reduction, waste heat recovery and energy efficiency.

Our Internal Energy Conservation Program works to improve energy efficiency in all our units. In 2009, we avoided approximately 50 thousand tons of carbon dioxide emissions from all of our power plants as a result of this program.

#### **Bio-Renewables**

We aim to become a major producer of biodiesel in Brazil and actively participate in Brazil's growing ethanol industry, particularly in the production, transportation and exportation of ethanol. Brazil has highly favorable climate and soil conditions for growing sugarcane and vegetable oil crops and is an important player in the international biofuels market.

The primary fuel used in Brazil is diesel, which accounts for 758.5 mbbbl/d (44.2%) of the total Brazilian fuels market. By law, all diesel sold in Brazil from July 2009, was required to be at least 4% biodiesel; this proportion increased to 5% in January 2010. We act as a catalyst for developing the new market by securing and blending biodiesel supplies and furnishing these to smaller distributors as well as our own service stations.

Brazil is a global leader in the use of ethanol as a substitute fuel for light vehicles. Today, 88.2% of new gasoline vehicles sold in Brazil have dualfuel capability, and service stations offer a choice of 100% ethanol as well as a blend of 25% ethanol and gasoline, as required by the regulator. We have supported the development of the ethanol market by distributing and wholesaling ethanol and by stimulating improvements in product quality. In 2009, we acquired 40.4% of Total Agroindustria Canavieira S.A (Total). Total owns a plant with ethanol production capacity of 1.7 mbbbl/d. This investment will expand our ethanol production capacity to 3.5 mbbbl/d and will add 38.5 MW to our installed power generation capacity. Our goal is to reach ethanol production levels of 63.6 mbbbl/d by 2013.

In 2009, Petrobras exported 362,000 m<sup>3</sup> of ethanol, including industrial ethanol to Asia and fuel ethanol to the United States and Europe, corresponding to 12% of Brazil's total ethanol exports.

On April 30, 2010, we announced a strategic partnership with Tereos International, a Brazilian subsidiary of the Tereos Group, under which we will invest a total of R\$1.6 billion (U.S.\$909 million) over five years to acquire a 45.7% stake in Açúcar Guarani S.A., the fourth-largest sugarcane processor in Brazil with an estimated crushing capacity of 17.4 mmt for 2010-2011. In the first phase of the partnership, Petrobras Biocombustível will invest R\$682 million (U.S.\$387 million) to acquire an initial 26.3% stake in Guarani, to be followed by subsequent investments of R\$929 million (U.S.\$528 million) over five years to acquire an additional 19.4% stake in the Brazilian sugarcane processor. The partnership with Tereos International is subject to approval from the Conselho Administrativo de Defesa Econômica, or CADE (Brazilian Antitrust Authority). Our investment in Guarani will allow us to significantly increase our ethanol production, stimulate improvements in product quality, and further develop our ethanol distribution and marketing operations in accordance with our 2009-2013 Business Plan.

We have signed contracts to secure the purchase of vegetable oils from small farmers and industrial producers in order to supply our three biodiesel plants, located in Northeastern Brazil at Candeias and Quixada and in Southeastern Brazil at Montes Claros. We increased the capacity of these plants from 2.9 mbbbl/d to 5.6 mbbbl/d through operational improvements in 2009. In 2010, after the expansion of the Candeias plant and the start-up of the Marialva plant, in which Petrobras Biocombustível acquired a 50% interest in November 2009, our biodiesel production capacity will reach 11.2 mbbbl/d.

Beginning in 2009, we have accounted for the results from our Bio-Renewables operations in our Corporate segment. In prior years, the results from our Bio-Renewables operations were included in our Gas and Power segment.

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## International

We have operations in 24 countries outside Brazil that encompass all phases of the energy business. Our primary goals for our international operations are to:

- use our technical expertise in deepwater exploration and production to participate in high-potential and frontier offshore regions; and
- expand and integrate international downstream operations aligned with our domestic activities.

The net operating revenues of our International segment represented 11.1% of our total net operating revenues in 2009, (9.3% in 2008 and 10.4% in 2007). The total assets of our International segment at December 31, 2009 represented 7.4% of our total assets (10.7% in 2008 and 9.0% in 2007).

### *International Upstream Activities*

We aim to integrate our operations by capturing synergies in our upstream and downstream operations within South America, North America and Asia. We are focusing our international upstream activities in the Gulf of Mexico and West Africa, where there are opportunities to leverage the deepwater expertise we have developed in Brazil. We also have preliminary exploratory efforts underway in North Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Our discoveries of significant reserves in the pre-salt reservoirs in Brazil have led us to reduce our planned expenditures for international activities, prioritizing our domestic activities.



## Operations as of December 31, 2009

		E&P		Refining, Petrochemical and Marketing		Distribution	Gas and Power
	Countries	Exploration	Production				
1	Argentina	√	√	√		√	√
2	Bolivia	√	√				√
3	Chile					√	
4	Colombia	√	√			√	
5	Ecuador	√	√				
6	Paraguay					√	
7	Peru	√	√				
8	Uruguay	√				√	√
9	Venezuela	√	√				
	<b>South America</b>	√	√	√		√	√
10	Mexico	√	√				
11	U.S.	√	√	√			
	<b>North America</b>	√	√	√			
12	Angola	√	√				
13	Libya	√					
14	Mozambique	√					
15	Namibia	√					
16	Nigeria	√	√				
17	Senegal	√					
18	Tanzania	√					
	<b>Africa</b>	√	√				
19	Portugal	√					
20	Turkey	√					
	<b>Europe</b>	√					
21	India	√					
22	Japan			√			
23	Pakistan	√					
	<b>Asia</b>	√		√			
24	Iran	√					
	<b>Middle East</b>	√					

*International Key Statistics*

	2009	2008 (U.S.\$ million)	2007
<b>International:</b>			
Net operating revenues	10,197	10,940	9,101
Income (loss) before income tax	232	(605)	(237)
Total assets at December 31	14,914	13,439	11,717

Capital expenditures	2,111	2,908	2,864
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During 2009, we conducted exploration and production activities in 21 countries outside Brazil (Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, the United States, India, Iran, Libya, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Pakistan,

Peru, Portugal, Senegal, Tanzania, Turkey, Uruguay and Venezuela). See Overview of the Group for information about production and reserves in each region.

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The table below shows our main exploration and production projects being developed worldwide. Additional information about certain of these projects is provided in the text that follows.

Countries	Main projects in Development	E&P Assets			
		Phase	Operated by	Petrobras interest (%)	
<b>South America</b>					
1	Argentina(1)	Sierra Chata	Production	Petrobras	46
		Parva Negra	Exploration	Petrobras	100
		El Tordillo	Production	Partner	36
		La Tapera	Production	Partner	36
2	Bolivia	San Alberto	Production	Petrobras	35(2)
		San Antonio	Production	Petrobras	35(2)
		Ingre	Exploration	Petrobras	100
3	Colombia	Balay 1	Exploration	Petrobras	70
		Tayrona	Exploration	Petrobras	50
		Cebucan	Exploration	Petrobras	50
		Villarica Norte	Exploration	Petrobras	50
		Tibu	Development	Partner	55
4	Ecuador	Block 18	Production	Petrobras	30
5	Peru	Lote 10	Production	Petrobras	100
		Lote 57	Exploration	Partner	45.16
		Lote 58	Exploration	Petrobras	100
6	Uruguay	Block 3	Exploration	Partner	40
		Block 4	Exploration	Petrobras	40
7	Venezuela	Oritupano Leona	Production	Partner	40(3)
		Acema	Production	Partner	40(3)
		La Concepcion	Production	Partner	40(3)
		Mata	Production	Partner	40(3)
<b>North America</b>					
8	Mexico	Cuervito	Production	Petrobras	0(4)
		Fronterizo	Production	Petrobras	0(4)
9	U.S.	Cascade	Development	Petrobras	100
		Chinook	Development	Petrobras	66.67
		Coulumb (MC 613)	Production	Partner	33.33
		Cottonwood	Production	Petrobras	100
		St. Malo	Development	Partner	25
		Tiber	Development	Partner	20
		Stones	Development	Partner	25
		Ewing Bank 910	Production	Partner	60

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GB 200 201	Production	Partner	25
EL 162	Production	Partner	40
SMI 280	Production	Partner	50
VM 379	Production	Partner	25
Aransas	Exploration	Petrobras	100
Big Bend	Exploration	Petrobras	50
Bluewood	Exploration	Petrobras	100
Bolt	Exploration	Partner	50
Canaveral	Exploration	Petrobras	100
Casnook	Exploration	Petrobras	67
Flavian	Exploration	Petrobras	100
Hadrian West	Exploration	Partner	50
Impala	Exploration	Partner	50
Julius	Exploration	Petrobras	100
Latigo	Exploration	Partner	50
Logan	Exploration	Partner	35
Montebelo	Exploration	Petrobras	100

Countries		Main projects in Development	E&P Assets Phase	Operated by	Petrobras interest (%)
<b>Africa</b>					
10	Angola	Block 2	Production	Partner	28
		Block 6	Exploration	Petrobras	40
		Block 15	Exploration	Partner	5
		Block 18	Exploration	Petrobras	30
		Block 26	Exploration	Petrobras	80
		Block 34	Exploration	Partner	30
11	Libya	Area 18	Exploration	Petrobras	70
12	Mozambique	Zambezi Delta block	Exploration	Partner	17
13	Namibia	2714A	Exploration	Partner	50
14	Nigeria	Akpo Field	Production	Partner	20
		Agbami Field	Production	Partner	13
		Egina Field	Development	Partner	20
		Egina South Field	Exploration	Partner	20
		Preowei Field	Exploration	Partner	20
		OPL 315	Exploration	Petrobras	45
15	Senegal	Rufisque Profond	Exploration	Partner	40
16	Tanzania	Block 5	Exploration	Petrobras	100
<b>Europe</b>					
17	Portugal	Camarão	Exploration	Petrobras	50
		Mexilhão	Exploration	Petrobras	50
		Ostra	Exploration	Petrobras	50
		Amejoa	Exploration	Petrobras	50
18	Turkey	Block 3922 (Sinop)	Exploration	Petrobras	50
<b>Asia</b>					
19	India	Krishna Godavari	Exploration	Partner	15
		Cauvery	Exploration	Partner	25
20	Pakistan	Block G	Exploration	Partner	50
<b>Middle East</b>					
21	Iran	Tusan block	Exploration	Petrobras	100(2)

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- (1) All Argentine exploration and production projects are held through our 67.2% share in PESA.  
Risk service contract, under which Petrobras expenditures are reimbursed only if exploration results in
  - (2) economically viable oil discoveries.
  - (3) Joint venture.  
Non-risk service contract, under which Petrobras expenditures are reimbursed regardless of whether exploration
  - (4) results in economically viable oil discoveries.

During 2009, our capital expenditures for international exploration and production represented 10.4% of our

We have contracted five drilling units and one FPSO to support our ultra-deepwater operations in West Africa

total capital spending for exploration and production.

and the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, among other regions. One of these rigs has been operating

in Angola since October 2009. The others will go into operation between 2010 and 2011 under five-to ten-year contracts.

The table below shows our international exploration expenditures and how these were distributed geographically in 2009, 2008 and 2007.

	2009	2008	2007
Total capex international exploration (U.S.\$ billion)	0.80	0.92	1.17
Of which:			
South America (outside of Brazil)	31.67%	9.74%	11.57%
Africa	8.66%	4.47%	5.76%
North America	8.16%	53.92%	23.72%
Other	16.14%	0.00%	0.00%
Drilling rigs and other(1)	35.37%	31.87%	58.95%

(1) In 2009, all investments were for drilling rigs.

In 2009, our net production outside Brazil averaged 140.7 mbb/d of crude oil and NGLs and 16.5 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (583.37 mmcf/d) of natural gas. The table below shows our international development capital expenditures and how these were distributed geographically in 2009, 2008 and 2007.

	2009	2008	2007
Total capex international development (U.S.\$ billion)	1.10	1.62	1.39
Of which:			
South America (outside of Brazil)	23.62%	44.27%	40.55%
Africa	27.56%	38.32%	36.05%
North America	48.82%	17.41%	23.40%
Other	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

### *South America*

We are active in a number of key hydrocarbon basins in Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela and Uruguay. In 2009, our average net production from the region (outside of Brazil) was 181.30 mboe/d, or 76.2% of our international production. Reserves in the region represent 77.2% of our international reserves. Our most significant natural gas production operations outside of Brazil are located in Argentina and Bolivia, where we produced an average 15.6 mmm<sup>3</sup>/d (552.7 mmcf/d) of natural gas

In **Bolivia**, our production comes principally from the San Alberto and San Antonio fields. Following enactment of the Bolivian government's May 1, 2006 decree on the nationalization of hydrocarbons, we entered into new agreements under which we continue to operate the fields, but are required to make all sales of the hydrocarbons through YPFB with the right to recover our costs and participate in profits. At December 31, 2008, our proved reserves of natural gas were approximately 284.3 mmboe in Bolivia. However, on January 25, 2009, Bolivia adopted a new constitution that prohibits private ownership of the

in 2009, or 94.7% of our international production. Argentina and Bolivia together accounted for 40% of our worldwide production of natural gas in 2009.

Our largest operating region outside Brazil is **Argentina**, where we operate primarily through our 67.2% interest in Petrobras Energia S.A. (PESA), which acts as a vertically integrated company in all segments of the oil industry. In 2009, we merged PESA and its parent company in order to reduce administrative costs and simplify our organizational structure. Our production is concentrated in the Neuquen, Austral and San Jorge basins with a smaller contribution from the Noroeste Basin.

country's oil and gas resources. As a result, we were not able to include any of our Bolivian proved reserves as reported at December 31, 2008 in our proved reserves for year-end 2009. We continue to report production from our operations in Bolivia under our existing contracts in that country.

In **Colombia**, in March 2010, we announced discoveries in the Balay Block, where we hold a 70% interest. In January 2010, we negotiated a farm-out agreement for 15% of our interest to Petroamerica Oil Corporation and 10% of our interest to Sorgenia E&P Colombia B.V., both still subject to regulatory approval. If approved, we will hold a 45% interest in the Balay Block. Our portfolio also includes interests in other onshore exploration and production contracts.



We are active in **Venezuela** through joint ventures with subsidiaries of Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA), which hold exploration and production rights and in which we hold minority interests. The Venezuelan government, through PDVSA, is the majority holder and operator.

In **Peru**, our subsidiary PIB BV acquired the remaining 60% interest in Petrobras Valores Internacional de España (PVIE) from our subsidiary PESA. PVIE holds interests in Peruvian, Venezuelan and Ecuadorian companies, in which the main assets are exploration and production rights in Block 10 in Northern Peru.

### *North America*

The Gulf of Mexico is a strategically important region for us where we focus primarily on deepwater fields that leverage our experience in Brazil. We have operations in Mexico and in the United States.

We have held non-risk service contracts for the Cuervito and Fronterizo Blocks in the Burgos Basin of **Mexico** since 2003. Under these service contracts, we receive fees for our services, but any producing wells are transferred to the Mexican national oil company Pemex. We have other agreements to share deepwater expertise with Pemex.

As of December 31, 2009, we held interests in 211 offshore blocks in the **United States** GOM, 142 of which we operate. In January 2010, we acquired the remaining 50% interest in the Cascade fields. As a result, we currently invest in the Cascade and Chinook fields, in which we have interests of 100% and 66.67%, respectively. We have an approved Conceptual Plan for the development of these fields, which includes the first deployment of an FPSO facility in the GOM and also incorporates six technologies that are tested in Brazilian offshore waters, but are new to the GOM, including a disconnectable turret buoy, crude transportation by shuttle tanker, free-standing hybrid risers, under water electric submersible pumps, torpedo pile vertical loaded anchors and polyester mooring systems. We expect to begin production in the Cascade and Chinook fields in mid 2010. We also own a 20% interest in the world's deepest oil well located in the Tiber Prospect where we discovered oil in September 2009.

### *Europe*

In 2006, Petrobras International Braspetro BV signed a joint study agreement with Petrogal (Galp) and Partex to study seismic data related to the Peniche Basin offshore **Portugal**. We hold a 50% interest in this consortium, and we signed four concession contracts in May 2007 in this Basin.

In **Turkey**, we withdrew from exploration efforts in the Kirlarelli Block in the Black Sea, in which we had engaged in 2006. Also in 2009, we chartered a drilling rig that began operating in the Sinop well in the Black Sea in the first quarter of 2010.

### *Middle East*

In 2004, we signed a service contract with the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) in **Iran**. The agreement called for seismic data acquisition and processing and the drilling of at least two exploratory wells in the Tusan block in the Iranian Persian Gulf.

Petrobras has acquired and processed seismic data at a cost of approximately U.S.\$22 million and drilled two exploratory wells at a cost of U.S.\$156 million in Iran.

Our expenditures would be reimbursed under the service contract with the NIOC only if exploration resulted in economically viable oil discoveries. Petrobras has not had any assets, material liabilities, revenues or proved reserves associated with its operations in Iran in any of the last three years. The service contract with the NIOC expired in July 2009, and we have no additional commitments or further plans in Iran at this time.



*Africa*

Our operations in Africa date back to 1979 and include exploration and production in Angola and Nigeria, and exploration in other countries.

In **Angola**, we continue our exploration activities and have announced two discoveries, in Block 15 (not operated by Petrobras) and in Block 18 (operated by Petrobras). We continue production activities in Block 2, a mature Block where we are not the operator, where our share of total production is 2.4 mboe/d.

In **Nigeria**, we enhanced production at the Agbami field, which commenced production in July 2008, and also in the Akpo field, which started production in March 2009. Our share of total production from both fields is approximately 40 mboe/d. The Egina field had its development plan approved by the Nigerian government in March 2009, while in the Preowei and Egina South fields exploration activities are underway. We are also the operator of Block OPL 315, with a 45% interest, in which exploration activities are also underway.

In May 2009, Petrobras joined Enigma, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chariot Oil and Gas Limited, as a 50% partner in Block 2714A, in **Namibia**. This Block is located in offshore Southern Namibia and covers an area of approximately 5,500 km<sup>2</sup> (1.4 million acres) in water depths from 150 to 1,500 meters (492 to 4,921 feet). During the current exploration phase, which ends on August 2011, we will perform geological studies to better understand and evaluate the potential of the Block before deciding whether to drill an exploratory well.

*Asia and Oceania*

Since 2007, when we began our first exploration activities in Asia, another region where offshore and deep offshore exploration hold substantial potential, we have acquired rights to operate in India and in Pakistan.

In the beginning of 2009, we held interests in exploration blocks in the Krishna Godavari and Cauvery basins offshore eastern **India**. In the Krishna Godavari block, we have decided not to participate in the appraisal phase proposed by the operator and returned our participation interest in December 2009 after completing a minimum work program. We drilled two of the three wells we have committed to drilling with no discoveries in the Cauvery Block.

In April 2010, we acquired a 50% interest in an exploratory block in the North Carnarvon Australian Basin for U.S.\$39 million. The acquisition remains subject to regulatory approval. Exploration activities in this Block have been on-going for five years, and we have committed up to U.S.\$41 million to drill the pioneer well. We expect to begin drilling by mid-2010, and we will have the option to operate the Block after drilling is complete.

*Other International Activities*

Most of our international activities are focused on exploration and production. Our other international activities are summarized in the tables below and described in the text that follows.

**Refining Assets as of December 31, 2009**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Refinery</b>	<b>Group Share %</b>	<b>Crude Distillation Capacity</b> (mmbbl/d)
<b>South America</b>			
Argentina(1)	Bahia Blanca	100	31
	Refinor/Campo Duran	28.5	26.4
	San Lorenzo(2)	100	50
<b>North America</b>			

United States	Pasadena, TX	100	100
<b>Asia</b>			
Japan	Nansei Sekiyu Kabushiki	87.5	100

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- (1) All Argentine refining operations are held through our 67.2% share in PESA.
- (2) Sold in May 2010.

<b>Petrochemical Assets as of December 31, 2009</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Plant(1)</b>	<b>Products</b>
<b>South America</b>		
Argentina	Campana Puerto General San Martin Zarate	Ammonia, Urea, UAN Styrene and SBR Polystyrene and BOPs
Brazil	INNOVA	Ethylbenzene, styrene, polystyrene

(1) All international petrochemical operations held through our 67.2% share in PESA.

<b>Distribution and Gas and Power Assets as of December 31, 2009</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Distribution Assets</b>	<b>Gas and Power Assets</b>
<b>South America</b>		
Argentina	Service Stations (604)(1)	Hydroelectric plant (2) Thermoelectric plant (2) Interest in TGS Interest in Edesur
Bolivia		Interest in Cia Mega S.A. Interest in GTB S.A.
Chile	Service Stations (227) Lubricant Plant (2)	Interest in Transierra
Colombia	Others (2) Service Stations (74) Storage facility (2)	
Paraguay	Lubricant blending plant (2) Service Stations (168)	
Uruguay	Others (3) Service Stations (89) Others (4)	Gas Distribution Companies (3)

(1) 360 retail and agricultural service stations sold in May 2010.

- (2) Commercial aviation operation in eleven airports.
- (3) Aviation fueling installation and LPG refueling plant.
- (4) Installations for commercialization of marine and aviation products, petrochemicals and asphalt.

### *South America*

We have integrated operations in South America, particularly in **Argentina**, where we participate across the energy value chain. In Argentina, we own the Pichi Picún Leufú hydroelectric plant, the gas-fired thermoelectric plant Genelba, an interest in natural gas transportation company TGS (Transportadora Gas del Sur), and interests in energy marketer Edesur, and Mega Company, a natural gas separation facility. We also own through our interest in PESA four petrochemical plants (three in Argentina and one in Brazil), two refineries providing 81 mbb/d of net capacity, and an interest in the Refinor/Campo Duran Refinery. In January 2010, PESA entered into an agreement for the sale of its non-core fertilizer business with the Bunge Group for U.S.\$80 million. We own 604 retail service stations operating under the brand names Petrobras. In May 2010, PESA reached an agreement for the sale of its refinery in San Lorenzo together with related distribution assets and inventories of oil and oil products for approximately U.S.\$110 million. This transaction remains subject to regulatory approval.

In **Bolivia**, we operate gas fields that supply gas to Brazil. We hold an 11% stake in Gas Transboliviano S.A. (GTB), owner of the Bolivian section of the Bolivia-to-Brazil (BTB) pipeline that transports natural gas we produce in Bolivia to the Brazilian market. We also hold a 44.5% stake in Transierra S.A., which owns the Yacuiba-Rio Grande gas pipeline (Gasyrg) linking the San Alberto and San Antonio fields to the BTB pipeline.

In **Chile**, we acquired the downstream operations of Exxon Mobil for approximately U.S.\$400 million in 2008, which include 227 service stations, fuel sale and distribution centers in 11 airports, six fuel distribution terminals, corresponding to 16% and 14% of the retail segment and industrial segment market shares, respectively. We also increased our market share in the Chilean lubricants market by 6% with the U.S.\$12 million acquisition of Chevron Chile SAC, a producer and retailer of lubricants.

In **Uruguay**, we have fuel distribution operations, with 89 service stations. The Gas and Power portfolio includes gas distributors Distribuidora de Gas Montevideo S.A (retail sales in Montevideo) and Conecta S.A (commercial sales) throughout the country.

### *North America*

In 2006, we entered the **United States** refining market by acquiring 50% of the Pasadena Refining System (PRSI) and 50% of PRSI's related trading company (Trading Company). On March 10, 2010, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas confirmed an arbitration award issued on April 10, 2009 which found that Petrobras America, Inc. (PAI), our indirect subsidiary in the United States, had effectively acquired 100% of the interest held by Astra Oil Trading NV (Astra) in both PRSI and the Trading Company and set the put- option exercise price for PRSI at U.S.\$296 million. PAI is appealing the District Court's denial of its motion to dismiss.

### *Asia*

In November 2007, we purchased 87.5% of Nansei Sekiyu Kabushiki Kaisha (NSS), a refinery in Okinawa, **Japan**. As a result of this acquisition, which was finalized in April 2008, we started refining operations in Asia for the first time with a capacity of 100 mbb/d, and we recently began producing a 3% ethanol-gasoline mix. In April 2010, Sumitomo Corporation informed us that it intends to exercise a put option for the sale of its 12.5% stake in the NSS refinery pursuant to the terms of the shareholders agreement. We are currently reviewing Sumitomo's offer.

### **Information on PifCo**

PifCo was incorporated in order to facilitate and finance the import of crude oil and oil products by us into Brazil, and has been our wholly owned subsidiary since 2000. Currently, PifCo acts as an intermediary between third-party oil suppliers and us by engaging in crude oil and oil product purchases from international suppliers, and reselling crude oil and oil products in U.S. dollars to us on a deferred payment basis, at a price which includes a premium to compensate PifCo for its financing costs.

PifCo also purchases crude oil and oil products from us for sale outside Brazil. Additionally, PifCo sells and purchases crude oil and oil products to and from third parties and related parties, mainly outside Brazil. PifCo is generally able to obtain credit to finance purchases on the same terms granted to us, and PifCo buys crude oil and oil products at the same price that suppliers would charge us directly.

As part of our strategy to expand our international operations and facilitate our access to international capital markets, PifCo engages in borrowings in international capital markets supported by us, through guaranties of the related securities.

Petrobras has provided unconditional and irrevocable guaranties of payment for all of PifCo's issuances of SEC-registered debt securities since February 2009. On March 31, 2010, Petrobras issued six additional unconditional and irrevocable guaranties of payment to replace the standby purchase agreements that previously supported PifCo's SEC-registered debt securities issued prior to February 2009. As a result, Petrobras currently provides unconditional and irrevocable guaranties of payment for all of PifCo's outstanding SEC-registered debt securities.

### *PifCo's Corporate Structure*

PifCo was established on September 24, 1997 as Brasoil Finance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Braspetro Oil Services Company, or Brasoil, a wholly owned subsidiary of Petrobras Internacional S.A. (Braspetro), which has since been absorbed by us. PifCo's voting shares were transferred from Brasoil to us in 2000, since which time it has been our wholly owned subsidiary. Petrobras International Finance Company is an exempted company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of the Cayman Islands. PifCo's registered office is located at Harbour Place, 103 South Church Street, 4th floor, P.O. Box 1034GT, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, and PifCo's telephone number is 55-21-3487-2375.

PifCo's four subsidiaries are:





- **Petrobras Europe Limited (PEL):** In May 2001, PifCo established PEL, a wholly owned subsidiary incorporated and based in the United Kingdom, to consolidate our trade activities in Europe, the Middle East, the Far East and Africa. These activities consist of advising on, and negotiating the terms and conditions for, crude oil and oil products supplied to PifCo, PIB BV, and us, as well as marketing Brazilian crude oil and crude oil products exported to the geographic areas in which PEL operates. PEL plays an advisory role in connection with these activities and undertakes no direct or additional commercial or financial risk. PEL provides these advisory and marketing services as an independent contractor, pursuant to a services agreement between PEL and us. In exchange, we compensate PEL for all costs incurred in connection with these activities, plus a margin.
- **Petrobras Finance Limited (PFL):** In December 2001, PifCo established PFL, a wholly owned subsidiary incorporated and registered in the Cayman Islands. PFL primarily purchases fuel oil from us and sells the products in the international market in order to generate export receivables to cover its obligations to transfer these receivables to a trust under an exports prepayment program. Until June 1, 2006, PFL also purchased bunker fuel from us. The exports prepayment program helps provide PFL with the funding necessary to purchase oil products from us, as described below.
- **Bear Insurance Company Limited (BEAR):** In January 2003, BEAR was transferred to PifCo from Brasoil. This transaction took place as part of the restructuring of our international business segment. BEAR currently serves as our captive insurance company, advising on and negotiating the terms and conditions of, certain of our insurance policies and certain insurance and reinsurance policies of our subsidiaries.
- **Petrobras Singapore Private Limited (PSPL):** In April 2006, PifCo created PSPL, a company incorporated in Singapore to trade oil and derivatives in connection with our trading activities in Asia. This company initiated operations on July 1, 2006.

*PifCo's Principal Commercial Activities*

PifCo purchases crude oil and oil products for resale to us and third parties. PifCo acquires substantially all of its crude oil and oil products either through purchases on the spot market or short-term supply contracts. PifCo also acquires a small portion of its crude oil and oil products through long-term supply contracts. PifCo's crude oil and oil product purchase obligations are, in most instances, guaranteed by us. PifCo then resells the products purchased to us at the purchase price it paid, plus a premium, determined in accordance with a formula designed to pass on PifCo's average costs of capital to us. PifCo also purchases crude oil and oil products from us for sale outside Brazil. Additionally, PifCo sells and purchases crude oil and oil products to and from third parties and related parties, mainly outside Brazil.

In addition, PifCo finances its oil trading activities principally from commercial banks, including lines of credit, as well as through inter-company loans from us and the issuance of notes in the international capital markets.



The following chart illustrates how PifCo acts as the intermediary between international crude oil suppliers and us:

*Exports Prepayment Program*

PifCo purchases crude oil and oil products from international oil suppliers on a free-on-board (F.O.B.) basis under standard terms that traditionally require payment within 30 days from the bill of lading. We would typically be unable to meet the 30-day payment term imposed by international suppliers because of the complexity of Brazilian customs and importing regulations. For example, if a shipment to which a bill of lading relates must be delivered to different parts of Brazil, different sets of documents must be delivered to each delivery point. Depending on the unloading ports locations, this process may be completed up to 120 days from the vessel's departure. Because PifCo is not subject to the Brazilian regulations applicable to us, PifCo can pay the international supplier on time without having to produce these different sets of documents. To cover its financing costs, PifCo includes a premium when it sells crude oil and oil products to us. We are then able to buy crude oil and oil products from PifCo under terms that allow for payment up to 330 days from the date of the bill of lading, to ensure sufficient time to meet customs and importing regulations.

In 2001, we created an export prepayment program to finance our fuel oil exports through the securitization of our fuel oil exports receivables. A Cayman Islands trust, the PF Export Receivables Master Trust (Trust), raises funds by issuing certificates to investors and providing this funding to PFL to purchase fuel oil from us. PFL purchases fuel oil from us under a Master Export Contract and a Prepayment Agreement, which establishes quarterly minimum purchase commitments. PFL assigns all receivables from the sale of such exports to the Trust, and the receivables serve as collateral for the payment obligations due under the certificates. The certificates represent senior undivided beneficial interests in the property of the Trust.

The value of receivables to be designated for sale in any quarterly period represents a portion, but not all, of the receivables expected to result from the sale of fuel oil by PFL in such period. The balance of the receivables is the property of PFL.

*Fuel Oil Export Sales*

Since the creation of the program, the Trust has issued a total of U.S.\$1,500 million in Senior Trust Certificates. We have prepaid or amortized a portion of the Senior Trust Certificates. Currently, there are U.S.\$332 million in Senior Certificates outstanding.

As the support for the exports prepayment program, we sell fuel oil to utilities, refineries and traders. The following table sets forth our fuel oil export sales for the period from 2005 to 2009:

	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Millions of U.S.\$	1,708.6	2,848.5	2,205.9	1,500.1	1,077.6
Millions of barrels	29.5	51.8	39.6	67.3	25.5

**Organizational Structure**

Of our 37 direct subsidiaries listed below, 31 are incorporated under the laws of Brazil and six (PifCo, Petrobras International Braspetro B.V. (PIB BV), Braspetro Oil Company (BOC), Braspetro Oil Services Company (Brasoil), Petrobras Netherlands B.V. (PNBV) and Cordoba Financial Services GmbH) are incorporated abroad.

See Exhibit 8.1 for a complete list of our subsidiaries, including their full names, jurisdictions of incorporation and our percentage equity interest.

The following diagram sets forth our significant consolidated subsidiaries as of December 31, 2009:

**Property, Plants and Equipment***Petrobras*

Our most important tangible assets are wells, platforms, refining facilities, pipelines, vessels and other transportation assets, and power plants. Most of these are located in Brazil. We own and lease our facilities and some owned facilities are subject to liens, although the value of encumbered assets is not material.

We have the right to exploit crude oil and gas reserves in Brazil under concession agreements, but the reserves

The proposed legislation, which was submitted by the President of Brazil to the Brazilian Congress on August 31, 2009, is based on studies conducted by an inter-ministerial committee created in July 2008 to consider changes in the regulation of exploration and production activities in pre-salt areas not subject to existing concessions. Petrobras Chief Executive Officer, J.S. Gabrielli de Azevedo and the former Chair of our board of directors, Dilma Vana Rousseff, in her

themselves are the property of the government under Brazilian law. Item 4. Information on the Company includes a description of our reserves and sources of crude oil and natural gas, key tangible assets, and material plans to expand and improve our facilities.

### *PifCo*

PifCo does not itself own or lease any material property, plant or equipment.

### **Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Brazil**

#### *Proposed Changes to the Oil Law*

Recent discoveries of large petroleum and natural gas reserves in the pre-salt areas of the Campos and Santos Basins prompted a proposal to change the existing oil legislation regarding exploration and production activities.

capacity as Chief of Staff to President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, were members of this committee.

The proposed legislation would not affect existing pre-salt concessions, which cover approximately 28% of the pre-salt region. The proposed legislation includes the introduction of production-sharing contracts for oil and gas exploration and production in pre-salt areas not under concession and in potentially strategic areas to be defined by the National Energy Policy Council (CNPE). We would be the exclusive operator of all blocks under production-sharing contracts. The exploration and production rights for these blocks would either be granted to us on an exclusive basis or offered under public bids. If offered under public bids, we would be granted a minimum interest to be established by the CNPE that would not be less than 30%, with the additional right to participate in the bidding process in order to increase our interest in those areas. Under the production-sharing regime, the winner of the bid will be the company that offers the highest percentage of profit oil, which is the production of a certain field after deduction of royalties and cost oil, which is the cost associated with oil production, to the Brazilian government.

The legislative proposal currently under discussion includes a specific bill which proposes a transfer of rights under which the Brazilian government would assign to us oil and gas exploration and production rights in pre-salt areas not under concession, up to a maximum recovery of 5 billion barrels of oil equivalent. The transfer of rights would be subject to a contract with the Brazilian government that would determine the areas to be transferred and observe best practices in the industry in determining the amount to be paid in consideration for the above-mentioned transfer of rights. The contract will also determine the conditions for the reappraisal of the value of the transfer of rights after a certain period of time.

A separate provision of the proposed legislation would authorize the Brazilian government to subscribe for additional shares of our capital stock in connection with such transfer of rights. We would use the proceeds from this capitalization to pay for the transfer of rights, the exploration and production of the areas transferred to us by the Brazilian government, general corporate purposes and to finance capital expenditures related to our 2009-2013 Business Plan. In order to ensure transparency, our board of directors created a special committee comprised of minority shareholders representatives to monitor the transfer of rights transaction. We will observe all of the Brazilian Corporate Law requirements in carrying out the capitalization process, including the protection of the rights of our minority shareholders. See Item 10.

Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation of Petrobras Preemptive Rights for a summary of these requirements.

The new regulatory model includes two additional proposals. The first foresees the creation of a fund consisting of resources from production-sharing contracts, subscription bonus and royalty payments. The second foresees the creation a new state-run non-operating company that will represent the interests of the Brazilian government in the production-sharing contracts. This new company will participate in operational committees, with voting rights and veto powers and will manage and control costs arising from production-sharing contracts. It will operate alongside the ANP, the independent regulatory agency that will oversee all production regimes, and the CNPE, the

We cannot estimate the impact that any change to the Oil Law would have on Petrobras, or when any new regulations may become effective.

### *Current Regulatory Framework*

Under Brazilian law, the Brazilian government owns all crude oil and natural gas reserves in Brazil. The Brazilian government holds a monopoly over the research, exploration, production, refining and transportation of crude oil and oil products in Brazil and its continental shelf, with the exception that companies that were engaged in refining and distribution in 1953 were permitted to continue those activities. Between 1953 and 1997, we were the Brazilian government's exclusive agent for exploiting its monopoly, including the importation and exportation of crude oil and oil products.

As part of a comprehensive reform of the oil and gas regulatory system, the Brazilian Congress amended the Brazilian Constitution in 1995 to authorize the Brazilian government to contract with any state or privately-owned company to carry out upstream and downstream oil and gas activities in Brazil. On August 6, 1997, Brazil enacted the Oil Law (Law No. 9,478), which established a new regulatory framework, ended our exclusive right to carry out oil and gas activities, and allowed competition in all aspects of the oil and gas industry in Brazil. Since that time, we have been operating in an increasingly deregulated and competitive environment. The Oil Law also created an independent regulatory agency, the ANP, to regulate the oil, natural gas and renewable fuel industry in Brazil and to create a competitive environment in the oil and gas sector. Effective January 2, 2002, Brazil deregulated prices for crude oil, oil products and natural gas.

entity that will set the guidelines to be applied to the oil and gas sector, including the new regulatory model.

The Oil Law granted us the exclusive right to exploit crude oil reserves in each of our producing fields for 27 years from the date when they were declared commercially profitable. This initial 27-year period for production can be extended, at the request of the concessionaire and subject to approval from the ANP. The Oil Law also established a procedural framework for us to claim exclusive exploratory rights for a period of up to three years, later extended to five years, to areas where we could demonstrate that we had established prospects prior to the enactment of the Oil Law. In order to perfect our claim to explore and develop these areas, we had to demonstrate that we had the financial capacity to carry out these activities, either alone or through other cooperative arrangements.

In March 2009, the Brazilian Congress enacted a law regulating activities in the gas industry, including transport and commercialization. The Gas Law created a concession regime for the construction and operation of new pipelines to transport natural gas, while maintaining an authorization regime for pipelines subject to international agreements. According to the Gas Law, after a certain exclusivity period, operators will be required to grant access to transport pipelines and maritime terminals, except LNG terminals, to third parties in order to maximize utilization of capacity. Authorizations previously issued by the ANP for natural gas transport will remain valid for 30 years from the date of publication of the Gas Law, and initial carriers were granted exclusivity in these pipelines for 10 years. The ANP will issue regulations governing third-party access and carrier compensation if no agreement is reached between the parties.

The Gas Law also authorized certain consumers, which can purchase natural gas on the open market or obtain their own supplies of natural gas, to construct distribution facilities and pipelines for their own use in the event local gas distributors controlled by the states, which have monopoly over local gas distribution, do not meet their distribution needs. These consumers are required to delegate the operation and maintenance of the facilities and pipelines to local gas distributors, but they are not required to sign gas supply agreements with the local gas distributors.

See Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Liquidity and Capital Resources Petrobras for

Since Brazil is not a member of OPEC, neither Brazil nor we are bound by OPEC guidelines. However, to the extent that OPEC influences international crude oil prices, our prices are affected, as our prices are linked to international crude oil prices. We have been invited to attend OPEC meetings as an observer.

### *Price Regulation*

Until the passage of the Oil Law in 1997, the Brazilian government had the power to regulate all aspects of the pricing of crude oil, oil products, ethanol, natural gas, electric power and other energy sources. In 2002, the government eliminated price controls for crude oil and oil products, although they retained regulation over certain natural gas sales contracts and electricity. Also in 2002, the Brazilian government established an excise tax on the sale and import of crude oil, oil products and natural gas products (*Contribuição de Intervenção no Domínio Econômico*, Contribution for Intervention in the Economic Sector, or CIDE). In 2009, the Gas Law authorized the ANP to regulate prices for the use of gas transport pipelines subject to the new concession regime, based on a procedure defined in the Gas Law as a *chamada pública*, and to approve prices submitted by carriers, according to previously established criteria, for the use of new gas transport pipelines subject to the authorization regime.

### *Exploration and Development Regulation*

According to the Oil Law and under our concession agreements with ANP, we are required to pay the government the following:

- signature bonuses paid upon the execution of the concession agreement, which are based on the amount of the winning bid, subject to the minimum signature bonuses published in the relevant bidding guidelines (*edital de licitação*);



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- annual retention bonuses for the occupation or retention of areas available for exploration and production, at a rate established by the ANP in the relevant bidding guidelines based on the size, location and geological characteristics of the concession block;
- special participation charges at a rate ranging from 0 to 40% of the net operating revenues derived from the production of fields that reach high production volumes or profitability, according to the criteria established in the applicable legislation. In 2009, we paid this tax on 19 of our fields, including Albacora, Albacora Leste, Barracuda, Canto do Amaro, Caratinga, Carmópolis, Cherne, Espadarte, Jubarte, Leste do Urucu, Marimbá, Marlim, Marlim Sul, Marlim Leste, Namorado, Miranga, Peroá, Rio Urucu and Roncador. Net revenues are gross revenues less royalties paid, investments in exploration, operational costs and depreciation adjustments and applicable taxes. The Special Participation Tax uses as a reference international oil prices converted to *reais* at the current exchange rate; and
- royalties, to be established in the concession contracts at a rate ranging between 5% and 10% of gross revenues from production, based on reference prices for crude oil or natural gas established in the relevant bidding guidelines and concession contract. In establishing royalty rates in the concession contracts, the ANP also takes into account the geological risks and expected productivity levels for each concession. Virtually all of our crude oil production is currently taxed at the maximum royalty rate.

The Oil Law also requires concessionaires of onshore fields to pay to the owner of the land a participation fee that varies between 0.5% and 1.0% of the net operating revenues derived from the production of the field.

### *Environmental Regulations*

All phases of the crude oil and natural gas business present environmental risks and hazards. Our facilities

At the federal level, our offshore activities and those that involve more than one Brazilian state are subject to the regulatory authority of the *Conselho Nacional do Meio Ambiente* (National Council for the Environment, or CONAMA) and to the administrative authority of IBAMA, which issues operating and drilling licenses. We are required to submit reports, including safety and pollution monitoring reports (IOPP) to IBAMA in order to maintain our licenses. Onshore environmental, health and safety conditions are controlled at the state rather than federal level, and there is strict liability for environmental damage, mechanisms for enforcement of environmental standards and licensing requirements for polluting activities.

Individuals or entities whose conduct or activities cause harm to the environment are subject to criminal and administrative sanctions. Government environmental protection agencies may also impose administrative sanctions for noncompliance with environmental laws and regulations, including:

- fines;
- partial or total suspension of activities;
- requirements to fund reclamation and environmental projects;
- forfeit or restriction of tax incentives or benefits;
- closing of the establishments or undertakings; and
- forfeiture or suspension of participation in credit lines with official credit establishments.

in Brazil are subject to a wide range of federal, state and local laws, regulations and permit requirements relating to the protection of human health and the environment.

We are subject to a number of administrative proceedings and civil and criminal claims relating to environmental matters. See Item 8. Financial Information Legal Proceedings Environmental Claims.

In 2009, we invested approximately U.S.\$1,013 million in environmental projects, compared to approximately U.S.\$1,075 million in 2008 and U.S.\$1,015 million in 2007. These investments were primarily directed at reducing emissions and wastes resulting from industrial processes, managing water use and effluents, remedying impacted areas, implementing new environmental technologies, upgrading our pipelines and improving our ability to respond to emergency situations.

### Health, Safety and Environmental Initiatives

The protection of human health and the environment is one of our primary concerns, and is essential to our success as an integrated energy company. We have created a Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Management Committee composed of executive managers of our business areas and directors of our subsidiaries BR Distribuidora, Transpetro and Petrobras Biocombustível. The Committee's work is supported by four commissions and four subcommissions as well as by temporary work groups, each responsible for a specific HSE issue, such as licensing and environmental compensation, emissions and climate change and health management.

We have also created an Environmental Committee composed of three members of our board of directors. This committee's responsibilities include: (i) overseeing and managing environmental and work safety issues affecting us; (ii) establishing measurable environmental targets and ensuring compliance; and (iii) recommending changes in environmental, health and safety policy, if necessary, to our board of directors. The Environmental Committee charter is awaiting approval by our board of directors.

Our actions to address health, safety and environmental concerns and ensure compliance with environmental regulations involved an investment of approximately U.S.\$2,294 million in 2009 and included:

- A HSE management system based on principles of sustainable development which seeks to minimize the impacts of operations and products on health, safety and the environment, reduce the use of natural resources and pollution, and prevent accidents;
- Improvement of our response readiness: ten environmental protection centers and thirteen advanced bases for oil spill prevention, control and response, local and regional, onshore and offshore oil spill contingency plans involving public services and communities, three dedicated oil spill recovery vessels (OSRVs) fully equipped for oil spill control and fire fighting. In 2009, Petrobras conducted 15 regional emergency drills which involved the Brazilian Navy, the Civil Defense, firefighters, the military police, environmental organizations, and local governmental and community entities;
- ISO 14001 (environment) and OHSAS 18001 (health and safety) certification of our operating units. As of December 2009, Petrobras had 93% of the total number of 250 certifiable sites in Brazil and abroad certified in accordance with the standards mentioned above. The *Frota Nacional de Petroleiros* (National Fleet of Vessels) has been fully certified by the IMO International Management Code for Safe Operation of Ships and for Pollution Prevention (ISM Code) since December 1997;
- Regular and active engagement with the Brazilian Ministry of Mines and Energy and IBAMA, including negotiating new environmental compensation regulations and discussing environmental issues connected with new gas pipelines, oil and gas production projects and other aspects of our operations.
- A Climate Change strategic project, which aims to implement the highest standards in the energy industry regarding greenhouse gas management. By reducing the environmental impact of our operations, we will contribute to our sustainability and mitigate global climate

change.

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Every project is evaluated to confirm its compliance with all HSE requirements and adoption of the best HSE practices throughout the project's life cycle. In addition, we conduct more extensive environmental studies for new projects when required by applicable environmental legislation.

In 2009, we experienced oil spills totaling 67,102 gallons of crude oil, compared to 115,179 gallons of crude oil in 2008 and 101,970 gallons in 2007.

We have maintained oil spill levels well below 1m<sup>3</sup> per mmbbl, which corresponds to a standard of excellence within the global oil and gas industry. We continue to evaluate and develop initiatives to address HSE concerns and to reduce our exposure to HSE risks.

### Insurance

Our insurance programs focus principally on the evaluation of risks and the replacement of value of assets, which we believe is customary for our industry. Under our risk management policy, risks associated with our principal assets, such as refineries, tankers, our fleet and offshore production and drilling platforms, are insured for their replacement value with third-party Brazilian insurers. Although the policies are issued in Brazil, most of our policies are reinsured abroad with reinsurers rated A- or higher by Standard & Poor's rating agency or B+ or higher by A.M. Best. Part of our international operations are insured or reinsured by our Bermudian subsidiary Bear Insurance Company Limited following the same rating criteria.

Less valuable assets, such as small auxiliary boats, certain storage facilities, and some administrative installations, are self-insured. We do not maintain coverage for business interruption, except for a minority of our international operations and a few specific assets in Brazil. We also do not maintain coverage for our wells for substantially all of our Brazilian operations. We maintain coverage for operational third-party liability with respect to our onshore and offshore activities, including environmental risks such as oil spills. Although we do not insure most of our pipelines, we have insurance against damage or loss to third parties resulting from specific incidents, as well as oil pollution. We also maintain coverage for risks associated with cargo, hull

The premium for renewing our domestic property risk insurance policy for a 12-month period commencing June 2009 was U.S.\$51 million. This represented a nominal increase of 82% over the preceding 12-month period. The increase was primarily due to the increase in the insured value of our assets, which in the same period, increased by 33%, from U.S.\$61 billion to U.S.\$81 billion, and to an increase in our coverage limit (25% increase for onshore assets and 61% increase for offshore assets). Since 2001, our risk retention has increased and our deductibles may reach U.S.\$50 million in certain cases.

### Item 4A. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

### Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

#### Management Discussion and Analysis of Petrobras Financial Condition and Results of Operations

You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations together with our audited consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes beginning on page F-2 of this annual report.

#### Overview

We earn income from:

- domestic sales, which consist of sales of oil products (such as diesel oil, gasoline, jet fuel, naphtha, fuel oil and liquefied petroleum gas), natural gas, ethanol, electricity and petrochemical products;

and machinery risk. All projects and installations under construction that have an estimated maximum loss above U.S.\$50 million are covered by a construction policy.

- export sales, which consist primarily of sales of crude oil and oil products;
- international sales (excluding export sales), which consist of sales of crude oil, natural gas and oil products that are purchased, produced and refined abroad; and
- other sources, including services, investment income and foreign exchange gains.

Our expenses include:

- costs of sales (which are composed of labor expenses, operating costs and purchases of crude oil and oil products); maintaining and repairing property, plant and equipment; depreciation and amortization of fixed assets; depletion of oil fields; and exploration costs;
- selling (which include expenses for transportation and distribution of our products), general and administrative expenses; and
- interest expense, monetary and foreign exchange losses.

Fluctuations in our financial condition and results of operations are driven by a combination of factors, including:

- the volume of crude oil, oil products and natural gas we produce and sell;
- changes in international prices of crude oil and oil products, which are denominated in U.S. dollars;
- related changes in the domestic prices of crude oil and oil products, which are denominated in *reais*;
- fluctuations in the *real*/U.S. dollar and to a lesser degree, Argentine peso/U.S. dollar exchange rates; and

- the amount of production taxes that we are required to pay with respect to our operations.

### Sales Volumes and Prices

The profitability of our operations in any particular accounting period is related to the sales volume of, and prices for, the crude oil, oil products and natural gas that we sell. Our consolidated net sales in 2009 totaled approximately 1,215,087 thousand barrels of crude oil equivalent, representing U.S.\$91,869 million in net operating revenues, compared to 1,227,106 thousand barrels of crude oil equivalent, representing U.S.\$118,257 million in net operating revenues in 2008, and approximately 1,182,235 thousand barrels of crude oil equivalent, representing U.S.\$87,735 million in net operating revenues in 2007.

As a vertically integrated company, we process most of our crude oil production in our refineries and sell the refined oil products primarily in the Brazilian domestic market. Therefore, it is oil product prices, rather than crude oil prices, that most directly affect our financial results. Nonetheless, as crude oil production increases, and as exports increase, crude oil production will have a greater relative importance.

Oil product prices vary over time as the result of many factors, including the price of crude oil. Over the long term, we intend to sell our products in Brazil at parity with international product prices, however we do not adjust our prices for gasoline, diesel and LPG to reflect short-term volatility in the international markets. As a result, material rapid or sustained increases or decreases in the international price of crude oil and oil products may result in downstream margins for us that are materially different than those of other integrated international oil companies, within a given financial reporting period.

The average prices of Brent crude, an international benchmark oil, were approximately U.S.\$62.40 per barrel in 2009, U.S.\$96.99 per barrel in 2008 and U.S.\$72.52 per barrel in 2007. For December 2009, Brent crude oil prices averaged U.S.\$74.58 per barrel. Crude oil prices averaged U.S.\$76.78 per barrel in the first quarter of 2010. We announced price decreases of 4.5% for gasoline and 15% for diesel in the domestic



market in June 2009 to reflect international oil product prices. The increase in the CIDE by the Brazilian government fully offset the reduction in gasoline prices and partially offset the reduction in diesel prices.

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During 2009, approximately 72.3% of our net operating revenues were derived from sales of crude oil and oil products in Brazil, compared to 60.9% in 2008 and 69.2% in 2007. As export revenues of crude oil and oil products have decreased, domestic sales as a percentage of net operating revenues have increased.

Our revenues are principally derived from sales in Brazil. The following table sets forth our domestic sales by volume of oil products, natural gas and ethanol for each of 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	For the Year Ended December 31,								
	2009			2008			2007		
	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net	Net
	Average	Operating	Average	Operating	Average	Operating	Average	Operating	Operating
Volume	Price	Revenues	Volume	Price	Revenues	Volume	Price	Revenues	Revenues
(mbl,	(U.S.\$)	(U.S.\$	(mbl,	(U.S.\$)	(U.S.\$	(mbl,	(U.S.\$)	(U.S.\$	(U.S.\$
except as	(1)	million)	except as	(1)	million)	except as	(1)	million)	million)
otherwise			otherwise			otherwise			
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Energy products:									
Automotive gasoline	123,412	73.55	9,077	114,544	91.44	10,474	109,654	83.73	9,181
Diesel	270,099	93.71	25,312	273,877	109.65	30,030	257,304	96.42	24,809
Ethanol	294	71.43	21	34	58.82	2	62	80.65	5
Fuel oil (including bunker fuel)	37,235	48.23	1,796	35,541	82.29	2,925	38,647	55.89	2,160
Liquefied petroleum gas	76,759	41.00	3,148	77,796	45.42	3,533	75,326	40.36	3,040
<b>Total energy products</b>	<b>507,799</b>		<b>39,354</b>	<b>501,792</b>		<b>46,964</b>	<b>480,993</b>		<b>39,195</b>
Non-energy products:									
Petrochemical naphtha	59,832	44.07	2,637	55,135	80.91	4,461	60,609	73.92	4,480
Others	133,836	65.11	8,714	112,198	104.77	11,755	100,920	84.91	8,569
<b>Total non-energy products</b>	<b>193,668</b>		<b>11,351</b>	<b>167,333</b>		<b>16,216</b>	<b>161,529</b>		<b>13,049</b>
Natural gas (boe)	87,468	39.55	3,459	114,100	44.64	5,093	90,520	31.27	2,831
Sub-total	788,934	68.65	54,164	783,225	87.17	68,273	733,042		55,075
Distribution net sales	227,320	131.12	29,807	254,971	121.21	30,904	229,941	99.56	22,894
Intercompany net sales	(265,697)	66.11	(17,564)	(247,738)	109.42	(27,107)	(220,208)	78.29	(17,241)
<b>Total domestic market</b>	<b>750,558</b>	<b>88.48</b>	<b>66,407</b>	<b>790,458</b>	<b>91.17</b>	<b>72,070</b>	<b>742,775</b>	<b>81.76</b>	<b>60,728</b>
Export net sales	244,974	55.32	13,551	235,349	83.31	19,607	225,570	73.20	16,512
International net sales	103,056	57.03	5,877	59,713	101.73	6,075	134,949	35.12	4,739
Others	116,499	42.76	4,982	141,586	129.74	18,370	78,941	65.67	5,184

Sub-total	464,529	52.55	24,410	436,648	100.89	44,052	439,460	60.15	26,435
Services			1,052			2,135			572
<b>Consolidated net sales</b>	<b>1,215,087</b>		<b>91,869</b>	<b>1,227,106</b>		<b>118,257</b>	<b>1,182,235</b>		<b>87,735</b>

(1) Net average price calculated by dividing net sales by the volume for the year.

### Effect of Taxes on Our Income

In addition to taxes paid on behalf of consumers to federal, state and municipal governments, such as the *Imposto sobre Circulação de Mercadorias e Serviços*, or ICMS, we are required to pay three principal charges on our oil production activities in Brazil: royalties, special participation and retention bonuses. See Item 4.

Information on the Company Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Brazil Exploration and Development Regulation and Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Brazil.

These charges imposed by the Brazilian government are included in our cost of goods sold. In addition, we are subject to tax on our income at an effective rate of 25% and a social contribution tax at an effective rate of 9%, the standard corporate tax rate in Brazil. See Note 3 to our audited consolidated financial statements.

### Inflation and Exchange Rate Variation

#### *Inflation*

Since the introduction of the *real* as the Brazilian currency in July 1994, inflation in Brazil has remained relatively stable. Inflation was 4.31% in 2009, 5.90% in 2008 and 4.46% in 2007, as measured by IPCA, the National Consumer Price Index. Inflation has had, and may continue to have, effects on our financial condition and results of operations.

### *Exchange Rate Variation*

Since we adopted the *real* as our functional currency in 1998, fluctuations in the value of the *real* against the U.S. dollar have had multiple effects on our results of operations.

Our reporting currency for all periods is the U.S. dollar. We maintain our financial records in *reais*, and translate our statements of operations into U.S. dollars at the average rate for the period. Although a substantial portion of our revenues is in *reais*, our revenues have been, and continue to be, linked to U.S. dollar-based international prices, since virtually all of our sales are of crude oil or oil products. When the *real* strengthens relative to the U.S. dollar as it did from 2003 through the first half of 2008, the effect is to generally increase both revenues and expenses when expressed in U.S. dollars. When the *real* strengthens, prices for our products when expressed in *reais* may remain constant, while in dollar terms they increase.

In 2009, the *real* depreciated 8.1% against the U.S. dollar, compared to an appreciation of 5.7% in 2008 and 10.5% in 2007. When the *real* weakens relative to the U.S. dollar, our prices when expressed in dollars decline, unless we raise prices.

Foreign currency translation adjustments have a significant impact on the balance sheet of a company such as ours, whose assets are primarily denominated in *reais*, but whose liabilities are primarily denominated in foreign currencies. Asset values decrease in U.S. dollars when the *real* depreciates.

The changes in our asset values are charged to shareholders' equity, but do not necessarily affect our cash flows, since our revenues and cash earnings are to a large degree linked to the U.S. dollar, and a portion of our operating expenses are linked to the *real*. See Note 2 of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, for more information about the translation of Brazilian *real* amounts into U.S. dollars.

Exchange rate variation also affects the amount of retained earnings available for distribution by us when measured in U.S. dollars. Amounts reported as available for distribution in our statutory accounting records are calculated in *reais* and prepared in accordance with Brazilian accounting principles increase or decrease when measured in U.S. dollars as the *real* appreciates or depreciates against the U.S. dollar. In addition, the exchange rate variation creates foreign exchange gains and losses that are included in our results of operations determined in accordance with Brazilian accounting principles and that affect the amount of our unretained earnings available for distribution.

### **Results of Operations**

The differences in our operating results from year to year occur as a result of a combination of factors, including primarily: the volume of crude oil, oil products and natural gas we produce and sell, the price at which we sell our crude oil, oil products and natural gas and the differential between the Brazilian inflation rate and the depreciation or appreciation of the *real* against the U.S. dollar.

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The table below shows the amount by which each of these variables has changed during the last three years:

	2009	2008	2007
Crude oil and NGL production (mmbbl/d):			
Brazil	1,971	1,855	1,792
International	132	111	112
Non-consolidated international production(1)	10	13	14
Total crude oil and NGL production	<b>2,113</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>1,918</b>
Change in crude oil and NGL production	6.8%	3.2%	(0.1)%
Average sales price for crude (U.S.\$/barrel):			
Brazil	54.22	81.55	61.57
International	53.58	63.16	50.46
Natural gas production (mmcf/d):			
Brazil	1,902	1,926	1,638
International	576	594	648
Non-consolidated international production(1)		6	12
Total natural gas production	<b>2,478</b>	<b>2,526</b>	<b>2,298</b>
Change in natural gas production (sold only)	(1.9%)	9.9%	1.4%
Average sales price for natural gas (U.S.\$/mcf):			
Brazil	3.76	6.69	5.86
International	2.11	2.84	2.68
Year-end exchange rate (Reais/U.S.\$)	1.74	2.34	1.77
Appreciation (depreciation) during the year(2)	25.5%	(31.9%)	17.2%
Average exchange rate for the year (Reais/U.S.\$)	2.00	1.84	1.95
Appreciation (depreciation) during the year(3)	(8.1%)	5.7%	10.5%
Inflation rate (IPCA)	4.3%	5.9%	4.5%

- (1) Non-consolidated companies in Venezuela.  
(2) Based on year-end exchange rate.  
(3) Based on average exchange rate for the year.

### Results of Operations 2009 compared to 2008

Virtually all of our revenues and expenses for our Brazilian activities are denominated and payable in reais. When the real weakens relative to the U.S. dollar as it did in 2009 (a depreciation of 8.1%), the effect is to generally decrease both revenues and expenses when expressed in U.S. dollars. However, the depreciation of the real against the U.S. dollar affects the line items discussed below in different ways. The following comparison between our results of operations in 2009 and 2008 is impacted by the decrease in the value of the real against the U.S. dollar during that period. See Note 2 of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009, for more information about the translation of Brazilian real

Consolidated sales of products and services decreased 20.9% to U.S.\$115,892 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$146,529 million for 2008 due to the reductions mentioned above.

Included in sales of products and services are the following amounts that we collected on behalf of federal or state governments:

- Value-added, Programa de Formação do Patrimônio do Servidor Público (Civil Servant Savings Programs, or PASEP), Contribuição para o Financiamento da Seguridade Social (Contribution for the Financing of Social

amounts into U.S. dollars.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation standards. These reclassifications had no impact on our net income.

### *Revenues*

Net operating revenues decreased 22.3% to U.S.\$91,869 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$118,257 million for 2008. This decrease was primarily attributable to a reduction in average sales prices of crude oil and natural gas in domestic and international markets and a 1.9% reduction in sales volumes in the domestic market.

Security, or COFINS) and other taxes on sales of products and services and social security contributions. These taxes decreased 16.5% to U.S.\$20,909 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$25,046 million for 2008, primarily due to lower prices and lower domestic sales volumes; and

- CIDE, the excise tax applied to the sale and import of crude oil, oil products and natural gas products due to the Brazilian government, which decreased 3.5% to U.S.\$3,114 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$3,226 million for 2008, primarily due to lower prices and lower domestic sales volumes.

*Cost of Sales (Excluding Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization)*

Cost of sales for 2009 decreased 32.4% to U.S.\$49,251 million compared to U.S.\$72,865 million for 2008. This decrease was principally a result of:

- a 46.5% (U.S.\$12,516 million) decrease in the cost of imports due to lower volumes and prices;
- a 38.5% (U.S.\$3,531 million) decrease in costs for our international trading activities due to decreased offshore operations conducted by PifCo;
- a 36.5% (U.S.\$4,465 million) decrease in production taxes and charges that include royalties, which decreased 35.7% (U.S.\$1,988 million) in 2009 compared to 2008; special participation charge, which decreased 37.4% (U.S.\$2,464 million) in 2009 compared to 2008; and rental fees for concession areas, which decreased 22.3% (U.S.\$13 million) in 2009 compared to 2008. The decrease in production taxes and charges in 2009 was due to a 32.2% reduction in the reference price used to calculate royalties for our domestic production, which averaged U.S.\$54.40 for 2009 compared to U.S.\$80.25 for 2008, reflecting the average Brent price on the international market; and
- a 60.6% (U.S.\$1,165 million) decrease in costs related to the generation and purchase of electricity for sale.

*Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization*

We calculate depreciation, depletion and amortization of most of our exploration and production assets using the units of production method.

Depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses increased 21.3% to U.S.\$7,188 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$5,928 million for 2008, due to higher capital expenditures and increased oil and gas production.

*Exploration, including Exploratory Dry Holes*

Exploration costs, including costs for exploratory dry holes, decreased 4.1% to U.S.\$1,702 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$1,775 million for 2008. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the *real*, exploration, including exploratory dry holes, remained relatively constant during 2009 compared to 2008.

*Impairment of Oil and Gas Properties*

For 2009, we recorded an impairment charge of U.S.\$319 million compared to U.S.\$519 million for 2008. This lower charge was primarily due to the higher impairment on exploration and production assets recorded in 2008 as a result of the decrease of the estimated future oil prices. The impairment charge in 2008 was primarily attributable to goodwill impairment at Petrobras indirect subsidiary in the United States, Pasadena Refining System (U.S.\$223 million) and to impairment at Petrobras Guajá field and other producing properties in Brazil due to reduced year-end international oil prices (U.S.\$171 million). The impairment charge in 2009 was primarily attributable to producing properties in Brazil and principal amounts were related to Petrobras Agua Grande field. In 2009 the petroleum and natural gas fields that presented losses already had high maturity levels and, consequently, produced insufficient petroleum and gas to cover production costs. This factor had a reducing effect on the economic analysis that led to the recording of a provision for loss through devaluation in some fields. See Notes 9(b) and 18(a) to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased 5.5% to U.S.\$7,020 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$7,429 million for 2008.

Selling expenses decreased 4.0% to U.S.\$3,375 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$3,517 million for 2008. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the *real*, selling expenses remained relatively constant during 2009 compared to 2008.

General and administrative expenses decreased 6.8% to U.S.\$3,645 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$3,912 million for 2008. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the *real*, general and administrative expenses remained relatively constant during 2009 compared to 2008.

*Research and Development Expenses*

Research and development expenses decreased 27.6% to U.S.\$681 million for 2009 from U.S.\$941 million for 2008. This lower expense was primarily due to decreased oil prices, which is the basis for a fixed 0.5% provision for expenses on research and development investment required under our concession contracts in Brazil (U.S.\$267 million).

*Employee Benefit Expense for Non-Active Participants*

Employee benefit expense for non-active participants consists of financial costs associated with our expected pension and health care costs of retired employees. Our employee benefit expense for non-active participants decreased 14.5% to U.S.\$719 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$841 million for 2008. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the *real*, the employee benefit expense for non-active participants remained relatively constant during 2009 compared to 2008.

*Other Operating Expenses*

Other operating expenses increased 17.1% to U.S.\$3,120 million for 2009 from U.S.\$2,665 million for 2008.

The most significant changes between 2009 and 2008 are described below:

- 378.7% (U.S.\$1,034 million) increase in expense due to special participation taxes from the Marlim field in September 2009, pursuant to an agreement between Petrobras and the ANP;
- 283.5% (U.S.\$309 million) increase in expense for unscheduled stoppages of plant and equipment, to U.S.\$418 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$109 million for 2008. In 2009, 75% of the unscheduled stoppages occurred in our Exploration and Production segment, 21% in Refining, Transportation and Marketing, and 3% in International;

These increases were partially offset by:

- 43.5% (U.S.\$237 million) decrease in expense for marking inventory to market value, to U.S.\$308 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$545 million for 2008;
- 90.3% (U.S.\$214 million) decrease in expense for contractual fines, to U.S.\$23 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$237 million for 2008;
- 18.1% (U.S.\$122 million) decrease in expense for institutional relations and cultural projects, to U.S.\$553 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$675 million for 2008;
- 13.7% (U.S.\$44 million) decrease in expenses related to collective bargaining agreements, to U.S.\$278 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$322 million for 2008;
- 10.7% (U.S.\$37 million) decrease in operating expense at thermoelectric power plants, to U.S.\$308 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$345 million for 2008; and
- 15.0% (U.S.\$32 million) decrease in expense for health, safety, and environment (HSE), to U.S.\$182 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$214 million for 2008.





*Equity in Results of Non-Consolidated Companies*

Equity in results of non-consolidated companies increased to a gain of U.S.\$157 million for 2009 compared to a loss of U.S.\$21 million for 2008, primarily as a result of a U.S.\$216 million increase in gains in investments in affiliated companies in the petrochemical sector, compared to losses in 2008 due to foreign exchange variation on U.S. dollar denominated debt.

*Financial Income*

We derive financial income from several sources, including interest on cash and cash equivalents. The majority of our cash equivalents are short-term Brazilian government securities, including securities indexed to the U.S. dollar. We also hold U.S. dollar deposits.

Financial income increased 15.7% to U.S.\$1,899 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$1,641 million for 2008. This increase was primarily attributable to increased financial investments and other investments (U.S.\$445 million increase) and to higher income on marketable securities (U.S.\$209 million increase), partially offset by lower gains on derivative instruments (U.S.\$390 million decrease). A breakdown of financial income is set forth in Note 13 of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

*Financial Expenses*

Financial expenses increased 52.7% to U.S.\$1,295 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$848 million for 2008. This increase was primarily attributable to increased financial expenses related to our corporate debt and project financings (U.S.\$771 million increase). These increases were partially offset by a 45.4% (U.S.\$659 million) increase in capitalized interest. A breakdown of financial expenses is set forth in Note 13 of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

*Monetary and Exchange Variation*

Monetary and exchange variation decreased to a loss of U.S.\$175 million for 2009

compared to a gain of U.S.\$1,584 million for 2008. The loss in 2009 relates to the exchange rate losses on net foreign assets denominated in U.S. dollars that were almost entirely offset by the foreign exchange gains on net debt and by the monetary variation on BNDES financing.

*Other Taxes*

Other taxes, consisting of various taxes on financial transactions, decreased 23.1% to U.S.\$333 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$433 million for 2008, due to lower income tax withholdings on the 2009 distribution of dividends from foreign subsidiaries (U.S.\$40 million of the total decrease), and also to lower PIS and COFINS taxes on non-core business activities and to the reduction of the IOF tax, a tax payable on financial transactions (U.S.\$26 million decrease).

*Other Expenses, Net*

Other expenses, net are primarily composed of gains and losses recorded on sales of fixed assets and certain other non-recurring charges. Other expenses, net decreased 72.9% to a loss of U.S.\$61 million for 2009 compared to a loss of U.S.\$225 million for 2008, which included a U.S.\$97 million write-off of Block 31 in Ecuador in the fourth quarter. Other expenses, net in 2009 was primarily attributable to a U.S.\$147 million loss from the purchase of the remaining shares of the Pasadena Refinery in the first quarter of 2009, partially offset by a U.S.\$83 million gain related to donations and subsidies in the third quarter of 2009.

*Income Tax (Expense) Benefit*

Income before income taxes and non-controlling interest decreased 18.3% to U.S.\$22,061 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$26,992 million for 2008. Income tax expense decreased 43.4% to U.S.\$5,238 million for 2009, compared to U.S.\$9,259 million for 2008, due primarily to: the reduction of taxable income; the increase of foreign income subject to different tax rates (U.S.\$531 million increase); to the decrease of change in valuation allowance tax expense (U.S.\$906 million decrease) and to the increase of certain tax benefits related to the provisioning of interest on shareholders' equity (U.S.\$336 million increase). The reconciliation between the tax calculated based upon

statutory tax rates to income tax expense and effective rates is set forth in Note 3 of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

*Net Income by Business Segment*

We measure performance at the segment level on the basis of net income. Following is a discussion of the net income of our six business segments at December 31, 2009, compared to December 31, 2008.

The segments "Refining, Transportation and Marketing" and "Gas and Power" were previously reported as "Supply" and "Gas and Energy", respectively, without representing changes in the factors used to identify the included activities, and in the amounts previously reported.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>	
Exploration and Production	9,683	21,031
Refining, Transportation and Marketing	6,456	(1,996)
Distribution	634	839
Gas and Power	447	(223)
International	(154)	(808)
Corporate	(1,116)	(57)
Eliminations	(446)	93
Net income	<b>15,504</b>	<b>18,879</b>

*Exploration and Production*

Our Exploration and Production segment includes our exploration, development and production activities in Brazil, sales and transfers of crude oil in domestic and foreign markets, transfers of natural gas to our Gas and Power segment and sales of oil products produced at natural gas processing plants.

The 54.0% reduction in consolidated net income for our Exploration and Production segment in 2009 compared to 2008 reflects the decline in international prices, and the non-recurring expense of U.S.\$1,034 million related to the settlement of a dispute with the National Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels Agency ( ANP ) regarding the calculation of special participation in the Marlin field.

These effects were partially offset by a 6.3% increase in oil and NGL production and lower production taxes.

The spread between the average domestic oil sale/transfer price and the average Brent price narrowed from U.S.\$15.44/bbl in 2008 to U.S.\$7.29/bbl in 2009 and reflects the recovery in the international market of heavy oil in relation to light oil since our production

See Item 4. Information on the Company Overview of the Group Changes in Proved Reserves for information on changes in proved reserves.

*Refining, Transportation and Marketing*

Our Refining, Transportation and Marketing segment includes refining, logistics, transportation, export and the purchase of crude oil, as well as the purchase and sale of oil products and fuel ethanol. Additionally, this segment includes the petrochemical and fertilizers division, which includes investments in domestic petrochemical companies and our two domestic fertilizer plants.

The improved result from our Refining, Transportation and Marketing segment in 2009 compared to 2008 was largely due to our domestic pricing policy for diesel, gasoline and LPG, which allowed us to avoid transferring the short-term volatility for these products in the international market to the Brazilian market. In 2009, international prices and, consequently, oil acquisition/transfer costs and oil product import costs for our refining segment, declined much more rapidly than the prices at which we sold our principal products domestically. As a result, our refining margins

consists mainly of heavy oil.

improved substantially. In 2008, the opposite occurred, as we did not raise prices at the same pace as the international market, and our downstream margins were reduced by higher oil acquisition/transfer costs.

### *International*

These effects were partially offset by a reduction in the average realization price due to lower export prices and lower domestic sales prices adjusted to international price levels.

#### *Distribution*

Our Distribution segment comprises the oil product and ethanol distribution activities conducted by our majority owned subsidiary, Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR, in Brazil.

The decrease in net income from Distribution in 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily due to a reduction in the average realization price and the impact of depreciation of the *real*. This effect was partially offset by a 13.3% upturn in sales volume, reflecting the consolidation of Alvo Distribuidora.

This segment accounted for 38.6% of the total Brazilian fuel distribution market in 2009 compared to 34.9% in 2008.

#### *Gas and Power*

Our Gas and Power segment consists principally of the purchase, sale, transportation and distribution of natural gas produced in or imported into Brazil. Additionally, this segment includes our participation in domestic natural gas transportation, natural gas distribution and thermoelectric power generation.

The improved result from our Gas and Power segment was due to lower costs for purchasing electricity from third parties to fulfill our contractual commitments, lower import/transfer costs of natural gas reflecting international prices, increased fixed income from electricity sales and exports and a reduction in fines paid for failure to deliver contracted amounts of electricity attributable to improvements in our natural gas infrastructure in 2008.

These effects were partially offset by reduced thermoelectric output as a result of abundant rainfall supplying Brazil's hydroelectric power plants, and a decline in natural gas sales volumes.

The International segment comprises our activities in countries other than Brazil, which include exploration and production, refining, transportation and marketing, distribution and gas and power.

The improved results from the International segment in 2009 compared to 2008 were due to better gross margins in refinery operations in the United States and Japan, higher sales volumes, a reduction of losses with inventory devaluation, impairment expenses and losses such as those related to the write-off of Block 31 in Ecuador which was recorded in 2008. These effects were offset by declining margins as a result of lower international oil prices.

#### **Results of Operations 2008 compared to 2007**

When the *real* strengthens relative to the U.S. dollar as it did in 2008 (5.7%) and 2007 (10.5%), the effect is to generally increase both revenues and expenses when expressed in U.S. dollars. However, the appreciation of the *real* against the U.S. dollar affects the line items discussed below in different ways. The following comparison between our results of operations in 2008 and 2007 is impacted by the increase in the value of the *real* against the U.S. dollar during that period. See Note 2 of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, for more information about the translation of Brazilian *real* amounts into U.S. dollars.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation standards. These reclassifications had no impact on our net income.

#### *Revenues*

Net operating revenues increased 34.8% to U.S.\$118,257 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$87,735 million for 2007. This increase was primarily attributable to an increase of 28.8% in average prices for our products in domestic and international markets and an increase of 5.5% in sales volumes in Brazil.

Consolidated sales of products and services increased 30.3% to U.S.\$146,529 million for 2008 compared to

U.S.\$112,425 million for 2007 due to the increases mentioned above.

Included in sales of products and services are the following amounts that we paid to the federal or state governments:

- Value-added taxes, contributions to the *Programa de Formação do Patrimônio do Servidor Público* (Civil Servant Savings Program, or PASEP), *Contribuição para o Financiamento da Seguridade Social* (Contribution for the Financing of Social Security, or COFINS) and other taxes on sales and services and social security contributions. These taxes increased 21.2% to U.S.\$25,046 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$20,668 million for 2007, primarily due to higher prices and sales volumes; and
- CIDE, the excise tax applied to the sale and import of crude oil, oil products and natural gas products due to the Brazilian government, which decreased 19.8% to U.S.\$3,226 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$4,022 million for 2007, due to the reduction of the rates on gasoline and diesel sales by the Brazilian Government in May 2008, when we increased our prices for these products.

#### *Cost of Sales (Excluding Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization)*

Cost of sales for 2008 increased 46.3% to U.S.\$72,865 million, compared to U.S.\$49,789 million for 2007. This increase was principally a result of:

- 37.4% (U.S.\$6,318 million) increase in the cost of imports due to a 51.0% increase in average prices and a 5.9% increase in volumes;
- 81.4% (U.S.\$4,111 million) increase in costs for our international trading activities due to increased offshore operations conducted by PifCo;

- 47.9% (U.S.\$3,554 million) increase in production taxes and charges totaling U.S.\$10,975 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$7,420 million for 2007. Production taxes and charges include royalties, which increased 49.4% to U.S.\$5,124 million in 2008 compared to U.S.\$3,430 million in 2007, and a special participation charge (a non-recurring charge payable in the event of high production or profitability from our fields), which increased 47.3% to U.S.\$5,792 million in 2008 compared to U.S.\$3,933 million in 2007. The increase in production taxes and charges in 2008 was due primarily to a 35% increase in the international price of oil, which is used to determine the reference price for the calculation of royalties (U.S.\$3,087 million of the total) and, to a lesser extent, increased output from new production systems, principally from the Roncador and Espadarte fields (U.S.\$467 million of the total); and
- 11.2% (U.S.\$3,524 million) increase in costs related to higher sales volumes in the domestic market.

#### *Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization*

We calculate depreciation, depletion and amortization of most of our exploration and production assets using the units of production method. Depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses increased 6.9% to U.S.\$5,928 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$5,544 million for 2007. This increase resulted from higher capital expenditures and increased domestic oil and gas production.

#### *Exploration, including Exploratory Dry Holes*

Exploration costs, including costs for exploratory dry holes, increased 24.7% to U.S.\$1,775 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$1,423 million for 2007. This increase was primarily attributable to a U.S.\$520 million increase in expenses related to the write-off of dry and economically unviable wells in Brazil, due to:





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- more wells drilled as a result of our investment program;
- higher day rates and services rates; and
- lower exploration success rate as a result of drilling in new frontier areas in the Santos and Espírito Santos basins.

These effects were partially offset by a U.S.\$256 million decrease in expenses related to dry holes in international operations.

*Impairment of Oil and Gas Properties*

For 2008, we recorded an impairment charge of U.S.\$519 million, compared to U.S.\$271 million for 2007. The impairment charge in 2008 was primarily attributable to:

- U.S.\$223 million goodwill impairment at the Pasadena Refining System, our indirect subsidiary in the United States; and
- U.S.\$171 million impairment at our Guajá field and other producing properties in Brazil due to reduced year-end international oil prices.

The impairment charge in 2007 was primarily related to the following international investments:

- U.S.\$174 million impairment in Ecuador due to tax and legal changes implemented by the government;
- U.S.\$39 million impairment in the United States; and
- U.S.\$13 million impairment in Angola.

See Notes 9(b) and 18(a) to our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 18.9% to U.S.\$7,429 million for 2008 compared to

Selling expenses increased 19.0% to U.S.\$3,517 million for 2008 from U.S.\$2,956 million for 2007. This increase was primarily attributable to a U.S.\$367 million increase in transportation costs due primarily to increased sales volumes.

General and administrative expenses increased 18.8% to U.S.\$3,912 million for 2008 from U.S.\$3,294 million for 2007. Excluding the impact of the appreciation of the *real*, the increase in general and administrative expenses was primarily due to higher personnel expenses in 2008 caused by an increase in salaries and number of employees and increased costs for third-party technical consulting, auditing and data processing services in Brazil.

*Research and Development Expenses*

Research and development expenses increased 6.8% to U.S.\$941 million for 2008 from U.S.\$881 million for 2007. This increase was primarily due to higher training and research costs related to production from current reserves and new exploratory areas.

*Employee Benefit Expense for Non-Active Participants*

Employee benefit expense for non-active participants consists of financial costs associated with our expected pension and health care costs of retired employees. Our employee benefit expense for non-active participants decreased 15.1% to U.S.\$841 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$990 million for 2007. The decrease in employee benefit expense for non-active participants was primarily due to an increase in the expected return on plan assets as estimated by actuarial calculations from December 2007.

*Other Operating Expenses*

Other operating expenses increased 24.8% to U.S.\$2,665 million for 2008 from U.S.\$2,136 million for 2007. The most significant changes between 2008 and 2007 were:

- U.S.\$545 million non-recurring expense for marking inventory to market value;
- 96.0% (U.S.\$169 million) increase in expense for idle capacity at thermoelectric power plants,

U.S.\$6,250 million for 2007.

to U.S.\$345 million in 2008 from U.S.\$176 million in 2007;

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- 37.0% (U.S.\$87 million) increase in expense related to the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, to U.S.\$322 million in 2008 from U.S.\$235 million in 2007;
- 29.4% (U.S.\$62 million) increase in expense for losses and contingencies related to legal proceedings, to U.S.\$273 million in 2008 from U.S.\$211 million in 2007;
- 4.0% (U.S.\$26 million) increase in expense for institutional relations and cultural projects, to U.S.\$675 million in 2008 from U.S.\$649 million in 2007;
- 1.3% (U.S.\$3 million) decrease in expense for contractual fines, to U.S.\$237 million in 2008 from U.S.\$240 million in 2007; and
- 12.3% (U.S.\$30 million) decrease for health, safety and environment (HSE), to U.S.\$214 million in 2008 from U.S.\$244 million in 2007.

*Equity in Results of Non-Consolidated Companies*

Equity in results of non-consolidated companies decreased to a loss of U.S.\$21 million for 2008 compared to a gain of U.S.\$235 million for 2007, due mainly to losses from investments in affiliated petrochemical companies, principally Quattor Companhia Petroquímica (U.S.\$126 million) and Braskem S.A. (U.S.\$116 million), caused by foreign exchange variation expenses related to debt.

*Financial Income*

We derive financial income from several sources, including interest on cash and cash equivalents. The majority of our cash equivalents are short-term Brazilian government securities, including securities indexed to the U.S. dollar. We also hold U.S. dollar deposits.

Financial income increased 5.9% to U.S.\$1,641 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$1,550 million for 2007. This increase was primarily attributable to gains on derivatives instruments primarily related to commodities contracts (U.S.\$517 million).

This increase was partially offset by the decrease in financial income related to investments (U.S.\$185 million) and accounts receivable from clients (U.S.\$102 million). A breakdown of financial income and expenses is set forth in Note 13 of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

*Financial Expenses*

Financial expenses increased 25.3% to U.S.\$848 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$677 million for 2007, primarily due to the increase in losses on derivative instruments related to foreign exchange contracts (U.S.\$158 million) and the increase in capitalized interest (U.S.\$253 million). These increases were partially offset by the decrease in financial expenses related to project financing (U.S.\$304 million). A breakdown of financial income and expenses is set forth in Note 13 of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

*Monetary and Exchange Variation*

Monetary and exchange variation changed to a gain of U.S.\$1,584 million for 2008 compared to a loss of U.S.\$1,455 million for 2007. This change is primarily attributable to foreign exchange gain on net monetary assets denominated in U.S. dollars, due to the appreciation of the U.S. dollar against the *real* in the second half of 2008.

*Other Taxes*

Other taxes, consisting of various taxes on financial transactions, decreased 34.6% to U.S.\$433 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$662 million for 2007. This decrease is primarily attributable to the elimination of the CPMF tax, a tax payable in connection with certain bank account transactions, on January 1, 2008. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in the IOF tax, a tax payable on financial transactions, on January 1, 2008.

*Other Expenses, Net*

Other expenses, net are primarily gains and losses recorded on sales of fixed assets and certain other

non-recurring charges. Other expenses, net increased to a loss of U.S.\$225 million for 2008 compared to a loss of U.S.\$143 million for 2007, primarily due to the U.S.\$77 million write-off of Block 31 in Ecuador in the fourth quarter of 2008.

*Income Tax (Expense) Benefit*

Income before income taxes and non-controlling interest increased 39.9% to U.S.\$26,992 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$19,299 million for 2007. Income tax expense increased 57.3% to U.S.\$9,259 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$5,888 million for 2007.

The reconciliation between the tax calculated based upon statutory tax rates to income tax expense and effective rates is set forth in Note 3 of our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008.

*Net Income by Business Segment*

We measure performance at the segment level on the basis of net income. Following is a discussion of the net income of our six business segments at December 31, 2008, compared to December 31, 2007.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>	
Exploration and Production	21,031	14,072
Refining, Transportation and Marketing	(1,996)	2,785
Distribution	839	446
Gas and Power	(223)	(834)
International	(808)	(815)
Corporate	(57)	(1,796)
Eliminations	93	(720)
Net income	<b>18,879</b>	<b>13,138</b>

*Exploration and Production*

Our Exploration and Production segment includes our exploration, development and production activities in Brazil, sales and transfers of crude oil in domestic and foreign markets, transfers of natural gas to our Gas and Power segment and sales of oil products produced at natural gas processing plants.

Consolidated net income for our Exploration and Production segment increased 49.5% to U.S.\$21,031 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$ 14,072 million for 2007, primarily due to higher average prices for our domestic oil production and a 3.5% increase in oil and NGL production.

These effects were partially offset by:

- higher production taxes; and
- U.S.\$171 million impairment charges in Brazil as a result of decreased international prices at the end of 2008, which affected future

The spread between our average domestic heavy crude oil sale/transfer price and the average Brent price rose from U.S.\$10.95/bbl in 2007 to U.S.\$15.44/bbl in 2008. The increase in the difference was the result of a similar widening between the price of light oil and heavy oil in the international market, which to some extent mitigated revenues from the sharp increase in global oil prices during the first half of 2008.

*Refining, Transportation and Marketing*

Our Refining, Transportation and Marketing segment comprises our downstream activities in Brazil, including refining, logistics, transportation, export and purchase of crude oil, as well as the purchase and sale of oil products and ethanol. Additionally, this segment includes the petrochemical and fertilizers division, which includes investments in domestic petrochemical companies and our two domestic fertilizer plants.

Our Refining, Transportation and Marketing segment generated a net loss of U.S.\$1,996 million in 2008 compared to net income of U.S.\$2,785 million in 2007.

projections and increased exploration costs due to write-offs of dry or economically unviable wells.

This decrease is primarily a result of:

- higher oil sale/transfer costs from our Exploration and Production segment due to the trend in international oil prices;
- higher costs for imported oil products on the international market;
- higher freight costs as a result of higher volume;
- higher naphtha prices; and
- marking inventory to market value.

The net loss for our Refining, Transportation and Marketing segment was also adversely affected by our pricing policy. We do not adjust our domestic prices for diesel, gasoline and LPG which constitute approximately 60% of our downstream revenues to reflect short-term volatility in the international markets. The costs for oil and oil products purchased by our Refining, Transportation and Marketing segment do, however, reflect the volatility of international prices. During 2008, our downstream margins were reduced, as the increase our prices for gasoline and diesel in the domestic market in May 2008 did not fully compensate for higher costs of oil and oil products during most of the year. Only in the fourth quarter of 2008, when international prices declined sharply but our prices for gasoline and diesel remained stable, did our prices reach parity with international levels.

### *Distribution*

Our Distribution segment comprises the oil product and ethanol distribution activities conducted by our majority owned subsidiary, Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR, in Brazil.

Net income for our Distribution segment increased 88.1% to U.S.\$839 million for 2008 compared to U.S.\$446 million for 2007.

This increase was primarily the result of:

- higher sales volumes; and

### *Gas and Power*

Our Gas and Power segment consists primarily of the purchase, sale, transportation and distribution of natural gas produced in or imported into Brazil. Additionally, this segment includes our participation in domestic natural gas transportation, natural gas distribution and thermoelectric power generation.

Net loss for our Gas and Power segment decreased 73.3% to U.S.\$223 million for 2008 compared to a net loss of U.S.\$834 million for 2007. This decrease in our net loss was a result of:

- higher margins in our natural gas and electricity business, reflecting higher sales prices; and
- higher natural gas and electricity sales volumes in 2008 compared to 2007.

These effects were partially offset by an allowance for the reduced market value of our NGL inventory.

### *International*

The International segment comprises our activities in other countries, which include exploration and production, refining, transportation and marketing, distribution, and gas and power.

Net loss for our International segment decreased 0.9% to U.S.\$808 million for 2008 compared to a net loss of U.S.\$815 million for 2007. This decrease was primarily attributable to increased margins as a result of higher oil prices during the first nine months of 2008.

These effects were offset by:

- marking inventory to market value in the United States, Japan and Argentina;
- accrued royalty expenses;
- the write-off of Block 31 in Ecuador;
- the complete amortization of goodwill on the Pasadena Refinery; and



- reduced operating expenses due to the elimination of the CPMF tax and gains from reversed accruals for legal proceedings in 2007.
- non-recurring profits on the sale of Bolivian refineries and Argentine companies in 2007.

This segment accounted for 34.9% of the total Brazilian fuel distribution market in 2008 compared to 34.3% in 2007.

**Additional Business Segment Information**

Set forth below is additional selected financial data by business segment for 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>		
<b>Exploration and Production</b>			
Net revenues to third parties(1)(2)	476	973	2,455
Intersegment net revenues	38,301	58,051	39,536
Total net operating revenues (2)	38,777	59,024	41,991
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(4,344)	(3,544)	(3,335)
Net income (3)	9,683	21,031	14,072
Capital expenditures	16,488	14,293	9,448
Property, plant and equipment, net	70,098	45,836	48,288
<b>Refining, Transportation and Marketing</b>			
Net revenues to third parties(1)(2)	49,078	69,318	50,531
Intersegment net revenues	25,543	26,884	19,018
Total net operating revenues(2)	74,621	96,202	69,549
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(1,213)	(1,109)	(1,077)
Net income (loss) (3)	6,456	(1,996)	2,785
Capital expenditures	10,466	7,234	4,488
Property, plant and equipment, net	31,917	15,806	14,480
<b>Distribution</b>			
Net revenues to third parties(1)	29,071	30,315	22,944
Intersegment net revenues	601	577	376
Total net operating revenues	29,672	30,892	23,320
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(176)	(165)	(155)
Net income(3)	634	839	446
Capital expenditures.	369	309	327
Property, plant and equipment, net	2,342	1,621	1,838
<b>Gas and Power</b>			
Net revenues to third parties(1)	4,775	7,627	3,673
Intersegment net revenues	877	1,175	1,239
Total net operating revenues	5,652	8,802	4,912
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(398)	(367)	(259)
Net income (loss) (3)	447	(223)	(834)
Capital expenditures	5,116	4,256	3,223
Property, plant and equipment, net	19,787	10,719	10,615
<b>International</b>			
Net revenues to third parties(1)	8,469	10,024	8,132
Intersegment net revenues	1,728	916	969
Total net operating revenues	10,197	10,940	9,101
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	(870)	(564)	(567)
Net loss(3)	(154)	(808)	(815)
Capital expenditures	2,111	2,908	2,864
Property, plant and equipment, net	9,375	9,341	7,596

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- (1) As a vertically integrated company, not all of our segments have significant third-party revenues. For example, our Exploration and Production segment accounts for a large part of our economic activity and capital expenditures, but has little third party revenues.
  - (2) Revenues from commercialization of oil to third parties are classified in accordance with the points of sale, which could be either the Exploration and Production or Refining, Transportation and Marketing segments.
  - (3) In order to align the financial statements of each business segment with the best practices of companies in the oil and gas sector and to improve our management's understanding, since the first quarter of 2006 we have switched to allocating all financial results and items of a financial nature to the corporate level, including prior years.

## **Management's Discussion and Analysis of PifCo's Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

### **Overview**

PifCo is our wholly owned subsidiary. Accordingly, PifCo's financial position and results of operations are significantly affected by our decisions. PifCo's ability to meet its outstanding debt obligations depends on a number of factors, including:

- our financial condition and results of operations;
- the extent to which we continue to use PifCo's services for market purchases of crude oil and oil products;
- our willingness to continue to make loans to PifCo and provide PifCo with other types of financial support;

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- PifCo's ability to access financing sources, including the international capital markets and third-party credit facilities; and
- PifCo's ability to transfer our financing costs to us.

PifCo earns income from:

- sales of crude oil and oil products to us;
- sales of crude oil and oil products to third parties and affiliates; and
- the financing of sales to us, inter-company loans to us and investments in marketable securities and other financial instruments.

PifCo's operating expenses include:

- cost of sales, which is comprised mainly of purchases of crude oil and oil products;
- selling, general and administrative expenses; and
- financial expense, mainly from interest on its lines of credit and capital markets indebtedness, sales of future receivables and inter-company loans from us.

### **Purchases and Sales of Crude Oil and Oil Products**

PifCo typically purchases crude oil and oil products in transactions with payment terms of approximately 30 days.

We typically pay for shipments of crude oil and oil products that PifCo sells to us over a period of up to 330 days, which allows us sufficient time to assemble the necessary documentation under Brazilian law to commence the payment process for our shipments. During this period, PifCo typically finances the purchase of crude oil and oil products through either funds previously provided by us or third-party trade finance arrangements. The difference between the amount PifCo pays for crude oil and oil products and the amount we pay for that same crude oil and oil products is deferred and recognized as part of PifCo's financial income on a straight-line basis over the period in which our payments to PifCo come due. PifCo also purchases crude oil and oil products from us for sale outside Brazil. Additionally, PifCo sells and purchases crude oil and oil products to and from third parties and related parties, mainly outside Brazil.

### **Results of Operations 2009 compared to 2008**

#### *Net Income (loss)*

PifCo had net income of U.S.\$487 million in 2009 compared to a loss of U.S.\$772 million in 2008.

#### *Sales of Crude Oil and Oil Products and Services*

PifCo's sales of crude oil and oil products and services decreased 32.0% to U.S.\$28,850 million in 2009 compared to U.S.\$42,443 million in 2008. This decrease was primarily due to lower sales prices resulting from a 37% decrease in the average prices of Brent crude oil, to U.S.\$62 per barrel in 2009 compared to U.S.\$97 per barrel in 2008. This decrease was partially offset by a 11% increase in PifCo's sales volume, primarily due to increase sales of crude oil and oil products purchased from third parties and affiliates and subsequently sold to Petrobras.

#### *Cost of Sales*

Cost of sales decreased 34.1% to U.S.\$27,825 million in 2009 compared to U.S.\$42,231 million in 2008. This decrease was proportional to the decrease in sales of crude oil and oil products and services and was primarily due to the same reasons, in addition to lower average inventory price formation for oil and oil products acquired during periods of low international

prices.

### *Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

PifCo's selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of shipping costs and fees for services, including accounting, legal and rating services. These expenses decreased 25.6% to U.S.\$418 million in 2009 compared to U.S.\$562 million in 2008. Shipping costs decreased 36.1% to U.S.\$289 million in 2009 compared to U.S.\$452 million in 2008, primarily due to lower international freight prices.

### *Other Operating Expenses*

PifCo's other operating expenses consist primarily of inventory impairment adjustments for its inventory of crude oil and oil products. These expenses decreased 95.0% to U.S.\$29 million in 2009 compared to U.S.\$577 million in 2008, due to a reduction in the value of its inventory resulting from lower international oil prices.

### *Financial Income*

PifCo's financial income consists of the financing of sales to us, inter-company loans to us, investments in marketable securities and other financial instruments. PifCo's financial income decreased 14.1% to U.S.\$1,997 million in 2009 compared to U.S.\$2,325 million in 2008. This decrease was primarily due to decreased derivative income for exchange traded contracts resulting from volatility in average international oil prices. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in marketable securities income.

### *Financial Expenses*

PifCo's financial expense consists of interest paid and accrued on PifCo's outstanding indebtedness, other fees associated with PifCo's issuance of debt and other financial instruments. PifCo's financial expenses decreased 3.7% to U.S.\$2,090 million in 2009 compared to U.S.\$2,170 million in 2008. This decrease was primarily due to decreased inter-company loans from Petrobras and was partially offset by an increase in interest expenses relating to issuances of Global Notes and lines of credit in 2009.

### **Results of Operations 2008 compared to 2007**

### *Sales of Crude Oil and Oil Products and Services*

PifCo's sales of crude oil and oil products and services increased 58.8% to U.S.\$42,443 million in 2008 compared to U.S.\$26,732 million in 2007.

This increase was primarily due to:

- 44% increase in average sales price, mainly as a result of a 34% increase in the average price of Brent crude oil, to U.S.\$96.99 per barrel in 2008 from U.S.\$72.52 per barrel in 2007; and
- 14.1% increase in sales volumes, primarily due to increased sales of crude oil and oil products purchased from third parties and affiliates and subsequently sold to Petrobras.

### *Cost of Sales*

Cost of sales increased 60.5% to U.S.\$42,231 million in 2008 compared to U.S.\$26,311 million in 2007. This increase was proportionally higher than the increase in sales of crude oil and oil products and services primarily due to the same reasons and also as a result of higher average inventory price formation in the last quarter of 2008, since oil and oil products were largely acquired prior to the decline in international oil prices.

### *Selling, General and Administrative Expenses*

PifCo's selling, general and administrative expenses consist primarily of shipping costs and fees for services, including accounting, legal and rating services. These expenses increased 90.8% to U.S.\$562 million in 2008 compared to U.S.\$294 million in 2007. This increase resulted primarily from increases in offshore sales and average freight rates in 2008, as a result of changes in international market trends and shipping routes in the amount of U.S.\$452 million.

### *Other Operating Expenses*

PifCo recognized a loss of US\$ 577 million due to inventory impairment for the year ended December 31, 2008, as a result of the recent decline in the international oil prices.

*Net (Loss) Income*

PifCo had a loss of U.S.\$772 million in 2008 compared to net income of U.S.\$29 million in 2007.

### *Financial Income*

PifCo's financial income consists of the financing of sales to us, inter-company loans to us, investments in marketable securities and other financial instruments. PifCo's financial income increased 12.3% to U.S.\$2,325 million in 2008 compared to U.S.\$2,070 million in 2007. This increase was primarily due to:

- increased sales to us during 2007 compared to 2006, resulting in additional financial income in 2008 due to financing terms granted to us and interest calculated on a monthly basis. See Purchases and Sales of Crude Oil and Oil Products ; and
- increased derivative income related to exchange traded contracts as a result of increases in offshore sales and the average price of crude oil and oil products in the international market.

This increase was partially offset by a decrease in financial income from loans to related parties, due to the transfer of U.S.\$8,231 million in notes receivable to Braspetro Oil Services Company (Brasoil) as a consequence of the assumption by Brasoil of PifCo's obligations under the notes payable to Petrobras in the same amount. See Note 5(v) to PifCo's audited consolidated financial statements.

### *Financial Expense*

PifCo's financial expense consists of interest paid and accrued on PifCo's outstanding indebtedness, other fees associated with PifCo's issuance of debt and other financial instruments. PifCo's financial expense remained substantially stable, at U.S.\$2,170 million in 2008 compared to U.S.\$2,168 million in 2007.

There was an increase in derivative expenses related to exchange traded contracts as a result of increases in offshore sales and the average price of crude oil and oil products in the international market and an increase in interest expenses relating to recent issuances of notes, including the issuance of U.S.\$1.0 billion in Global Notes in November 2007, and a reopening of those Global Notes in the amount of U.S.\$750 million in January 2008.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

#### **Petrobras**

##### *Overview*

Our principal uses of funds are for capital expenditures, dividend payments and repayment of debt. Historically we have met these requirements with internally generated funds, short-term debt, long-term debt, project financing and sale and lease-back transactions. We believe these sources of funds, together with our strong position of cash and cash equivalents, will continue to allow us to meet our current capital requirements. In 2010, our major cash needs include planned capital expenditures of U.S.\$50,854 million, the remaining part of announced dividends of U.S.\$652 million and payments of U.S.\$3,754 million on our long-term debt, leasing and project financing obligations.

##### *Financing Strategy*

The objective of our financing strategy is to help us achieve the targets set forth in our 2009-2013 Business Plan released on January 23, 2009, which provides for capital expenditures of U.S.\$174.4 billion from 2009 through 2013. Our 2009-2013 Business Plan forecasts that we will supplement internally generated cash flow with moderate increases in our net debt. We will raise debt capital through a variety of medium and long-term financing arrangements, including the issuance of bonds in the international capital markets, supplier financing, project financing and bank financing. We will continue our policy of extending the term of our debt maturity profile.

In planning for our financial needs for 2010, we have assumed an average Brent crude oil price of U.S.\$61.0/bbl in 2010.

For 2010, we intend to fund our financial needs by issuing equity, the proceeds of which would be used to finance our planned capital expenditures, including exploration and production in pre-salt areas, and to pay for rights to produce oil in pre-salt areas not under concession that may be transferred to us by the Brazilian government under legislation currently before the Brazilian Congress. For more information about the



These increases were offset by a decrease in interest expenses due to the assumption by Brasoil of PifCo's obligations under notes payable to Petrobras in the amount of U.S.\$8,231 million, as a consequence of the transfer of notes receivable to Brasoil in the same amount.

proposed legislation, which is subject to approval from the Brazilian Congress, see Item 4. Information on the Company Regulation of the Oil and Gas Industry in Brazil Proposed Changes to the Oil Law. In addition, depending on the timing and amount of the equity issue, we will meet our financial needs through a combination of drawing down our year-end cash balances and existing credit facilities, as well as contracting new debt from a broad range of traditional funding sources, including global debt capital markets, export credit agencies, non-Brazilian government development banks, the BNDES, and Brazilian and international commercial banks. As of May 10, 2010, we have financed our needs for 2010 through a partial drawdown of our U.S.\$16.2 billion cash and cash equivalent balance at year-end 2009, and by drawing down U.S.\$4 billion on our U.S.\$10 billion bilateral loan from the China Development Bank, which we negotiated in 2009, and U.S.\$1 billion from lines of credit.

Our business plan for 2010 through 2014 is currently under review by our board of executive officers. However, on March 19, 2010, our board of directors provided guidance for the 2010-2014 period by authorizing total capital expenditures in the range of U.S.\$200 to U.S.\$220 billion for the period. This guidance is based upon several assumptions, including average Brent crude oil prices of between U.S.\$64.0/bbl to U.S.\$83.0/bbl for 2010 through 2014. Our board of directors also placed limits on our net-debt-to-equity ratio to 35% for the period and our net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio to 2.5:1. The 2010-2014 business plan will be announced as soon as our board of executive officers completes its review.

### *Government Regulation*

We are required to submit our annual capital expenditures budget (*Plano de Dispêndio Global*, or PDG) to the Brazilian Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management, and the Ministry of Mines and Energy. Following review by these agencies, the Brazilian Congress must approve the budget. Although the total level of our annual capital expenditures is regulated, the specific application of funds is left to our discretion. Since mid-1991, we have obtained substantial amounts of our financing from the international capital markets, mainly through the issuance of commercial paper and short, medium and long-term notes, and have increasingly been able to raise long-term funds for large capital expenditure items such as rigs and platforms.

The Brazilian Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management controls the total amount of medium and long-term debt that we and our Brazilian subsidiaries can incur through the annual budget approval process. Before issuing medium and long-term debt, we and our Brazilian subsidiaries must also obtain the approval of the National Treasury Secretariat.

All of our foreign currency denominated debt, as well as the foreign currency denominated debt of our Brazilian subsidiaries, requires registration with the Central Bank. The issuance of debt by our international subsidiaries, however, is not subject to registration with the Central Bank or approval by the National Treasury Secretariat.

In addition, all issuances of medium and long-term notes and debentures require the approval of our board of directors. Borrowings that exceed the approved budgeted amount for any year also require approval of the Brazilian Senate.

### *Sources of Funds*

#### *Our Cash Flow*

On December 31, 2009, we had cash and cash equivalents of U.S.\$16,169 million compared to U.S.\$6,499 million at December 31, 2008.

Operating activities provided net cash flows of U.S.\$24,920 million for 2009 compared to U.S.\$28,220 million for 2008. Cash generated by operating activities was mainly affected by net operating revenues, which decreased U.S.\$26,388 million during 2009 compared to 2008.

Net cash provided by financing activities amounted to U.S.\$16,935 million for 2009 compared to net cash provided by financing activities of U.S.\$2,778 million for 2008. This increase was primarily due to the U.S.\$12,518 million in funds raised from the BNDES by Petrobras and its subsidiaries Transportadora Associada de Gás S/A TAG and Refinaria Abreu e Lima S/A RNEST, to U.S.\$6,750 million in global notes issued by PifCo and guaranteed by Petrobras, and a U.S.\$10,000 million financing agreement entered into with the China Development Bank, of which the first drawdown in the amount of U.S.\$3,000 million occurred in the third quarter of 2009. Net cash from financing activities was reduced by the payment of dividends of U.S.\$7,712 million compared to U.S.\$4,747 million in 2008. We typically pay all dividends in the year following the announcement of the corresponding results. In 2008, we paid dividends related to earnings in 2007. In 2009, however, we paid dividends related to 2008 earnings as well as a large portion of interest on shareholders' equity related to 2009 earnings in advance of the close of our 2009 fiscal year.



Our net debt increased to U.S.\$40,963 million as of December 31, 2009 compared to U.S.\$20,624 million as of December 31, 2008, primarily due to the Petrobras and PifCo financings mentioned above. Most of the proceeds from the new debt are being allocated to finance our planned capital expenditures and the anticipated payment of interest on shareholders' equity.

#### *Short-Term Debt*

Our outstanding short-term borrowing serves mainly to support our working capital and our imports of crude oil and oil products, and is provided almost entirely by international banks. On December 31, 2009, our short-term borrowings amounted to U.S.\$4,259 million compared to U.S.\$2,605 million on December 31, 2008.

Including the current portion of long-term debt, total short-term debt was U.S.\$8,553 million as of December 31, 2009, compared to U.S.\$5,888 million on December 31, 2008.

#### *Long-Term Debt*

Our outstanding long-term debt consists primarily of the issuance of securities in the international capital markets, debentures in the domestic capital markets, amounts outstanding under facilities guaranteed by export credit agencies and multilateral agencies, loans from the BNDES and other financial institutions and project financings. Our total long-term debt amounted to U.S.\$48,149 million on December 31, 2009 compared to U.S.\$20,640 million on December 31, 2008. This increase was primarily due to funds we raised from the BNDES, to an increase in funds raised by PifCo from financial institutions and to issuances of Global Notes. See Note 12 to our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

Included in these figures at December 31, 2009 are the following international debt issues:

<u>Notes</u>	<b>Principal Amount (U.S.\$ million)</b>
PESA s 8.13% Notes due 2010	349
PESA s 1.43% Notes due 2011	87
PifCo s 9.750% Notes due 2011(1)	600
PESA s 9.38% Notes due 2013	200
PifCo s 3.748% Senior Trust Certificates due 2013(2)	200
PifCo s 9.125% Global Notes due 2013(1)	750
PifCo s 7.75% Global Notes due 2014(1)	600
PifCo s 6.436% Senior Trust Certificates due 2015(2)	550
PifCo s 2.15% Japanese Yen Bonds due 2016(3)	378
PifCo s 6.125% Global Notes due 2016(1)	899
PESA s 5.88% Notes due 2017(4)	300
PifCo s 8.375% Global Notes due 2018(1)	750
PifCo s 5.875% Global Notes due 2018(1)	1,750
PifCo s 7.875% Global Notes due 2019	2,750
PifCo s 5.75% Global Notes due 2020	2,500
PifCo s 6.875% Global Notes due 2040	1,500

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Unless otherwise noted, all debt issued by PifCo is issued with support from us through a guaranty.

Previously issued with support from us through a standby purchase agreement. As of March 31, 2010, these

- (1) Notes have support from us through a guaranty.
- (2) Issued in connection with our export prepayment program.
- (3) Issued by PifCo, with support from us through a standby purchase agreement.
- (4) Issued by PESA, with support from us through a standby purchase agreement.

### *Project Financing*

We carry out our project financing jointly with Brazilian and international financial institutions and with companies in the petroleum and energy sector for the purpose of making the investments we need to operate our business.

We conduct our project financings through Variable Interest Entities (VIE) and finance lease arrangements

### *Off Balance Sheet Arrangements*

As noted above, all of our project financings are on-balance sheet. As of December 31, 2009, neither we nor PifCo had off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material effect on our financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

where the VIE is the lessor and we, as lessee, are the VIE's primary beneficiary. At the conclusion of each financing project, we have the option to purchase the leased assets or the VIE's common stock. We bear all risks associated with the use and development of the leased assets. Our payments fund any VIE third-party debt and payments for return on equity. The finance lease arrangement is structured so that we absorb the majority of the expected losses and a majority of the expected residual returns.

Our responsibility under these contracts is to complete the development of and operate the oil and gas fields, pay for all operating expenses related to the projects and remit a portion of the net proceeds generated from the fields to fund the VIE debt and return on equity payments. The VIEs associated with our project financings projects are consolidated in accordance with ASC Topic 810-10-25.

### *Uses of Funds*

#### *Capital Expenditures*

We invested a total of U.S.\$35,134 million in 2009, a 17.6% increase compared to our investments of U.S.\$29,874 million in 2008. Our investments in 2009 were primarily directed toward increasing production, modernizing our refineries and expanding our pipeline transportation and distribution systems. Of the total capital expenditures in 2009, U.S.\$16,488 million was invested in exploration and development projects, including investments financed through project financing.

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The following table sets forth our consolidated capital expenditures (including project financings and investments in thermoelectric power plants) for each of our business segments for 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31</b>		
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>		
Exploration and Production	16,488	14,293	9,448
Refining, Transportation and Marketing	10,466	7,234	4,488
Distribution	369	309	327
Gas and Power	5,116	4,256	3,223
International			
Exploration and Production	1,912	2,734	2,555
Refining, Transportation and Marketing	110	102	247
Distribution	31	20	37
Gas and Power	58	52	25
Corporate	584	874	628
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,134</b>	<b>29,874</b>	<b>20,978</b>

On January 23, 2009, we announced our 2009-2013 Business Plan, which contemplates total budgeted capital expenditures of U.S.\$174.4 billion from 2009 to 2013, approximately U.S.\$158.2 billion of which will be directed towards our activities in Brazil, while U.S.\$16.2 billion will be directed to our activities abroad. We expect that the majority of our capital expenditures from 2009 to 2013, approximately U.S.\$104.6 billion, will be directed towards exploration and production, of which U.S.\$91.9 billion is slated for our activities in Brazil (U.S.\$28 billion of which is dedicated to the pre-salt reservoirs).

Our 2009-2013 Business Plan contemplates greater domestic capital expenditures for our oil and gas activities in Brazil. We estimate that of the U.S.\$158.2 billion in domestic capital expenditures through 2013, at least U.S.\$100.7 billion (64%) will be utilized to pay for equipment and services provided by Brazilian contractors, suppliers and other service providers.

Our capital expenditure budget for 2010, including our project financings, is U.S.\$47.4 billion, allocated as follows:

- Exploration and Production segment: U.S.\$36.7 billion;
- Refining, Transportation and Marketing segment: U.S.\$34.0 billion;

- International segment: U.S.\$6.2 billion;
- Corporate segment: U.S.\$1.8 billion; and
- Our subsidiary Petrobras Biocombustível: U.S.\$832 million

We plan to meet our budgeted capital expenditures primarily through internally generated cash, issuances in the international capital markets, project finance loans, commercial bank loans and other sources of capital. Our actual capital expenditures may vary substantially from the projected numbers set forth above as a result of market conditions and the cost and availability of the necessary funds.

### Dividends

Our shareholders approved a total dividend distribution of R\$8,335 million (U.S.\$4,565 million) for 2009 earnings at the Ordinary General Meeting held on April 22, 2010, which includes interest on shareholders' equity already approved by our board of directors. We paid U.S.\$3,313 million of this amount to shareholders in the form of interest on shareholders' equity in November and December of 2009, in advance of the close of our 2009 fiscal year. The remaining U.S.\$1,252 million in dividends and interest on shareholders' equity relating to our 2009 earnings was paid on April 30, 2010, restated

- Distribution segment: U.S.\$896 million;
- Gas and Power segment: U.S.\$8.1 billion;

according to the SELIC rate from December 31, 2009 to the date of payment. The total amount of 2009 dividends approved by our shareholders is equivalent to R\$0.95 per common and preferred share (U.S.\$1.09 per common and preferred ADS).



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The dividends we pay to shareholders depend on our earnings and other factors. Under our bylaws and the Brazilian Corporate Law applicable to a company with a class of non-voting shares, such as ours, our shareholders are entitled to a mandatory minimum dividend of at least 25% of our adjusted net profit for the fiscal year. In 2009 and 2008, we paid the mandatory minimum dividend of 25% to our shareholders.

For more information on our dividend policy, including a description of the minimum preferred dividend to which our preferred shareholders are entitled under our bylaws, see *Mandatory Distribution and Payment of Dividends and Interest on Shareholders' Equity* in Item 10. *Additional Information Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation of Petrobras*.

**PifCo***Overview*

PifCo finances its oil trading activities principally through commercial banks, including lines of credit, as well as through inter-company loans from us and the issuance of notes in the international capital markets. As an offshore non-Brazilian company, PifCo is not legally obligated to receive prior approval from the Brazilian National Treasury before incurring debt or registering debt with the Central Bank. As a matter of policy, however, the issuance of any debt follows the recommendation by any of our Chief Financial Officer, executive board or board of directors, depending on the aggregate principal amount and the tenor of the debt to be issued.

*Sources of Funds**PifCo's Cash Flow*

At December 31, 2009, PifCo had cash and cash equivalents of U.S.\$953 million compared to U.S.\$288 million at December 31, 2008. PifCo's operating activities provided net cash of U.S.\$9,397 million in 2009 compared to using net cash of U.S.\$9,149 million in 2008, primarily due to higher receivables from related parties in 2009.

PifCo's investing activities used net cash of U.S.\$486 million in 2009 compared to providing net cash of U.S.\$26 million in 2008, primarily as a result of an increase in the amount of loans to related parties and PifCo's investments in marketable securities held by a fund that includes investments in Petrobras' special purpose companies.

PifCo's financing activities used net cash of U.S.\$8,245 million in 2009 compared to providing net cash of U.S.\$8,736 million in 2008, primarily due to payments of notes payable to Petrobras with the proceeds from lines of credit and issuances of Global Notes.

*PifCo's Accounts Receivable*

Accounts receivable from related parties decreased 33.8% to U.S.\$15,986 million at December 31, 2009, from U.S.\$24,155 million at December 31, 2008, primarily due to lower sales prices resulting from a decrease in average Brent crude oil prices.

*PifCo's Short-Term Borrowings*

PifCo's short-term borrowings are denominated in U.S. dollars and consist of short-term lines of credit, loans from financing institutions and the short-term portion of long-term lines of credit loans from financing institutions and sale of right to future receivables. At December 31, 2009, PifCo had borrowed U.S.\$1,892 million under lines of credit and loans from financing institutions, including the current portion of long-term lines of credit, compared to U.S.\$143 million borrowed at December 31, 2008. At December 31, 2009, PifCo had fully utilized all of its available lines of credit specifically designated for purchase of imported crude oil and oil products.

PifCo's notes payable to related parties consist of notes payable to us, which decreased 69.0% to U.S.\$7,862 million at December 31, 2009, from U.S.\$25,353 million at December 31, 2008, as a result of the application of the proceeds from PifCo's financing activities.



*PifCo's Long-Term Borrowings*

At December 31, 2009, PifCo had long-term borrowings outstanding in financing institutions of:

- U.S.\$1,396 million (U.S.\$1,820 million in current portion) in long-term lines of credit due between 2010 and 2017 compared to U.S.\$631 million at December 31, 2008. During 2009, PifCo borrowed U.S.\$4,500 million under bridge loans and prepaid an equal amount with proceeds from the issuances of Global Notes. Additionally, PifCo borrowed U.S.\$1,100 million under lines of credit, due 2012 that bear interest at an initial rate of Libor plus spreads reflecting prevailing rates at the time of incurrence. At December 31, 2009, PifCo had utilized all available funds from lines of credit to purchase crude oil and oil products on the international market for sale to us and to purchase our crude oil and oil products exports; and
- U.S.\$286 million (U.S.\$72 million in current portion) under the loan agreement with Malha Gas Investment Co. Ltd. (M-GIC), which acts as a Facility Agent for the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). This loan bears interest at Libor plus 0.8% per year, payable semi-annually. The principal amount has been paid semi-annually starting on December 15, 2009 and will mature on through December 15, 2014.

At December 31, 2009, PifCo also had outstanding:

- U.S.\$235 million in Senior Notes due 2011, bearing interest at the rate of 9.75%;
- U.S.\$264 million (U.S.\$68 million current portion) in connection with Petrobras' export prepayment program, consisting of Senior Trust Certificates due 2015 that bear interest at the rate of 6.436% and Senior Trust Certificates due 2013 that bear interest at the rate of 3.748%;

- U.S.\$10,710 million in Global Notes, consisting of U.S.\$374 million in Global Notes due July 2013 that bear interest at the rate of 9.125% per year; U.S.\$577 million in Global Notes due December 2018 that bear interest at the rate of 8.375% per year; U.S.\$398 million in Global Notes due 2014 that bear interest at the rate of 7.75% per year; U.S.\$899 million in Global Notes due October 2016 that bear interest at the rate of 6.125% per year; U.S.\$1,750 million in Global Notes due March 2018 that bear interest at the rate of 5.875% per year; U.S.\$2,750 million in Global Notes due March 2019 that bear interest at the rate of 7.875% per year; U.S.\$2,500 million in Global Notes due January 2020 that bear interest at the rate of 5.75% per year; and U.S.\$1,500 million in Global Notes due January 2040 that bear interest at the rate of 6.875% per year. Interest on these notes is paid semi-annually and the proceeds were used for general corporate purposes, including the financing of the purchase of oil product imports, the repayment of existing trade-related debt and inter-company loans and the repayment of bridge loans incurred at the beginning of this year; and
- U.S.\$378 million (¥35 billion) in Japanese Yen Bonds issued in September 2006 and due September 2016. The issue was a private placement in the Japanese market with a partial guaranty from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The bonds bear interest at the rate of 2.15% per year, payable semi-annually. On the same date, PifCo entered into a swap agreement with Citibank, swapping the total amount of this debt to a U.S. dollar denominated debt.

PifCo's outstanding position at December 31, 2009 in irrevocable letters of credit was U.S.\$556 million compared to U.S.\$628 million at December 31, 2008, supporting crude oil and oil products imports and services. At December 31, 2009, PifCo had standby committed facilities available in the amount of U.S.\$519 million, which are not committed to any specific use. PifCo has not drawn down amounts under

these facilities, and, as of the date of this filing, PifCo has not scheduled a date for the drawdown.

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In June 2008, PifCo issued a corporate guaranty to International Finance Corporation (IFC) in the amount of U.S.\$40 million to guarantee a loan entered into by affiliate company Quattor Petroquímica in connection with Petrobras' strategy to consolidate petrochemical assets in Southeastern Brazil.

Accordingly, Quattor Petroquímica assumed the obligation to pay interest annually, in U.S. dollars, at a rate of 1% per year over the amount guaranteed by PifCo up to the maturity date of the loan in 2017, or until certain contractual conditions are reached, whichever comes first. In the event PifCo is required to make payments under the guaranty, PifCo will have the right to recover those payments from Quattor Petroquímica.

The following table sets forth the sources of PifCo's current and long-term debt at December 31, 2009, and December 31, 2008:

	December 31, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Current	Long-term	Current	Long-term
		(U.S.\$ million)		
Financing Institutions	1,892	1,682	143	989
Senior Notes	11	235	11	235
Sale of right to future receivables	70	414	70	482
Assets related to export prepayment to be offset against sales of rights to future receivables		(150)		(150)
Global Notes	182	10,710	76	3,941
Japanese Yen Bonds	2	378	2	386
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>13,269</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>5,883</b>

*Extinguished Securities*

On December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008, we had amounts invested abroad in an exclusive investment fund that held debt securities of certain of our consolidated special purpose entities in the total amount of U.S.\$749 million.

These securities have been extinguished, and the related amount together with applicable interest has been removed from our balance sheet. See Note 12 to our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

**Contractual Obligations****Petrobras**

The following table summarizes our outstanding contractual obligations and commitments at December 31, 2009:

	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		< 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	> 5 years
		(U.S.\$ million)			
<b>Contractual obligations</b>					
<b>Balance sheet items:(1)</b>					
Long-term debt obligations	56,702	8,553	9,606	5,396	33,147
Capital (finance) lease obligations	430	158	172	34	66
Total balance sheet items	57,132	8,711	9,778	5,430	33,213
<b>Other long-term contractual commitments</b>					
Natural gas ship-or-pay	5,770	521	1,080	1,217	2,952
Service contracts	50,778	22,799	15,623	5,555	6,801
Natural gas supply agreements	10,842	1,147	2,263	2,204	5,228
Operating leases	36,876	7,701	13,540	9,055	6,580
Purchase commitments	11,374	3,827	3,308	1,025	3,214
International purchase commitments	13,435	4,557	5,611	2,228	1,039
Total other long-term commitments	129,075	40,552	41,425	21,284	25,814
Total	186,207	49,263	51,203	26,714	59,027

- (1) Excludes the amount of U.S.\$27,578 million related to our pension fund obligations that are guaranteed by U.S.\$22,791 million in plan assets. Information on employees' postretirement benefit plans is set forth in Note 16 of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

**PifCo**

The following table sets forth PifCo's contractual obligations as of December 31, 2009, and the period in which the contractual obligations come due:

	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		< 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	> 5 years
		(U.S.\$ million)			
<b>Contractual obligations</b>					
Long-term debt	13,744	475	1,654	1,163	10,452
Purchase obligations long-term	3,750	2,656	360	440	294
Operating leases	11	1	3	4	3
Total	17,505	3,132	2,017	1,607	10,749

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***Oil and Gas Reserves*

The following discussion describes those areas that require the most judgment or involve a higher degree of complexity in the application of the accounting policies that currently affect our financial condition and results of operations. The accounting estimates we make in these contexts require us to make assumptions about matters that are highly uncertain. In each case, if we had made other estimates, or if changes in the estimates occur from period to period, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially affected.

The discussion addresses only those estimates that we consider most important based on the degree of uncertainty and the likelihood of a material impact if we used a different estimate. There are many other areas in which we use estimates about uncertain matters, but the reasonably likely effect of changed or different estimates is not material to our financial presentation.

Evaluations of oil and gas reserves are important for the effective management of exploration and production assets. They are used to make investment decisions about oil and gas properties. Oil and gas reserve quantities are also used as the basis for calculation of unit-of-production rates for depreciation and evaluation for impairment. Oil and gas reserves are divided between proved and unproved reserves. Proved reserves are estimated quantities of crude oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty are economically producible in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions and government regulations, i.e., prices and costs as of the date the estimate is made. Unproved reserves are those with less than reasonable certainty of recoverability and are classified as either probable or possible. Probable reserves are reserves that are more likely to be recovered than not. Possible reserves are less likely to be recovered than probable reserves.

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The estimation of proved reserves is an ongoing process that takes into account engineering and geological information such as well logs, pressure data and fluid sample core data. Proved reserves can also be divided in two categories: developed and undeveloped.

Developed proved reserves are expected to be recovered from existing wells including line pack or when the costs necessary to put them in production are relatively low, or through installed extraction equipment and infrastructure operational at the time of the reserves estimate if the extraction is by means not involving a well. For undeveloped proved reserves, significant investments are necessary, including drilling new wells and installing production or transportation facilities.

We use the successful efforts method to account for our exploration and production activities. Under this method, costs are accumulated on a field-by-field basis with certain exploratory expenditures and exploratory dry holes being expensed as incurred. Exploratory wells that find oil and gas in an area requiring major capital expenditure before production can begin are evaluated annually to ensure that commercial quantities of reserves have been found or that additional exploration work is under way or planned in a timeframe reasonable for the Petrobras development cycle and with consideration to ANP timing requirements. Exploratory well costs not meeting either of these criteria are charged to expense. Costs of productive wells and development dry holes are capitalized and amortized on the unit-of-production method because it provides a more timely accounting of the success or failure of our exploration and production activities.

#### *Impact of Oil and Gas Reserves on Depreciation and Depletion*

The calculation of unit-of-production depreciation and depletion is a critical accounting estimate that measures the depreciation and depletion of exploration and production assets.

It is the ratio of (i) actual volumes produced to (ii) total proved developed reserves (those proved reserves recoverable through existing wells with existing equipment and operating methods) applied to (iii) asset cost. Proved undeveloped reserves are considered in the amortization of leasehold acquisition costs. The volumes produced and asset cost are known and while proved developed reserves have a high probability of recoverability they are based on estimates that are subject to some variability. This variability may result in net upward or downward revisions of proved reserves in existing fields, as more information becomes available through research and production. As a result of these revisions, we increased our proved reserves by 1,646.1 mmboe in 2009, 162.7 mmboe in 2008 and 762.9 mmboe in 2007.

#### *Impact of Oil and Gas Reserves and Prices on Testing for Impairment*

At December 31, 2009, our property, plant, and equipment, net of accumulated depletion, amounted to U.S.\$136 billion. A substantial part of this amount consisted of oil and gas producing properties. These properties are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amounts may not be recoverable. We estimate the future and discounted cash flows of the affected properties to judge the recoverability of carrying amounts. In general, analyses are based on proved reserves, except in circumstances where it is probable that additional non-proved reserves will be developed and contribute to cash flows in the future; the percentage of probables that we include in cash flows does not exceed our past success ratios in developing probable reserves.

We perform asset valuation analyses on an ongoing basis as a part of our management program.



These analyses monitor the performance of assets against corporate objectives. They also assist us in reviewing whether the carrying amounts of any of our assets may not be recoverable. In addition to estimating oil and gas reserve volumes in conducting these analyses, it is also necessary to estimate future oil and gas prices.

In general, we do not view temporarily low oil prices as a trigger event for conducting impairment tests. The markets for crude oil and natural gas have a history of significant price volatility. Although prices will occasionally drop precipitously, industry prices over the long term will continue to be driven by market supply and demand fundamentals. Accordingly, any impairment tests that we perform make use of our long-term price assumptions for the crude oil and natural gas markets. These are the same price assumptions that are used in our planning and budgeting processes and our capital investment decisions, and they are considered to be reasonable, conservative estimates given market indicators and past experience. Significantly lower future oil and gas prices could lead to impairments in the future, if such decreases were considered to be indicative of long-term trends. In addition, significant changes in production curve expectation, discount and/or required production and lifting costs, could affect impairment analysis. While such uncertainties are inherent to this estimation process, the amount of impairment charges in past years has been small relative to the total value of oil and gas producing properties: U.S.\$319 million in 2009, U.S.\$519 million in 2008 and U.S.\$271 million in 2007. Based on our experience, we believe that future variability in estimates will have a small impact on both assets and expense.

### *Pension and Other Post-Retirement Benefits*

The determination of the expense and liability relating to our pension and other post-retirement benefits involves the use of judgment in the determination of actuarial assumptions. These include estimates of future mortality, withdrawal, changes in compensation and discount rate to reflect the time value of money as well as the rate of return on plan assets. These assumptions are reviewed at least annually and may differ materially from actual results due to changing market and economic conditions, regulatory events, judicial rulings,

We account for our Employees Post-Retirement Benefits and Other Benefits, in accordance with the procedure established by Codification Topic 715. These standards require that we recognize the over-funded or under-funded status of each of our defined benefit pension and other post-retirement benefit plans as an asset or liability and to reflect changes in the funded status through Accumulated other comprehensive income, as a separate component of stockholder's equity.

According to the requirements of Codification Topic 715, the discount rate should be based on present value for settling the pension obligation. The use of the precepts of Codification Topic 715 in Brazil, which has been subject to inflation from time to time, creates certain issues to the extent that the ability for a company to settle a pension obligation at a future point in time may not exist because long-term financial instruments of suitable grade may not exist locally.

Although the Brazilian market has been demonstrating signs of stabilization as reflected in market interest rates, interest rates may be unstable.

We adopt a mortality table relating to actuarial assumptions of our pension and healthcare plans in Brazil, which reflects changes with respect to the profile of employees, retirees and pensioners, based on longevity, age of invalidity and invalid mortality tables.

The progressive increase in longevity has direct impact on the plan's estimated and provisioned volume of commitments and obligations and in our liabilities under the line Employees post-retirement benefits obligation Pension and our shareholders equity under the line Post-retirement benefit reserves adjustments net of tax pension cost.

Post-retirement benefit reserves adjustments net of tax pension cost are values calculated as the difference between the forecasted restatement of the net value of the obligations according to the actuarial assumptions and the variations effectively occurring over time. These amounts are to be amortized and posted to the results of subsequent fiscal years over the average life expectancy of the pension plan's members. See Note 16 to our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

higher or lower withdrawal rates or longer or shorter  
life spans of participants.

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Beginning in 2008, we have accounted for employee benefit expenses for non-active participants as part of operating expenses rather than non-operating expenses. This reclassification had no effect on our consolidated net income, other than disclosure of our consolidated statements of income.

#### *Litigation, Tax Assessments and Other Contingencies*

Claims for substantial amounts have been made against us arising in the normal course of business. We are sometimes held liable for spills and releases of oil products and chemicals from our operating assets. In accordance with the guidance provided by U.S. GAAP, we accrued for these costs when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and reasonable estimates of the liability can be made. At December 31, 2009, we had accrued U.S.\$500 million for litigation contingencies.

Significant management judgment is required to comply with this guidance and it includes management's discussion with our attorneys, taking into account all of the relevant facts and circumstances. We believe that payments required to settle the amounts related to these claims, in case of loss, will not vary significantly from our estimated costs, and thus will not have a material adverse effect on our operations or cash flows. In past periods, the difference between the actual payout and the amount of the provision liability, with respect to contingency estimation, has been insignificant, with no material income statement impact in the period of the payout. In the last five years, our annual cash payouts for contingencies relating to claims against us, the parent company, reached an average of U.S.\$364 million per year.

#### *Asset Retirement Obligations and Environmental Remediation*

Under various contracts, permits and regulations, we have material legal obligations to remove equipment and restore the land or seabed at the end of operations at production sites. Our most significant asset removal obligations involve removal and disposal of offshore oil and gas production facilities worldwide. We accrue the estimated discounted costs of dismantling and removing these facilities at the time of installation of the assets. We also estimate costs for future environmental clean-up and remediation activities

based on current information on costs and expected plans for remediation. The aggregate amount of estimated costs on a discounted basis for asset retirement and environmental remediation provision at December 31, 2009 was U.S.\$2,812 million. Estimating asset retirement, removal and environmental remediation costs requires performing complex calculations that necessarily involve significant judgment because our obligations are many years in the future, the contracts and regulation have vague descriptions of what removal and remediation practices and criteria will have to be met when the removal and remediation events actually occur and asset removal technologies and costs are constantly changing, along with political, environmental, safety and public relations considerations. Consequently, the timing and amounts of future cash flows are subject to significant uncertainty. However, given the significant amount of time to the ultimate retirement date, any modifications in technological specifications, legal requirement, or other matters, would not have a materially adverse effect on any one reporting period.

In 2009, we reviewed and revised our estimated costs associated with well abandonment and the demobilization of oil and gas production areas, considering new information about date of expected abandonment and revised cost estimates to abandon. The changes to estimated asset retirement obligation were principally related to declaration of new fields as economically viable, certain changes in revised cost estimates to abandon provided by non-operated joint-ventures. A summary of the annual changes in the abandonment provisions is presented in Note 9(a) to our audited consolidated financial statements, as of December 31, 2009.

#### *Derivative Transactions*

Codification Topic 815 requires that we recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the balance sheet and measure those instruments at fair value. Accounting for derivative transactions requires us to employ judgment to arrive at assumptions to compute fair market values, which are used as the basis for recognition of the derivative instruments in the financial statements. Such measurement may depend on the use of estimates such as estimated future prices, long-term interest rates and inflation indexes, and becomes



increasingly complex when the instrument being valued does not have counterparts with similar characteristics traded in an active market.

In the course of our business we have entered into contracts that meet the definition of derivatives under Codification Topic 815, certain of which have not qualified to receive hedge accounting. For the majority of these contracts, the estimates involved in the calculations for the fair value of such derivative instruments have not been considered likely to have a material impact in our financial position had we used different estimates, due to the majority of our derivative instruments being traditional over the counter instruments with short term maturities.

### **Impact of New Accounting Standards**

#### *Brazilian GAAP Is in the Process of Adopting IFRS Principles*

Enacted in 2007, Law No. 11,638/07 amended the Brazilian Corporate Law to permit Brazilian GAAP to converge with International Financial Reporting Standards, or IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, or IASB. The transition from Brazilian GAAP to IFRS is being made gradually as official accounting pronouncements are issued. Financial statements prepared in accordance with Brazilian GAAP for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 were impacted by the new pronouncements. As a result, the basis for calculating dividend and profit sharing distributions to our employees were also affected. Our financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP were not affected by Law No. 11,638/07 other than dividends payable and profit sharing payable to our employees, which are based on net income as calculated under Brazilian GAAP. Our consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2010, in *reais*, were prepared in accordance with IFRS. We do not expect to discontinue U.S. GAAP reporting for the year ended December 31, 2010.

In 2008, Provisional Measure No. 449/08 was enacted to create a transitional tax regime that allowed the changes to Brazilian GAAP brought by Law No. 11,638/07 to be tax neutral until further legislation regulating the tax effects of the new accounting principles becomes effective. The adoption of the

### *Codification*

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2009-01 in June 2009. The ASU, also issued as FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 168, The FASB Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Accounting Standards Codification) is effective for financial statements issued after September 15, 2009. ASU 2009-01 requires that the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification become the sole source of authoritative U.S. generally accepted accounting principles recognized by the FASB for nongovernmental entities. The Accounting Standards Codification is meant to simplify user access to all authoritative GAAP by reorganizing GAAP pronouncements into roughly 90 accounting topics within a consistent structure. All previous level (a)-(d) US GAAP standards issued by a standard setter are superseded. Level (a)-(d) US GAAP refers to the previous accounting hierarchy. All other accounting literature not included in the Accounting Standards Codification is non-authoritative. Following this statement, the FASB will not issue new standards in the form of Statements, FASB Staff Positions, or Emerging Issues Task Force Abstracts. Instead, it will issue Accounting Standards Updates. The FASB will not consider Accounting Standards Updates as authoritative in their own. We adopted Accounting Standards Codification effective July 1, 2009.

### *SFAS No. 157*

Effective January 1, 2009, we implemented SFAS No 157, Fair Value Measurements for nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities measured at fair value, except those that are recognized or disclosed on a recurring basis (at least annually). This Statement was codified into Topic ASC 820 Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures. There was no impact to our consolidated financial statements from the implementation of this Topic for nonfinancial assets and liabilities, other than additional disclosures that have been incorporated into Note 21 to our consolidated financial statements.

transitional tax regime was optional for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 and mandatory as from fiscal year ended December 31, 2010. The temporary tax effects caused by the adoption of this transitional tax regime are reported in our financial statements as deferred income taxes.

*SFAS No. 141-R*

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 141-R, which was subsequently amended by FASB Staff Position (FSP) FAS 141 (R)-1 in April 2009. SFAS 141-R applies prospectively to all business combinations occurring on or after January, 2009. This Statement was codified into FASB ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations. This statement requires the acquiring entity in a business combination to recognize the assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree at the acquisition date to be measured at their respective fair values. Topic 805 changes the accounting treatment for the following items: acquisition-related costs and restructuring costs to be generally expensed when incurred; in-process research and development to be recorded at fair value as an indefinite-lived intangible asset at the acquisition date; changes in deferred tax asset valuation allowances and income tax uncertainties after the acquisition to be generally recognized in income tax expense. Topic 805 also includes a substantial number of new disclosures requirements. There was no impact to our consolidated financial statements from the implementation of this Topic.

*SFAS No. 160*

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS 160, which establishes new accounting and reporting standards for the noncontrolling interest in a subsidiary and for the deconsolidation of a subsidiary. This Statement was codified into Topic 810, Consolidation. Topic 810 was implemented on January 1, 2009. As a result of the implementation, we reclassified on December 31, 2009, noncontrolling interest (minority interest) of U.S.\$1,362 million as equity in the consolidated financial statements, and net income of U.S.\$1,319 million attributable to the noncontrolling interest was included in consolidated net income on the face of the income statement.

*FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. 132(R)-1*

In December 2008, the FASB issued (FSP) No. 132(R)-1, which amends SFAS 132(R) and was codified into FASB ASC Topic 715 Compensation Retirement Benefits. This orientation provides guidance on an employer's disclosures about

There was no impact to our consolidated financial statements from the implementation of this Topic, other than additional disclosures that have been incorporated into Note 16 (b) to our consolidated financial statements.

*SFAS No. 165*

Effective April 1, 2009, we adopted SFAS 165, Subsequent Events. This Statement was codified into FASB ASC Topic 855, Subsequent Events. Topic 855 establishes general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued. Topic 855 did not change significantly the current practice previously provided in auditing literature, except for introducing the concept of financial statements being available to be issued. It requires the disclosure of the date through which an entity has evaluated subsequent events and the basis for that date, that is, whether that date represents the date the financial statements were issued or were available to be issued. This Statement is not expected to result in any significant changes in the subsequent events reported by the Company. Refer to Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements, for the Topic 855 related disclosure for the year ended December 31, 2009.

*ASU 2009-16*

The FASB issued ASU 2009-16 in December 2009. This standard removes the concept of a Qualifying Special Purpose Entity (QSPE) and the exception for QSPE consolidation and clarifies the requirements for financial asset transfers eligible for sale accounting. ASU 2009-16 became effective for us on January 1, 2010, and is not expected to have a material impact on our results of operations, financial position or liquidity.

*ASU 2009-17*

The FASB issued ASU 2009-17 in December 2009. This standard became effective for us on January 1, 2010. ASU 2009-17 requires the enterprise to qualitatively assess if it is the primary beneficiary of a variable-interest entity (VIE), and, if so, the VIE must be consolidated. Additionally, this

plan assets of a defined benefit pension or other postretirement plan. This FSP requires disclosures about: (a) Investment Policies and Strategies; (b) Categories of Plan Assets; (c) Fair Value Measurements of Plan Assets; and (d) Significant Concentrations of Risk. Effective December 31, 2009, we adopted this FSP.



Statement requires continuous assessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a VIE. ASU 2009-17 became effective for the us in January, 2010, and is not expected to have a material impact on our results of operations, financial position or liquidity.

### *Oil and gas reserves estimation and disclosure*

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2010-03 in January 2010. The objective of the amendment included in this ASU is to align the oil and gas reserve estimation and disclosure requirements of the Extractive Activities - Oil and Gas (Topic 932) with the new requirements of the SEC's final rule, Modernization of the Oil and Gas Reporting Requirements. The main provisions of the ASU No. 2010-03 include the following:

- Expanding the definition of oil and gas production activities to include nontraditional reserves, such as bitumen.
- Amending the definition of proved oil and gas reserves to indicate that entities must use average prices over the 12-month period (as of the first day of each month), rather than year end price when estimating whether reserve quantities are economical to produce.
- Requiring that disclosures about equity method investments be in the same level of detail as is required for consolidated investments.
- Modifying the definition of geographic area for disclosure of reserve estimates and production.
- Permitting the use of new reliable technologies to establish reasonable certainty of proved reserves.

As required by ASU No. 2010-03, Petrobras adopted the new accounting standards as of December 31, 2009. Adoption of these requirements did not significantly impact our reported reserves or our consolidated financial statements.

### **Research and Development**

We are deeply committed to research and development as a means to extend our reach to new production frontiers and achieve continuous improvement in operations. We have a history of successfully developing and implementing innovative technologies, including the means to drill, complete and produce wells in increasingly deep water. We are one of the largest investors in research and development among the world's major oil companies, and we spend a large percentage of revenues on research and development. In 2009, we spent U.S.\$681 million on research and development, equivalent to 0.7% of our net operating revenues. In 2008, we spent U.S.\$941 million on research and development, equivalent to 0.8% of our net operating revenues. In 2007, we spent U.S.\$881 million on research and development, equivalent to 1.0% of our net operating revenues. Our bylaws require us to place at least 0.5% of our paid-in corporate capital in a reserve for research and development expenses.

Our research and development activities focus on three main goals:

- expansion of our current businesses through:
  - (a) the discovery of new exploratory frontiers;
  - (b) the enhancement of our current oil recovery methods;
  - (c) the development of new or enhanced ultra deep water production systems and equipment;
  - (d) the development of the pre-salt reservoirs;
  - (e) the development and implementation of technologies to maximize the production of middle distillates in our refineries;
  - (f) the development and enhancement of petrochemical processes and products; and
  - (g) the development of offshore natural gas transportation systems;
- providing a mix of products compatible with the energy demands of the future through the adaptation of our refining processes to utilize vegetable oils as feedstock and through the development of second generation biofuel production processes, which use residual biomass as feedstock; and



- Ensuring that our activities are environmentally sustainable. We aim to improve our water and CO<sub>2</sub> management and energy efficiency capabilities throughout the entire value chain.

In the three-year period ended December 31, 2009, our research and development operations were awarded 45 patents in Brazil and 109 overseas. Our portfolio of patents covers all of our areas of activities.

We have operated a dedicated research and development facility in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil since 1966. As of December 31, 2009, we had 2,093 employees working at this facility. We also conduct research and development through joint research projects with universities and other research centers in Brazil and abroad and participate in technology exchange and assistance partnerships with other oil and gas and oilfield services companies.

PifCo does not itself conduct research and development.

### Trends

We plan to expand all segments of operations in our target markets in accordance with our 2009-2013 Business Plan. In support of this goal we plan total capital expenditures of U.S.\$174.4 billion over 2009-2013. Of this total, 59% is in the exploration and production segment, where constant investment in exploration and development is needed to exploit newly discovered resources and offset natural declines in production from existing fields as they mature. Based on our slate of development projects, we have set a target of increasing production by 8.1% annually over the period 2009 to 2013 while replacing our reserves through organic growth. Our business plan for 2010 through 2014 is currently under review by our board of executive officers. On March 19, 2010, our board of directors provided guidance for the 2010-2014 period by authorizing total capital expenditures in the range of U.S.\$200 to U.S.\$220 billion for the period.

The price we realize for the oil we produce is determined by international oil prices, although we generally sell our oil at a discount to the Brent and West Texas Intermediate (WTI) benchmark prices because it is heavier and thus more expensive to refine. In 2009, international oil prices recovered from 2008 lows, driven largely by three factors: (i) a decrease in OPEC output, which drove down oil production in order to meet reduced demand due to the global economic crisis; (ii) improved economic outlook, with a widespread view that a recovery would take place in 2010; (iii) international geopolitical risks, including civil strife in Nigeria and worries over Iran's nuclear program, which magnified upward pressure on prices. Towards the end of 2009, oil prices found a stable price range between U.S.\$70/bbl and U.S.\$85/bbl. The economic outlook will remain the key determinant of oil price movements in the near term. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), the rhythm of the economic recovery will determine how fast demand will return to a growth trajectory. A fast-paced recovery coupled with slow supply-side response can result in higher prices on the medium term. On the other hand, if the expectations are not met, especially those regarding non-OECD economies, oil prices may drop below the current trading range.<sup>1</sup>

For the 2009 to 2013 period, we plan to continue to focus on increasing our refining throughput and our capacity to refine heavier crudes. During 2009, downstream gross margins varied between 26.5 and 7.3 percent reflecting the fluctuation in international prices. Future refining margins will depend on capacity utilization in the global and Brazilian refining industries and the relative prices and volumes of light and heavy crudes that are produced and can be processed.

Under our 2009-2013 Business Plan, our net-debt-to-equity ratio is targeted to remain in the range of 25-35% through 2013, based on an estimated average exchange rate of R\$2.00 per U.S.\$1.00. In accordance with the guidance provided by our board of directors on March 19, 2010, our net-debt-to-equity ratio for the 2010-2014 period is limited to 35% and our net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio to 2.5:1.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: IEA World Energy Outlook 2008



## **Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees**

### **Directors and Senior Management**

#### *Directors of Petrobras*

Our board of directors is composed of a minimum of five and a maximum of nine members and is responsible for, among other things, establishing our general business policies. The members of the board of directors are elected at the annual general meeting of shareholders.

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, shareholders representing at least 10% of the company's voting capital have the right to demand that a cumulative voting procedure be adopted to entitle each common share to as many votes as there are board members and to give each common share the right to vote cumulatively for only one candidate or to distribute its votes among several candidates.

Furthermore, our bylaws enable (i) minority preferred shareholders that together hold at least 10% of the total capital stock (excluding the controlling shareholders) to elect and remove one member to our board of directors; and (ii) minority common shareholders to elect one member to our board of directors, if a greater number of directors is not elected by such minority shareholders by means of the cumulative voting procedure. Our bylaws provide that, regardless of the rights above granted to minority shareholders, the Brazilian federal government always has the right to elect the majority of our directors, independently of their number. In addition, under Law 10,683, dated May 28, 2003, one of the board members elected by the Brazilian federal government must be indicated by the Minister of Planning, Budget and Management. The maximum term for a director is one year, but re-election is permitted. In accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law, the shareholders may remove any director from office at any time with or without cause at an extraordinary meeting of shareholders. Following an election of board members under the cumulative vote procedure, the removal of any board member by an extraordinary meeting of shareholders will result in the removal of all the other members, after which new elections must be held.

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We currently have nine directors. The following table sets forth certain information with respect to these directors:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Current Term Expires</b>	<b>Business Address</b>
Guido Mantega(1)	April 7, 1949	Chair	April 2011	Esplanada dos Ministérios Bloco P  5° andar  Brasília DF  Cep 70.048-900
J.S. Gabrielli de Azevedo(1)	October 3, 1949	Director	April 2011	Avenida República do Chile, no. 65  23° andar  Rio de Janeiro RJ
Silas Rondeau Cavalcante Silva(1)	December 15, 1952	Director	April 2011	Cep 20.031-912 Avenida República do Chile, no. 65  24° andar  Rio de Janeiro RJ
Francisco Roberto de Albuquerque(1)	May 17, 1937	Director	April 2011	Cep 20.031-912 Alameda Carolina, no. 594  Itú SP
Fabio Colletti Barbosa(2)	October 3, 1954	Director	April 2011	Cep 13.306-410 Av. Juscelino Kubitschek, no. 2.235  27° andar  Vila Olímpia  São Paulo SP
Jorge Gerdau Johannpeter(3)	December 8, 1936	Director	April 2011	Cep 04543-011 Av. Farrapos, no. 1.811  Porto Alegre RS
Luciano Galvão Coutinho(1)	September 29, 1946	Director	April 2011	Cep 90.220-005

			Av. República do Chile, no. 100
			19° andar
			Rio de Janeiro RJ
Sergio Franklin Quintella(1)	February 21, 1935	Director	Cep 20.031-917 Praia de Botafogo, no. 190
		April 2011	12° andar
			Rio de Janeiro RJ
Márcio Pereira Zimmermann(1)	July 1, 1956	Director	Cep 22.250-900 Esplanada dos Ministérios Bloco U
		April 2011	Sala 807
			Brasília DF
			Cep 70.065-900

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- (1) Appointed by the controlling shareholder.
  - (2) Appointed by the minority common shareholders.
  - (3) Appointed by the minority preferred shareholders.

*Guido Mantega* Mr. Mantega has been our Chairman of the board of directors since March 19, 2010 after being a member of this board since April 3, 2006. He is also a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR. Mr. Mantega was appointed a member of the Remuneration and Succession Committee of our board of directors on October 15, 2007. Mr. Mantega has been Brazil's Minister of Finance since March 28, 2006, and he served as chairperson of the Group of 20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (G-20) in 2008. He is a member of the Conselho de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social CDES (Economic and Social Development Council), an advisory body to the Brazilian government. Mr. Mantega has also held the posts of Brazil's Minister

of Planning, Budget and Management and of president of the Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social BNDES (Brazilian Development Bank). He received a bachelor's degree in economics from the Escola de Economia, Administração e Contabilidade FEA (School of Economy, Administration and Accounting) at the Universidade de São Paulo USP (University of São Paulo) in 1971, and a Ph.D. in development sociology from the Faculdade de Filosofia, Letras e Ciências Humanas FFLCH (School of Philosophy, Literature and Human Sciences) at USP, and completed specialized studies at the Institute of Development Studies IDS at the University of Sussex, England in 1977.





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*J.S. Gabrielli de Azevedo* Mr. Gabrielli has been a member of our board of directors since July 22, 2005, and is also a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR, Petrobras Biocombustível, Petrobras Transporte Transpetro, Petrobras Gás Gaspetro and Petrobras Química Petroquisa. He was our Chief Financial Officer from January 2003 to July 2005, and he has been our Chief Executive Officer since July 22, 2005. Mr. Gabrielli holds a Ph.D. in economics from Boston University (1987). He is a full professor of economics on leave from the Universidade Federal da Bahia UFBA (Federal University of Bahia).

*Silas Rondeau Cavalcante Silva* Mr. Silva has been a member of our board of directors since April 3, 2006, and is also a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR. Mr. Silva was Brazil's Minister of Mines and Energy from July 2005 to May 2007 and president of Centrais Elétricas Brasileiras Eletrobras from May 2004 to July 2005. Mr. Silva has worked as a consultant for RV2 Consultoria e Assessoria. He now works for the Instituto de Desenvolvimento de Estudos e Projetos Econômicos Ltda. IDEPE (Institute for the Development of Economic Studies and Projects) and SGR Consultoria Empresarial Ltda. (SGR Business Consultancy). Mr. Silva has a degree in electrical engineering from the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco UFPE (Federal University of Pernambuco) and a specialized degree in transmission lines engineering from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro UFRJ (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro).

*Francisco Roberto de Albuquerque* Mr. de Albuquerque has been a member of our board of directors since April 2, 2007, and he is also a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR. He has been a member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration and Succession Committee of our board of directors since April 13, 2007, and October 15, 2007, respectively. He earned a bachelor's degree in military sciences from the Academia Militar das Agulhas Negras AMAN (Agulhas Negras Military Academy) in Resende, Rio de Janeiro, in 1958 and in economics from the Universidade de São Paulo USP (University of São Paulo) in 1968, a master's degree in military sciences from the Escola de Aperfeiçoamento de Oficiais EsAO (Advanced Military School) in 1969,

He has been the Chief Executive Officer of Grupo Santander Brasil since August 2008. Mr. Barbosa is also the Chairman of the board of directors and of the executive board of the Federação Brasileira de Bancos FEBRABAN (Brazilian Federation of Banks). Mr. Barbosa has a bachelor's degree in management from the Fundação Getulio Vargas São Paulo (Getulio Vargas Foundation São Paulo) (1976) and an MBA from the Institute for Management and Development in Lausanne, Switzerland (1979).

*Jorge Gerdau Johannpeter* Mr. Johannpeter has been a member of our board of directors since October 19, 2001, and is also a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR. He was appointed a member of the Remuneration and Succession Committee of our board of directors on October 15, 2007. Mr. Johannpeter is the President of the board of directors of Grupo Gerdau (Gerdau Group), a member of the board of directors of the Instituto Aço Brasil IABr (Brazilian Steel Institute), a member of the Conselho de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social CDES (Economic and Social Development Council) and a member of the executive committee of the World Steel Association. Mr. Johannpeter is involved in Brazil's non-profit sector as president of the board of the Programa Gaúcho da Qualidade e Produtividade PGQP (State Program for Quality and Productivity in Rio Grande do Sul), leader of the Movimento Brasil Competitivo MBC (Movement for Brazilian Competitiveness), member of the deliberative council of Parceiros Voluntários (Volunteer Partners) and coordinator of Ação Empresarial (Business Action). He received a bachelor's degree in law and social sciences from the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul UFRGS (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul), Porto Alegre, in 1961.

*Luciano Coutinho* Mr. Coutinho has been a member of our board of directors since April 4, 2008, and is also a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR. He has been the President of the Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social BNDES (Brazilian Development Bank) since April 27, 2007. In addition, Mr. Coutinho is a member of the board of directors of Vale S.A., a member of the Curator Committee for the Fundação Nacional da Qualidade FNQ (Brazilian Quality Foundation), and the BNDES representative at the Fundo Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico FNDCT

and a Ph.D. in military sciences from the Escola de Comando e Estado-Maior do Exército ECEME (Military Officer Training School) in Rio de Janeiro in 1977.

*Fabio Colletti Barbosa* Mr. Barbosa has been a member of our board of directors since January 3, 2003, and is also a director of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR. He has also been the President of the Audit Committee of our board of directors since June 17, 2005.

(Brazilian Fund for Scientific and Technological Development). Mr. Coutinho has a Ph.D. in economics from Cornell University, a master's degree in economics from the Fundação Instituto de Pesquisas Econômicas Fipe (Institute of Economic Research) at the Universidade de São Paulo USP (University of São Paulo), and a bachelor's degree in economics from USP.

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*Sergio Franklin Quintella* Mr. Quintella has been a member of our board of directors since April 8, 2009, and is also a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR. He has been a member of the Audit Committee of our board of directors since November 13, 2009. He is vice president of Fundação Getúlio Vargas FGV. He was member of the board of directors of the Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Econômico e Social BNDES (Brazilian Development Bank) from 1975 to 1980, member of the Conselho Monetário Nacional (National Monetary Council of Brazil) from 1985 to 1990, and president of the Tribunal de Contas (Court of Auditors) of the State of Rio de Janeiro from 1993 to 2005. Mr. Quintella holds a degree in civil engineering from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro PUC-Rio (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro) in economic engineering from the Escola Nacional de Engenharia (National Engineering School) and in economics from the Faculdade de Economia do Rio de Janeiro (College of Economics of Rio de Janeiro). He also holds a master's degree in business from IPSOA Institute, Turin, in Italy and graduated from the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. Mr Quintella is currently a member of the council of PUC-Rio.

*Márcio Pereira Zimmermann* Mr. Zimmermann has been a member of our board of directors since March 22, 2010 and is also a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR. He has been the President of the Remuneration and Succession Committee of our board of directors since April 29, 2010. Mr. Zimmermann is currently the Minister of Mines and Energy, and he previously served as Executive Secretary and Secretary for Energy Planning and Development at the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

Mr. Zimmermann is also the Chairman of the board of directors of Centrais Elétricas Brasileiras Eletrobrás. He has been a member of the Conselho Nacional de Política Energética CNPE (National Council for Energy Policy) since February 2009. Mr. Zimmermann holds a bachelor's degree in electric engineering from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul PUC-RS (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul), a post-graduate degree in electric systems engineering from the Universidade Federal de Itajubá UNIFEI (Itajubá Federal University), and a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro PUC-Rio (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro).

*Directors of PifCo*

PifCo is managed by a board of directors, consisting of three members, and by its executive officers. The board of directors is responsible for preparing PifCo's year-end accounts, convening shareholders' meetings and reviewing and monitoring its financial performance and strategy. Although not required by PifCo's memorandum and articles of association, it is PifCo's policy that the Chairman and all of its executive officers be Petrobras employees.

PifCo's directors serve indefinite terms and can be removed with or without cause. The following table sets forth certain information about PifCo's board of directors:

Name	Date of Birth	Position	Year of Appointment
Daniel Lima de Oliveira	December 29, 1951	Chairman	2005
Marcos Antonio Silva Menezes	March 24, 1952	Director	2003
José Raimundo Brandão Pereira	October 27, 1956	Director	2008

*Daniel Lima de Oliveira* Mr. Lima de Oliveira has been PifCo's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Petrobras' Executive Manager of Corporate Finance since September 1, 2005. From January 2003 to September 2005, Mr. Lima was a director of Petrobras International Braspetro BV (PIB BV) and Braspetro Oil Services Company Brasoil, and from September 2005 to April 2006, he was a member of the board of directors of REFAP S.A. Mr. Lima de Oliveira graduated in mechanical engineering from the Escola de Engenharia Industrial (São José dos Campos Industrial Engineering School) in 1975.

*Marcos Antonio Silva Menezes* Mr. Menezes has been a PifCo director since 2003, and Petrobras' Executive Manager of Accounting since 1998. Mr. Menezes currently serves as a member of the Fiscal Council and of the Audit Committee of Braskem S.A., and he has been the Chairman of the Fiscal Council of the Instituto Brasileiro de Petróleo, Gás e Biocombustíveis IBP (Brazilian Institute of Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels), and the Organização Nacional das Indústrias de Petróleo ONIP (National Organization of the Petroleum Industry) since 1998 and 1999, respectively. Mr. Menezes holds bachelor's degrees in accounting and business management from the Faculdade Moraes Júnior in Rio de Janeiro (Moraes Júnior University), a post-graduate degree in financial management from the Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Getulio Vargas Foundation), and has completed an advanced management program (PGA) at the Fundação Dom Cabral/INSEAD France (Dom Cabral Foundation/European Institute of Business Administration).

*José Raimundo Brandão Pereira* Mr. Pereira has been a PifCo director, and has served as PifCo's Executive Manager of Marketing and Trading since June 2008. Mr. Pereira has also been a director of Petrobras International Braspetro BV (PIB BV) since September 2008 and a member of the board of directors of PESA since March 2009. Mr. Pereira graduated in civil engineering from the Universidade Estadual de Maranhão (State University of Maranhão) in 1979.

#### *Executive Officers of Petrobras*

Our board of executive officers, composed of one Chief Executive Officer and up to six executive officers, is responsible for our day-to-day management. Under our bylaws, the board of directors elects the executive officers, including the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer is chosen from among the members of the board of directors. All of the executive officers are Brazilian nationals and reside in Brazil. According to our bylaws, in electing executive officers our board of directors must consider their personal qualification, knowledge and specialization in their respective areas. The maximum term for executive officers is three years, but re-election is permitted. The board of directors may remove any executive officer from office at any time with or without cause. Six of the current executive officers are experienced Petrobras career managers, engineers or technicians.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our executive officers:

Name	Date of Birth	Position	Current Term
J.S. Gabrielli de Azevedo	October 3, 1949	Chief Executive Officer	April 2011
Almir Guilherme Barbassa	May 19, 1947	Chief Financial Officer and Chief Investor Relations Officer	April 2011
Renato de Souza Duque	September 29, 1955	Chief Services Officer	April 2011
Guilherme de Oliveira Estrella	April 18, 1942	Chief Exploration and Production Officer	April 2011
Paulo Roberto Costa	January 1, 1954	Chief Downstream Officer	April 2011
María das Graças Silva Foster	August 26, 1953	Chief Gas and Power Officer	April 2011
Jorge Luiz Zelada	January 20, 1957	Chief International Officer	April 2011

*J. S. Gabrielli de Azevedo* Mr. Gabrielli has been our Chief Executive Officer and a member of our board of directors since July 22, 2005. For biographical information regarding Mr. Gabrielli, see Directors of Petrobras.

*Almir Guilherme Barbassa* Mr. Barbassa has been our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Investor Relations Officer since July 22, 2005. Mr. Barbassa joined Petrobras in 1974 and has worked in several financial and planning capacities, both in Brazil and abroad. Mr. Barbassa has served as Petrobras corporate finance and treasury manager, and he has also served at various times as financial manager and chairman of Petrobras subsidiaries that carry out international financial activities. In addition, he was an economics professor at Universidade Católica de Petrópolis (Petrópolis Catholic University) and Faculdades Integradas Bennett (Bennett University) from 1973 to 1979. Mr. Barbassa holds a master's degree in economics from the Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Getulio Vargas Foundation).

*Renato de Souza Duque* Mr. Duque has been our Chief Services Officer since January 31, 2003. Currently, Mr. Duque is a member of the board of directors of Petrobras Gás S.A. Gaspetro and Chief Executive Officer of Petrobras Negócios Eletrônicos S.A. Mr. Duque holds a degree in electrical engineering from the Universidade Federal Fluminense (Fluminense Federal University) and an MBA from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro).

*Paulo Roberto Costa* Mr. Paulo Roberto has been our Chief Downstream Officer since May 14, 2004. Mr. Paulo Roberto graduated in mechanical engineering from the Universidade Federal do Paraná (Federal University of Paraná) in 1976. Mr. Costa joined Petrobras in 1977 and worked for a long period in our exploration and production activities.

*Maria das Graças Silva Foster* Ms. Maria das Graças Silva Foster has been our Chief Gas and Power Officer since September 21, 2007. She holds a degree in chemical engineering from the Universidade Federal Fluminense (Fluminense Federal University), a master's degree in nuclear engineering from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) and an MBA in economics from the Fundação Getúlio Vargas (Getulio Vargas Foundation).

*Jorge Luiz Zelada* Mr. Zelada has been our Chief International Officer since March 3, 2008. Mr. Zelada received a degree in electrical engineering from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) in 1979 and an MBA from IBMEC/Rio de Janeiro (Brazilian Institute of Capital Markets/Rio de Janeiro) in 2000.

#### *Executive Officers of PifCo*

All of the current executive officers are experienced managers from Petrobras, some of whom have served on the boards of directors of Petrobras subsidiaries and in representative offices abroad. The executive officers work as a board and are responsible for PifCo's day-to-day management.

*Guilherme de Oliveira Estrella* Mr. Guilherme Estrella has been our Chief Exploration and Production Officer since 2003. He has been Chairman of the board of the Instituto Brasileiro de Petróleo, Gás e Biocombustíveis (Brazilian Petroleum, Gas and Biofuels Institute) since 2003. Mr. Estrella graduated in 1964 from the School of Geology of the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro).

PifCo's executive officers serve indefinite terms and can be removed with or without cause.

The following table sets forth certain information about PifCo's executive officers:

Name	Date of Birth	Position	Year of Appointment
Daniel Lima de Oliveira	December 29, 1951	Chief Executive Officer	2009
Guilherme Pontes Galvão França	January 18, 1959	Chief Commercial Officer	2005
Sérvio Túlio da Rosa Tinoco	June 21, 1955	Chief Financial Officer	2005
Mariângela Monteiro Tizatto	August 9, 1960	Chief Accounting Officer	1998
Nilton Antonio de Almeida Maia	June 21, 1957	Chief Legal Officer	2000
Gerson Luiz Gonçalves	September 29, 1953	Chief Audit Officer	2000
Juarez Vaz Wassersten	August 26, 1954	Chief Businesses Officer	2009

*Daniel Lima de Oliveira* Mr. Lima de Oliveira has been PifCo's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Petrobras' Executive Manager of Corporate Finance since September 1, 2005. For biographical information regarding Mr. Lima de Oliveira, see Directors of PifCo.

*Guilherme Pontes Galvão França* Mr. França has served as PifCo's Chief Commercial Officer since October 1, 2005. Mr. França graduated in chemical engineering from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) in 1981.

*Sérvio Túlio da Rosa Tinoco* Mr. Tinoco has been PifCo's Chief Financial Officer since September 1, 2005. Mr. Tinoco holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Universidade Oswaldo Cruz, São Paulo (Oswaldo Cruz University) (1978), and had an MBA from the Fundação Getúlio Vargas, São Paulo (Getulio Vargas Foundation) (1983) partially completed with one year at the Institut Supérieur des Affaires ISA/HEC, France (Institute of Superior Affairs ISA/HEC).

*Mariângela Monteiro Tizatto* Ms. Tizatto has served as PifCo's Chief Accounting Officer since 1998, and has been Petrobras' General Manager of Corporate Accounting since 1999. Ms. Tizatto has a bachelor's

*Nilton Antonio de Almeida Maia* Mr. Maia has served as PifCo's Chief Legal Officer since April 19, 2000. Mr. Maia also currently serves as General Counsel for Petrobras. He has completed post-graduate degrees in law, with specializations in energy and tax law, from the Universidade Cândido Mendes (Cândido Mendes University) and the Universidade Estácio de Sá (Estácio de Sá University).

*Gerson Luiz Gonçalves* Mr. Gonçalves has been PifCo's Chief Audit Officer since April 19, 2000 and Petrobras' Executive Manager of Internal Auditing since December 1, 1994. Mr. Gonçalves is a member of the Brazilian Institute of Internal Auditors (AUDIBRA) and the International Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). He received a bachelor's degree in accounting from the Universidade de São Paulo (University of São Paulo) in 1975.

*Juarez Vaz Wassersten* Mr. Wassersten has been PifCo's Chief Businesses Officer since January 2009. Mr. Wassersten holds a bachelor's degree in production engineering from Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) and a master's degree in economics from Universidade Cândido Mendes (Cândido Mendes University).

degree in accounting from Universidade Cândido Mendes (Cândido Mendes University) and an executive MBA from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro). In 1990, she taught Analysis of Financial Statements and Advanced Accounting at Faculdade Moraes Júnior (Moraes Junior University). She has been a member of the Fiscal Council of Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR since 2006, and she has been a member of the Auditing and Accounting Rules Commission of the Associação Brasileira das Companhias Abertas ABRASCA (Brazilian Association of Public Companies) since 1995.

## Compensation

### *Petrobras*

For 2009, the aggregate amount of compensation we paid to all members of the board of directors and executive officers was approximately U.S.\$5 million.



In addition, the members of the board and the executive officers receive certain additional benefits generally provided to our employees and their families, such as medical assistance, payment of educational expenses and supplementary social security benefits.

We have no service contracts with our directors providing for benefits upon termination of employment. We have a remuneration and succession committee in the form of an advisory committee. See Other Advisory Committees.

### *PifCo*

PifCo's directors and executive officers are paid by Petrobras in respect of their function as Petrobras employees, but they do not receive any additional compensation, pension or other benefits from PifCo or Petrobras in respect of their functions as PifCo directors or executive officers, as the case may be.

### **Share Ownership**

#### *Petrobras*

As of April 30, 2010, the members of our board of directors, our executive officers, the members of our Fiscal Council, and close members of their families, as a group, beneficially held a total of 19,780 common shares and 54,416 preferred shares of our company. Accordingly, on an individual basis, and as a group, our directors, executive officers, Fiscal Council members, and close members of their families beneficially owned less than one percent of any class of our shares.

The shares held by our directors, executive officers, Fiscal Council members, and close members of their families have the same voting rights as the shares of the same type and class that are held by our other shareholders. None of our directors, executive officers, Fiscal Council members, or close members of their families holds any options to purchase common shares or preferred shares. Petrobras does not have a stock option plan for its directors, officers or employees.

### *PifCo*

As of December 31, 2009, PifCo's authorized share capital was composed of 300,050,000 shares at par value of U.S.\$1.00 per share, all of which are issued and outstanding. All of PifCo's issued and outstanding shares of common stock are owned by us.

### **Fiscal Council**

We have established a permanent Fiscal Council (*Conselho Fiscal*) in accordance with applicable provisions of the Brazilian Corporate Law, composed of up to five members. As required by the Brazilian Corporate Law our Fiscal Council is independent of our management and external auditors. The Fiscal Council's responsibilities include, among others: (i) monitoring management's activities and (ii) reviewing our annual report and financial statements. The members and their respective alternates are elected by the shareholders at the annual general shareholder's meeting. Holders of preferred shares without voting rights and minority common shareholders are each entitled, as a class, to elect one member and his respective alternate to the Fiscal Council. The Brazilian government has the right to appoint the majority of the members of the Fiscal Council and their alternates. One of these members and his respective alternate are appointed by the Minister of Finance representing the Brazilian Treasury. The members of the Fiscal Council are elected at our annual general shareholders' meeting for a one-year term and re-election is permitted.

The following table lists the current members of the Fiscal Council:

Name	Year of First Appointment
Marcus Pereira Aucélio	2005
César Acosta Rech	2008
Túlio Luiz Zamin	2003
Nelson Rocha Augusto	2003
Maria Lúcia de Oliveira Falcón	2003

The following table lists the alternate members of the Fiscal Council:

Name	Year of First Appointment
Paulo Fontoura Valle	2010
Ricardo de Paula Monteiro	2008
Edson Freitas de Oliveira	2002
Maria Auxiliadora Alves da Silva	2003
Celso Barreto Neto	2002

### **Petrobras Audit Committee**

We have an Audit Committee that advises our board of directors, composed exclusively of members of our board of directors.

On June 17, 2005, our board of directors approved the appointment of our Audit Committee to satisfy the audit committee requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

The Audit Committee is responsible for, among other things:

- making recommendations to our board of directors with respect to the appointment, compensation and retention of our independent auditor;
- assisting our board of directors with analysis of our financial statements and the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting in consultation with internal and independent

- assisting in the resolution of conflicts between management and the independent auditor with respect to our financial statements;
- conducting an annual review of related party transactions involving interested members of our board of directors and executive officers and companies that employ any of these people, as well any other material transactions with related parties; and
- establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal control and auditing matters, including procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

On December 16, 2005, our Audit Committee's charter was amended to meet the audit committee requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including

auditors;

the incorporation of the powers mentioned above.

The current members of our Audit Committee are Fabio Colletti Barbosa, Francisco Roberto de Albuquerque and Sergio Franklin Quintella. All members of our Audit Committee are independent as defined in 17 CFR 240.10A-3.

**Other Advisory Committees**

We implemented two additional advisory committees in 2007: the *Comitê de Remuneração e Sucessão* (Remuneration and Succession Committee) and the *Comitê de Meio Ambiente* (Environmental Committee). Also in 2007, we formalized a relationship between the *Comissão de Governança Corporativa* (Corporate Governance Commission) and a *Comitê de Gestão da Petrobras* (Management Committee), in order to study and refine our corporate governance practices.

**Petrobras Ombudsman**

The Petrobras General Ombudsman's Office has been an official part of our corporate structure since October 2005, when it became directly linked to the board of directors. The General Ombudsman's Office is the official channel for receiving and responding to denunciations and information regarding possible irregularities in accounting, internal controls and auditing. The General Ombudsman's Office reports directly to the Audit Committee and guarantees the anonymity of informants.

In December 2007, the board of directors approved the Policies and Directives of the Petrobras Ombudsmen, which was an important step in aligning the General Ombudsman's practices with those of the other ombudsmen in the system, contributing to better corporate governance.

**PifCo Advisory Committees**

PifCo does not have any committees of its board of directors.

**Employees and Labor Relations**

We attract and retain valuable employees by offering competitive compensation and benefits, merit-based promotions and a profit-sharing plan. In accordance with Brazilian law, total profit-sharing payments to employees are limited to 25% of the amount of proposed dividends for the year. We increased our employee numbers in 2009 due to the growth of our business.

The table below shows our employee numbers for the last three years:

	As of December 31,		
	2009	2008	2007
<b>Petrobras employees:</b>			
Parent company	55,802	55,199	50,207
Subsidiaries	13,150	12,266	11,941
Abroad	7,967	6,775	6,783
Total Petrobras Group	<b>76,919</b>	<b>74,240</b>	<b>68,931</b>
<b>Parent company by level:</b>			
High school	35,741	35,490	33,114
College	19,317	18,868	16,234
Maritime employees	744	841	859
Total parent company	<b>55,802</b>	<b>55,199</b>	<b>50,207</b>
<b>Parent company by region:</b>			
Southeastern Brazil	38,509	38,188	34,910
Northeastern Brazil	13,821	13,641	12,243
Other locations	3,472	3,370	3,054
Total parent company	<b>55,802</b>	<b>55,199</b>	<b>50,207</b>

The table below sets forth the main expenses related to our employees for the last three years:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>		
Salaries	5,115.2	4,957.8	3,625.7
Employee training	132.2	232.5	198.4
Profit sharing distributions	748.7	732.2	519.7

We have had no major labor stoppages since 1995, and we consider our relations with our employees and the unions that represent our employees to be good.

Forty-six percent of our employees are members of the Oil Workers National Union and 45% of our maritime employees

belong to the Maritime Employees Union. We negotiate collective bargaining agreements annually with each union. Our agreement with the Oil Workers National Union has two components: an economic clause, which is effective until August 31, 2010, and a social clause, which is effective until August 31, 2011. Under this agreement, employees received a 4.36% cost of living increase, which reflects an increase in inflation in that period, as measured by the Índice Nacional de Preços ao Consumidor Amplo, a 7.81% increase in the minimum pay scale, and a one-time payment of 100% of the monthly salary. We signed a collective bargaining agreement with the Maritime Employees Union on March 24, 2010. The agreement also has two components: an economic clause, which is effective until October 31, 2010, and a social clause, which is effective until October 31, 2011.

### *Pension and Health Care Plan*

We sponsor a contributory defined benefit pension plan known as Petros, which covers 96.2% of our employees. The principal objective of Petros has been to supplement the social security pension benefits of our employees. Employees that participate in the plan make mandatory monthly contributions. Our historical funding policy has been to make annual contributions to the plan in the amount determined by actuarial appraisals. Contributions are intended to provide not only for benefits attributed to service to date but also for those expected to be earned in the future.

The table below shows the benefits paid, contributions made, and outstanding Petros liabilities for 2009, 2008 and 2007:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>		
Total benefits paid	911	932	835
Total contributions	350	286	282
Petros liabilities(1)	4,788	2,054	5,042

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- (1) The excess of the actuarial value of our obligation to provide future benefits over the fair value of the plan assets used to satisfy that obligation. The increase in these liabilities in 2009 was primarily due to the change of discount rate from 7.7% per year in 2008 to 6.6% per year in 2009. See Note 16(f) to our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2009.

On August 9, 2002, the Petros Plan stopped admitting new participants and since 2003 we have been engaged in complex negotiations with representatives of the Oil Worker's National Union to address the deficits of the plan and develop a supplementary pension plan. We have also been subject to material legal proceeding in connection with the Petros Plan. In August 2007, we approved new regulations for the Petros Plan and entered into an agreement with the Oil Worker's National Union and other parties involved which will extinguish the existing lawsuits in connection with the Petros Plan. The main changes introduced to the Petros

installments with interest of 6% per year on the balance for the next 20 years, as previously agreed during the renegotiation.

On July 1, 2007, we implemented the Petros Plan 2, a variable contribution or mixed pension plan, for employees with no supplementary pension plan. A portion of this plan with defined benefits characteristics includes risk coverage for disability and death, a guaranty of a minimum benefit and a lifetime income, and the related actuarial commitments are recorded according to the projected credit unit method. The

Plan include: (i) salary increases of active employees will no longer be passed to retired employees, (ii) the benefits of participants of the plan will be adjusted according to the IPCA inflation index, and (iii) decreases in pensions provided by the government plan will not be supplemented by the Petros Plan. We agreed to pay R\$5.8 billion updated retroactively to December 31, 2006 by the consumer price index (IPCA) plus 6% per year, which will be paid in semi-annual

portion of the plan with defined contribution characteristics, earmarked for forming a reserve for programmed retirement, is recognized in the results for the year as the contributions are made. In 2009, the contribution of Petrobras and its subsidiaries to the defined contribution portion of this plan was U.S.\$327 million. The expenses and benefit obligations related to Petros Plan 2 were recorded

according to ASC 715 Compensation Retirement Benefits.

We maintain a health care benefit plan (AMS), which offers health benefits and covers all employees (active and inactive) together with their dependents. We manage the plan, with the employees contributing fixed amounts to cover principal risks and a portion of the costs relating to other types of coverage in accordance with participation tables defined by certain parameters, including salary levels.

Our commitment related to future benefits to plan participants is calculated on an annual basis by an independent actuary, based on the Projected Unit Credit method. The health care plan is not funded or otherwise collateralized by assets. Instead, we make benefit payments based on annual costs incurred by plan participants.

In 2009, in order to improve the management of our health care benefit plan, our internal controls and the service provided to its participants, we began the process of re-enrolling the participants in AMS in an effort to compile an updated and reliable database. More than 230,000 participants were re-enrolled in 49 cities, and the re-enrollment process has continued into 2010.

In addition, some of our consolidated subsidiaries have their own benefit plans.

### *PifCo*

With the exception of 50 employees of Petrobras Europe Limited, or PEL, and 38 employees of Petrobras Singapore Private Limited, or PSPL, PifCo's personnel consist solely of our employees, and PifCo relies on us to provide all administrative functions. In May 2008, PifCo and Petrobras entered into an agreement to share costs and expenditures

related to PifCo's use of Petrobras administrative resources.

## **Item 7. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions**

### **Major Shareholders**

#### *Petrobras*

Our capital stock is composed of common shares and preferred shares, all without par value. On April 30, 2010, there were 5,073,347,344 outstanding common shares and 3,700,729,396 outstanding preferred shares. These totals reflect the two-for-one split of our common and preferred shares, which became effective in Brazil as of April 28, 2008.

On May 11, 2007, our shareholders approved a four-for-two reverse capital stock split. As a result of the stock split, the ratio of our common and preferred shares to ADRs changed to two shares to one ADR. The stock split and change of ADR ratio became effective as of July 2, 2007.

Under the Brazilian Corporate Law, as amended, the number of non-voting shares of our company may not exceed two-thirds of the total number of shares. The Brazilian government is required by law to own at least a majority of our voting stock and currently owns 55.6% of our common shares, which are our only voting shares. The Brazilian government does not have any special voting rights, other than the right to always elect a majority of our directors, irrespective of the rights our minority shareholders may have to elect directors, set forth in our bylaws.



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The following table sets forth information concerning the ownership of our common shares and preferred shares as of April 30, 2010, by the Brazilian government, certain public sector entities and our officers and directors as a group. We are not aware of any other shareholder owning more than 5% of our common shares.

Shareholder	Common Shares	%	Preferred Shares	%	Total Shares	%
Brazilian government	2,818,751,784	55.6			2,818,751,784	32.1
BNDES Participações S.A. BNDESPar	98,457,000	1.9	574,047,344	15.5	672,504,344	7.6
Other Brazilian public sector entities	3,320,856	0.1	1,474,628	0.04	4,795,484	0.1
All directors and executive officers as a Group (15 persons)	19,780		54,416		74,196	
Others	2,152,797,924	42.3	3,125,153,008	84.5	5,277,950,932	60.1
Total.	5,073,347,344	100.0	3,700,729,396	100.0	8,774,076,740	100.0

As of April 30, 2010, approximately 34.53% of our preferred shares and approximately 24.87% of our common shares were held of record in the United States directly or in the form of American Depositary Shares. As of April 30, 2010, we had approximately 638,969,563 record holders of preferred shares, or American Depositary Shares representing preferred shares, and approximately 631,108,410 record holders of common shares, or American Depositary Shares representing common shares, in the United States. The ratio of our common and preferred share ADRs is two shares to one ADR. This ratio was changed by the reverse stock split effective July 2, 2007.

**PifCo**

PifCo's directors and executive officers are paid by Petrobras in respect of their function as Petrobras employees, but they do not receive any additional compensation, pension or other benefits from PifCo or Petrobras in respect of their functions as PifCo directors or executive officers, as the case may be.

**Petrobras Related Party Transactions****Board of Directors**

Direct transactions with interested members of our board of directors or our executive officers require the approval of our board of directors, and must follow the conditions of an arms-length transaction and market

material to our business during the current or the three immediately preceding financial years or during any earlier financial year, which transaction remains in any way outstanding or unperformed. In addition, we have not entered into any transaction with related parties which is or was unusual in its nature or conditions during the current or the three immediately preceding financial years, nor is any such transaction proposed, that is or would be material to our business.

We have no outstanding loans or guaranties to the members of our board of directors, our executive officers or any close member of their families.

For a description of the shares beneficially held by the members of our board of directors and close members of their families, see Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees Share Ownership.

**Brazilian Government**

*We have engaged, and expect to continue to engage, in numerous transactions in numerous transactions in the ordinary course of business with our controlling shareholder, the Brazilian government, and with other companies controlled by it, including financings from BNDES and banking, asset management and other transactions with Banco do Brasil S.A. The above-mentioned transactions with Banco do Brasil had a negative net balance of U.S.\$3,320 million as of December 31, 2009. See Note 23 to our audited*

practices guiding transactions with third parties. None of the members of our board of directors, our executive officers or close members of their families has had any direct interest in any transaction we effected which is or was unusual in its nature or conditions or

consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

As of December 31, 2009, we had a receivable (the Petroleum and Alcohol Account) from the Brazilian government, our controlling shareholder, of U.S.\$469 million secured by a U.S.\$53 million blocked deposit account. See Note 23 to our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

We also have restricted deposits made by us, which serve as collateral for legal proceedings involving the Brazilian government. As of December 31, 2009, these deposits amounted to U.S.\$983 million. See Note 23 to our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

In addition, according to Brazilian law, we are only permitted to invest in securities issued by the Brazilian government in Brazil. This restriction does not apply to investment outside of Brazil. As of December 31, 2009, the value of these marketable securities that has been directly acquired and held by us amounted to U.S.\$2,519 million. See Note 23 to our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

For additional information regarding our principal transactions with related parties, see Note 23 to our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

### **PifCo Related Party Transactions**

As a result of being our wholly owned subsidiary, PifCo has numerous transactions with us and other affiliated companies in the ordinary course of business. PifCo engages in crude oil and oil product purchases from international suppliers and resells crude oil and oil products in U.S. dollars to us on a deferred payment basis, at a price which represents a premium to compensate PifCo for its financing costs. PifCo also purchases crude oil and oil products from us and for sale outside Brazil. Substantially all of PifCo's revenues are generated by transactions with us. Additionally, PifCo sells and purchases crude oil and oil products to and from third parties and related parties, mainly outside Brazil.

Since PifCo's inception there have been no, and there are no proposed, material transactions with any of PifCo's officers and directors. PifCo does not extend any loans to its officers and directors.

PifCo's transactions with related parties resulted in the following balances in 2009 and 2008:

	December 31, 2009		December 31, 2008	
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	(U.S.\$ million)			
<b>Assets</b>				
Current:				
Accounts receivable	15,986		24,155	
Notes receivable(1)	1,213		1,152	
Marketable securities	2,547		2,599	
Exports prepayment	383		416	
Others	4		2	
Other non current:				
Marketable securities	2,490		2,000	
Notes receivable	422		412	
Exports prepayment	264		331	
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Current:				
Trade accounts payable		1,685		1,712
Notes payable(1)		7,862		25,353
Other		3		
Total	23,309	9,550	31,067	27,065
Current	20,133	9,550	28,324	27,065
Long-term	3,176		2,743	

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(1) PifCo's notes receivable from and payable to us for the majority of the loans bear interest at LIBOR plus 3.0% per year.

PifCo's principal transactions with related parties are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2009		2008		2007	
	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
	(U.S.\$ million)					
<b>Sales of crude oil and oil products and services</b>						
Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras	10,139		19,040		12,231	
Petrobras International Braspetro B.V. - PIB BV and its subsidiaries	3,401		2,023		704	
Downstream Participações S.A. and its subsidiaries	2,080		2,709		1,744	
Other	109		26			
<b>Purchases</b>						
Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras		(9,176)		(11,660)		(6,873)
Petrobras International Braspetro B.V. - PIB BV and its subsidiaries		(2,180)		(2,185)		(892)
Downstream Participações S.A. and its subsidiaries		(515)		(586)		(623)
Other		(28)				(487)
<b>Selling, general and administrative expenses</b>						
Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras		(135)		(294)		(166)
Petrobras International Braspetro B.V. - PIB BV and its subsidiaries		(62)		(48)		(16)
<b>Financial income</b>						
Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras	1,301		1,470		997	
Petrobras International Braspetro B.V. - PIB BV and its subsidiaries	132		93		401	
Downstream Participações S.A. and its subsidiaries	30		57		16	
Other	6		37		286	
<b>Financial expense</b>						
Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras		(937)		(1,319)		(1,588)
Petrobras International Braspetro B.V. - PIB BV and its subsidiaries		(28)		(31)		
Other				(3)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,198</b>	<b>(13,061)</b>	<b>25,455</b>	<b>(16,126)</b>	<b>16,379</b>	<b>(10,645)</b>

## Item 8. Financial Information

### Petrobras Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

See Item 18. Financial Statements and Index to Financial Statements.

### PifCo Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

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**Legal Proceedings***Petrobras*

We are currently subject to numerous proceedings relating to civil, criminal, administrative, environmental, labor and tax claims. Several individual disputes described in further detail below account for a significant part of the total amount of claims against us. Our audited consolidated financial statements only include provisions for probable and reasonably estimable losses and expenses we may incur in connection with pending proceedings. See Note 19 to our audited consolidated financial statements. The table below sets forth our recorded financial provisions by type of claim:<sup>(1)</sup>

	<b>Provisions as of December 31,</b>	
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>	
Labor claims	71	50
Tax claims	94	81
Civil claims	272	220
Commercial claims and other contingencies	63	28
Total	500	<b>379</b>

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(1) Excludes provisions for contractual contingencies and tax assessments by the *Instituto Nacional do Seguro Social*, or INSS.

The amount accrued related to claims against Petrobras, the parent company, as of December 31, 2009, corresponded to approximately 28.9% of the total amount accrued by us related to claims against us and the amounts paid by us in respect of legal claims against Petrobras in the last five years averaged U.S.\$364 million per year. As of December 31, 2009, we estimate that the total amount of claims against us, excluding disputes involving non-monetary claims or claims not easily evaluated in the current stage of the proceedings, was approximately U.S.\$28.4 billion.

The most significant claims against us are summarized below:

*Civil Claims*

On November 23, 1992, Porto Seguro Imóveis Ltda., a minority shareholder of Petroquisa, filed a lawsuit on behalf of Petroquisa (a shareholder derivative suit) against us for alleged losses suffered as a result of the

In 2006, we purchased all of the minority interests of Petroquisa, and we now own 100.0% of its share capital. We appealed and prevailed in canceling the judgment, but a subsequent appellate decision on March 30, 2004, required Petrobras to indemnify Petroquisa and Porto Seguro for U.S.\$2,359 million and U.S.\$590 million, respectively (the latter representing 5% in premium and 20% in attorney's fees).

If this award is not reversed, the indemnity estimated to Petroquisa, including monetary corrections and interest, would be U.S.\$9,204 million. However, because Petrobras owns 100% of Petroquisa's share capital, a portion of the indemnity estimated at U.S.\$6,075 million, will not require a disbursement by us. We will also be required to pay U.S.\$460 million to Porto Seguro and U.S.\$1,841 million in attorney's fees if the award is not reversed. For more information on this claim, see Note 19(a) to our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

sale of Petroquisa's stake in various petrochemical companies included in the National Privatization Program (*Programa Nacional de Desestatização*). The plaintiff in the lawsuit requests that we, as controlling shareholder of Petroquisa, be compelled to reinstate the damages made to Petroquisa's equity, since we approved the minimum sales price for the privatized companies. An initial decision on January 14, 1997, held us liable to Petroquisa for damages in an amount equivalent to U.S.\$3,406 million. In addition, we were required to pay the plaintiff 5% of such amount as a premium, as well as attorney's fees of 20% of such amount.

In 1981, Kallium Mineração S.A. brought an action against Companhia de Pesquisa de Recursos Minerais - CPRM seeking an indemnification of approximately U.S.\$450 million for the early termination of a contract for the exploration of a very large potassium salt mine in Sergipe. CPRM terminated the contract when the Brazilian government, which had previously granted CPRM the right to develop an exploration project for the mine, cancelled the concession to CPRM and transferred it to Petromisa, our former subsidiary. As a result, CPRM brought us and the Brazilian government into the proceedings as co-defendants. In 1999, despite denying most of Kallium's claims, the court required us to indemnify Kallium for their research and exploration costs, which correspond to approximately U.S.\$1 million. We and Kallium have appealed the decision and are awaiting a judgment. The total damages amount that may be payable will be subject to monetary adjustment and to interest at 6% calculated as of the date of the filing of the lawsuit.



Several individuals have filed a collective lawsuit (an *ação popular*) against us, Repsol-YPF and the Brazilian government seeking to unwind the 2001 exchange of certain of our operating assets in Brazil for some of YPF's operating assets in Argentina. The plaintiffs maintain that the assets exchanged were not properly valued and that, therefore, the transaction was not in our best interests. In 2002, the court granted an injunction to the plaintiffs, which was then suspended by the Superior Court of Justice of Brazil. The lawsuit was subsequently judged on the merits in our favor and the other parties appealed. We are awaiting a final decision on the merits.

On January 18, 2000, a pipeline connecting one of our terminals to a refinery in Guanabara Bay ruptured, causing a release of approximately 341,000 gallons of crude oil into the bay. We undertook action to control the spill in an effort to prevent the oil from threatening additional areas. As a result of this spill, several individual damage lawsuits were filed by fishermen of the State of Rio de Janeiro, in an aggregate amount of approximately R\$52 million. In addition, the Federation of Fishermen of the State of Rio de Janeiro filed a lawsuit against us claiming damages of approximately R\$537 million. In 2002, the judge hearing this matter found that damages were due, but not in the amount claimed. Both parties appealed this decision, and later in 2002, the Court of Appeals of the State of Rio de Janeiro denied the appeal filed by the plaintiff and dismissed numerous claims, including those of all fishermen who had already settled their claims against us, those who had already filed individual lawsuits against us, and certain others. Further appeals (*agravos de instrumento*) by both sides presented in 2003, to the *Superior Tribunal de Justiça* (STJ) and the STF, respectively, were denied. On February 2, 2007, the judge who initially heard the case published a decision overturning the appellate court's decision and partially accepting the court expert report that defined the period over which Guanabara Bay's fish would be affected by the spill. Given that the amount of damages for each fisherman affected is the same, this decision resulted in an aggregate amount of damages equal to R\$1,102 million through December 2005 (without interest and monetary indexation after that date). We appealed this decision and our appeal was denied in July 2007. An appeal filed by the Federation of Fishermen of the State of Rio de Janeiro was granted and, as a result, the

We have appealed both of these decisions to the STJ. In November 2009, the STJ granted our appeal to annul the decision from the judge who initially heard the case. We are waiting for a new decision to determine whether or not the case will continue at the STJ or will be returned to the *Tribunal de Justiça do Rio de Janeiro* for another judgment. For more information on this claim, see Note 19(a) to our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2009.

### *Tax Claims*

On July 18, 2007, we were notified of a new ANP board resolution requiring payment of additional government participation charges retroactively to 1998. This resolution, which annulled an earlier board resolution, determined that we should make an additional payment in the amount of approximately R\$400 million (U.S.\$230 million) for special government participation charges from the Marlim field.

In 2007, we filed suit to challenge the new method used by the ANP to calculate the special participation tax. The lower court decided in favor of the ANP, and this decision was upheld by a regional federal court on September 30, 2009. Petrobras subsequently appealed this decision to higher courts in Brasilia.

On October 23, 2009, we, the ANP and the State of Rio de Janeiro reached an agreement to resolve the dispute out of court. The amount owed to the ANP for retroactive special participation from the Marlim field was fixed at R\$2,065 million (U.S.\$1,034 million) as of September 30, 2009, payable in eight consecutive monthly installments and adjusted by the benchmark SELIC rate. We have made three payments of the installments in 2009, and the remaining balance as of December 31, 2009 was R\$1,322 million (U.S.\$759 million). This settlement definitively resolves any and all legal and administrative actions relating to this matter.

number of fishermen entitled to damages increased  
from 12,000 to 20,000.

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We have been served with assessments by the Brazilian Revenue Service relating to a withholding tax (IRRF) that they claim should have been paid by us. The assessments relate to payments we made to purchase oil we imported and to charter payments we made with respect to movable platform vessels. On May 8, 2008, we filed suit concerning one of the tax assessments related to charter payments, and the court granted preliminary injunctive relief (*tutela antecipada*) suspending the withholding tax until a final judgment is reached. On December 31, 2009, the total amount of these tax assessments corresponded to approximately R\$5,256 million (approximately U.S.\$3,019 million). We have contested all of these assessments, and they are pending appeal at the administrative level. If necessary, we will bring suit at the federal judicial level.

We sold imported naphtha for the production of petrochemical raw materials, as opposed to the production of gasoline or diesel. In 2006, the Brazilian Revenue Service filed a tax assessment (*auto de infração*) against us for the payment of CIDE, an excise tax applied to the sale and import of crude oil, oil products and natural gas products, on the grounds that we did not prove that the naphtha was not used to produce gasoline or diesel. As we have provided evidence that the naphtha was used solely in petrochemical activities, we believe these imports are not taxable. The assessment is being reviewed, and we will continue to appeal at the federal administrative level and later at the federal judicial level, if necessary. As of December 31, 2009, Petrobras' maximum exposure in this matter, including monetary restatement, was R\$1,915 million (U.S.\$1,100 million).

Petrobras was obligated to sell its products to fuel distributors free of CIDE (an excise tax) due to judicial decisions obtained by the distributors against the federal government of Brazil. The judicial decisions have been revoked, and in 2007, the Brazilian federal government commenced an administrative proceeding against us to recover unpaid CIDE. We filed an appeal at the administrative level in light of the first unfavorable administrative decision. As of December 31, 2009, Petrobras' maximum exposure in this matter, including monetary restatement, was R\$1,149 million (U.S.\$660 million).

### *Environmental Claims*

In the period between 2005 to 2009, we experienced several accidents which led to the following volumes of oil spilled each year: 67,102 gallons in 2009, 115,179 gallons in 2008, 101,970 gallons in 2007, 77,402 gallons in 2006 and 71,141 gallons in 2005. In addition, in the years 2000 through 2002, we experienced accidents that resulted in several administrative, civil and criminal investigations and proceedings, some of which have not yet been concluded, and the most significant of which are specified below. We cannot predict whether additional litigation will result from those accidents or whether any such additional proceedings would have a material adverse effect on us. See Note 19 to our audited consolidated financial statements.

#### **January 2000 spill Guanabara Bay**

On January 18, 2000, a pipeline connecting one of our terminals to a refinery in Guanabara Bay ruptured, causing a release of approximately 341,000 gallons of fuel oil into the bay. We undertook action to control the spill in an effort to prevent the oil from threatening additional areas. We have spent approximately R\$104 million in connection with the clean-up efforts and fines imposed by the federal environmental protection agency (IBAMA) in connection with this spill, and are subject to several legal proceedings that remain pending as a result of this spill.

#### **July 2000 spill Curitiba**

On July 16, 2000, the Santa-Catarina/Paraná pipeline ruptured at our President Getúlio Vargas refinery, located approximately 15 miles (24 kilometers) from Curitiba, capital of the State of Paraná. Approximately 1.06 million gallons of crude oil spilled into the surrounding area. We spent approximately R\$74 million at the time on the clean-up effort and fines imposed by the State of Paraná authorities. In addition, in relation to this spill:



- IBAMA fined us R\$168 million, which we are contesting;
- three public civil actions (*ações civis públicas*) have been filed against us, the most important of which was filed on January 1, 2001, by the Federal Public Ministry and the Paraná State Public Ministry seeking damages of approximately R\$2,300 million. Currently, this suit is awaiting the results of an expert examination (*prova pericial*); and
- the Federal Public Ministry instituted a criminal action against us, our former chief executive officer and the former superintendent of the REPAR refinery. This action has been dismissed with respect to our former chief executive officer and suspended, pending a decision on a petition for reconsideration filed by the Federal Public Ministry, with respect to us and the former superintendent of the REPAR refinery.

### February 2001 spill Rivers in the State of Paraná

On February 16, 2001, our Araucária-Paranaguá pipeline ruptured as a result of an unusual movement of the soil and spilled approximately 15,059 gallons of fuel oil into several rivers located in the State of Paraná. Within four days, we cleaned the river surfaces, recovering approximately 13,738 gallons of fuel oil. As a result of the accident:

- the *Instituto Ambiental do Paraná*, or IAP, fined us approximately R\$150 million, which was subsequently reduced to R\$90 million, which we are contesting; and
- the Federal Public Ministry and the Paraná State Public Ministry filed public civil actions against us seeking approximately R\$3.7 billion in damages. In addition, the IAP filed a class action against us seeking damages of approximately R\$150 million. These public actions have been consolidated following the denial of our preliminary motions and will begin at the trial court with the discovery phase.

### March 2001 gas explosion and spill Roncador field

On March 15, 2001, a gas explosion inside one of the columns of the *P-36* production platform, located in the Roncador field (75 miles off the Brazilian coast) led to the death of 11 employees and eventual sinking of the platform. The accident also caused 396,300 gallons of diesel fuel and oil to spill into the ocean. As a result of the accident:

- the Federal Public Ministry filed a lawsuit in 2002 seeking the payment of R\$100 million as environmental damages, among other demands. We have presented our defense to these claims and are awaiting a decision; and
- IBAMA fined us approximately R\$7 million. We challenged these fines through administrative proceedings. One of these proceedings has ended and the fine (in the amount of R\$2 million) has been upheld by IBAMA. We filed suit (*ação anulatória*) to annul the administrative decision upholding the R\$2 million fine. The other administrative proceeding has not yet been decided.

### October 2002 FPSO accident

On October 13, 2002, a power blackout in FPSO *P-34*, which is located in the Barracuda-Caratinga fields, affected the ship's water balance system and causing the FPSO to roll. Four days later, the stability of the ship had been restored, without casualties or spill of oil into the sea. As a result of the investigation of this accident, several measures to prevent similar accidents were incorporated into our *Programa de Excelência Operacional*, or PEO (Operational Excellence Program). In connection with the accident, we also executed a *Termo de Ajustamento de Conduta* (Agreement for Regularization of Conduct), or TAC, with IBAMA, agreeing to conduct certain actions in the Campos Basin to reduce the risk of environmental damage.



The Federal Public Ministry challenged the validity of the TAC in 2003 and attempted to prevent us from obtaining new licenses from IBAMA for our platforms located in the Campos Basin. We obtained a favorable court decision, which was appealed by the Federal Public Ministry. The Court decided the appeal partially in favor of the Federal Public Ministry. We challenged this decision and are awaiting judgment.

### Campos Basin Drilling Operations

On February 3, 2006, IBAMA imposed a fine on us for our alleged breach of the August 11, 2004 *Termo de Ajustamento de Conduta* (TAC) with IBAMA relating to drilling operations in the Campos Basin, in an adjusted amount of R\$122.9 million. We are contesting the fine through an administrative proceeding. We believe the drilling performed by us along the Brazilian coast, including the drilling performed in the Campos Basin, is legitimate based on IBAMA's previous drilling license, Federal Government Decree of December 9, 2002, and the August 11, 2004 TAC, which is still valid.

### Dividend Distribution

#### *Petrobras*

The tables below describe our cash dividends for the last five fiscal years, including amounts paid in the form of interest on shareholders' equity.

	<b>For the Year Ended December 31,</b>				
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
	<b>(U.S.\$ million)</b>				
Dividends paid to shareholders	7,627	4,343	3,860	3,144	2,104
Dividends paid to minority interests	85	404	143	69	6
	<b>7,712</b>	<b>4,747</b>	<b>4,003</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>2,110</b>

For Brazilian Corporate Law's minimum dividend distribution requirements, see Item 10. Additional Information Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation of Petrobras Payment of Dividends and Interest on Shareholders' Equity and Item 10. Additional Information Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation

### Pollution

On January 15, 1986, the Public Ministry of the State of São Paulo and the *União dos Defensores da Terra* (Union for Defense of the Earth), filed a public civil action against us and 23 other companies in the State Court of São Paulo for alleged damages caused by pollution. The amount alleged in the initial pleading filed with the Court is equivalent to R\$4,217, but it is difficult to estimate the actual damages that could be assessed by the Court. The Public Ministry of the State of São Paulo has publicly stated that the amount of U.S.\$800 million would ultimately be required to remedy the alleged environmental damage. The Court is determining whether or not to assert joint and several liability of the defendants. A decision is still pending the conclusion of the discovery phase.

### PifCo

There is no litigation or governmental proceeding pending or, to PifCo's knowledge, threatened against PifCo or any of its subsidiaries that, if adversely determined, would have a significant effect on its financial position or profitability.

### *PifCo*

For a description of PifCo's dividend distribution policy, see Item 10. Additional Information Memorandum and Articles of Association of PifCo Dividends.

of Petrobras Mandatory Distribution. We may change our dividend policy at any time within the limits set forth by Brazilian law.



**Item 9. The Offer and Listing****Petrobras***Trading Markets*

Common Shares	São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa) São Paulo (ticker symbol PETR3); Mercado de Valores Latinoamericanos en Euros (Latibex) Madrid, Spain (ticker symbol XPBR)
Preferred Shares	São Paulo Stock Exchange (Bovespa) São Paulo (ticker symbol PETR4); Mercado de Valores Latinoamericanos en Euros (Latibex) Madrid, Spain (ticker symbol XPBRA)
Common ADSs	New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) New York (ticker symbol PBR)
Preferred ADSs	New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) New York (ticker symbol PBRA)
Common Shares	<i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i> (BCBA) Buenos Aires, Argentina (ticker symbol APBR)
Preferred Shares	<i>Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires</i> (BCBA) Buenos Aires, Argentina (ticker symbol APBRA)

Our common and preferred shares have been traded on the São Paulo Stock Exchange since 1968. Our ADSs representing two common shares and our ADSs representing two preferred shares have been traded on the New York Stock Exchange since 2000 and 2001, respectively. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. serves as depositary for both the common and preferred ADSs.

Our common and preferred shares have been traded on the LATIBEX since 2002. The

LATIBEX is an electronic market created in 1999 by the Madrid Stock Exchange in order to enable trading of Latin American equity securities in euro denominations.

Our common and preferred shares have been traded on the *Bolsa de Comercio de Buenos Aires* (Buenos Aires Stock Exchange) since April 27, 2006.

*Share Price History*

The following table sets forth trading information for our common shares and preferred shares, as reported by the São Paulo Stock Exchange, and for our common and preferred American Depositary Shares, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange, for the periods indicated.

	<i>Reais Per Common Share</i>		<i>Reais Per Preferred Share</i>		<i>U.S. Dollars Per Common American Depositary Share</i>		<i>U.S. Dollars Per Preferred American Depositary Share</i>	
	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>2005:</b>	<b>20.90</b>	<b>12.70</b>	<b>18.61</b>	<b>11.37</b>	<b>18.35</b>	<b>9.35</b>	<b>16.55</b>	<b>8.36</b>
<b>2006:</b>	<b>27.70</b>	<b>20.33</b>	<b>24.90</b>	<b>18.25</b>	<b>26.73</b>	<b>17.55</b>	<b>23.39</b>	<b>15.78</b>
<b>2007:</b>	<b>52.50</b>	<b>22.43</b>	<b>44.20</b>	<b>20.09</b>	<b>58.81</b>	<b>21.13</b>	<b>49.83</b>	<b>18.88</b>
<b>2008:</b>	<b>62.30</b>	<b>20.21</b>	<b>52.51</b>	<b>16.89</b>	<b>75.19</b>	<b>14.94</b>	<b>63.51</b>	<b>12.56</b>

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<b>2009:</b>	<b>45.10</b>	<b>27.45</b>	<b>39.79</b>	<b>23.06</b>	<b>53.01</b>	<b>23.01</b>	<b>46.91</b>	<b>19.48</b>
First quarter	38.97	27.45	30.86	23.06	34.99	23.01	27.72	19.48
Second quarter	44.40	35.71	35.24	28.61	45.64	32.16	36.35	25.49
Third quarter	41.33	35.64	35.00	29.11	46.16	35.44	39.31	29.10
Fourth quarter	45.10	39.82	39.79	34.05	53.01	44.43	46.91	38.02
November 2009	44.85	41.05	39.45	35.55	53.01	46.71	46.67	40.52
December 2009	45.10	40.20	39.79	35.20	52.86	46.10	46.91	40.75
<b>2010:</b>								
First quarter	41.81	35.80	37.50	31.52	48.91	38.20	43.83	33.76
January 2010	41.81	37.84	37.50	33.90	48.91	40.57	43.83	36.08
February 2010	38.88	35.80	34.69	31.52	42.65	38.20	38.40	33.76
March 2010	41.55	39.05	37.21	34.50	47.10	43.11	42.18	38.04
April 2010	40.59	36.33	36.08	32.10	46.35	41.24	41.23	36.54

*The São Paulo Stock Exchange*

The São Paulo Stock Exchange is less liquid than the New York Stock Exchange. At December 31, 2009, the aggregate market capitalization of the 385 companies listed on the São Paulo Stock Exchange was approximately U.S.\$1,340.9 billion and the ten largest companies represented approximately 44.8% of the total market capitalization of all listed companies. All the outstanding shares of an exchange-listed company may trade on the São Paulo Stock Exchange, but in most cases, less than half of the listed shares are actually available for trading by the public. The remainder is held by small groups of controlling persons, by governmental entities or by one principal shareholder.

Trading on the São Paulo Stock Exchange by a holder not deemed to be a resident of Brazil for Brazilian tax and regulatory purposes (a non-Brazilian holder) is subject to certain limitations under Brazilian foreign investment legislation. With limited exceptions, non-Brazilian holders may only trade on the São Paulo Stock Exchange in accordance with the requirements of Resolution No. 2,689 of the National Monetary Council. Resolution No. 2,689 requires that securities held by non-Brazilian holders be maintained in the custody of, or in deposit accounts with, financial institutions duly authorized by the Central Bank of Brazil and the CVM. In addition, Resolution No. 2,689 requires non-Brazilian holders to restrict their securities trading to transactions on Brazilian stock exchanges or qualified over-the-counter markets. With limited exceptions, non-Brazilian holders may not transfer the ownership of investments made under Resolution No. 2,689 to other non-Brazilian holders through a private transaction.

**PifCo**

PifCo's common stock is not registered and there is no trading market for it. PifCo's Senior Notes due 2011 are listed in the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. PifCo's Global Notes due 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2040 are registered on the New York Stock Exchange. PifCo's other debt securities have not been listed on any securities exchange.

**Item 10. Additional Information**

Article 3 of our bylaws establishes our corporate purposes as research, prospecting, extraction, processing, trade and transportation of crude oil from wells, shale and other rocks, of its derivatives, natural gas and other fluid hydrocarbons, as well as other related or similar activities, such as activities connected with energy, including research, development, production, transportation, distribution, sale and trade of all forms of energy, as well as other related or similar activities. We may conduct outside Brazil, directly or through our subsidiaries, any of the activities within our corporate purpose.

*Qualification of Directors*

Brazilian law provides that only shareholders of a company may be appointed to its board of directors, but there is no minimum share ownership or residency requirement for qualification as a director. Members of our board of executive officers must be Brazilian nationals and reside in Brazil. Our directors and executive officers are prevented from voting on any transaction involving companies in which they hold more than 10% of the total capital stock or of which they have held a management position in the period immediately prior to their taking office. Under our bylaws, shareholders set the aggregate compensation payable to directors and executive officers. The board of directors allocates the compensation among its members and the executive officers.

*Allocation of Net Income*

At each annual general shareholders' meeting, our board of directors is required to recommend how net profits for the preceding fiscal year are to be allocated. The Brazilian Corporate Law defines net profits as net income after income taxes and social contribution taxes for such fiscal year, net of any accumulated losses from prior fiscal years and any amounts allocated to employees' and management's participation in our profits. In accordance with the Brazilian Corporate Law, the amounts available for dividend distribution or payment of interest on shareholders' equity equals net profits less any amounts allocated from such net profits to the legal reserve.

**Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation of  
Petrobras**

*General*

We are a publicly traded company duly registered with the CVM under identification number 951-2.

We are required to maintain a legal reserve, to which we must allocate 5% of net profits for each fiscal year until the amount for such reserve equals 20% of our paid-in capital. However, we are not required to make any allocations to our legal reserve in a fiscal year in which the legal reserve, when added to our other established capital reserves, exceeds 30% of our capital. The legal reserve can only be used to offset losses or to increase our capital.

As long as we are able to make the minimum mandatory distribution described below, we must allocate an amount equivalent to 0.5% of subscribed and fully paid-in capital at year-end to a statutory reserve. The reserve is used to fund the costs of research and technological development programs. The accumulated balance of this reserve cannot exceed 5% of the subscribed and fully paid-in capital stock.

Brazilian law also provides for three discretionary allocations of net profits that are subject to approval by the shareholders at the annual general shareholders meeting, as follows:

- first, a percentage of net profits may be allocated to a contingency reserve for anticipated losses that are deemed probable in future years. Any amount so allocated in a prior year must be either reversed in the fiscal year in which the reasons justifying the reserve cease to exist, or written off in the event that the anticipated loss occurs;
- second, if the mandatory distributable amount exceeds the sum of realized net profits in a given year, this excess may be allocated to an unrealized revenue reserve. The Brazilian Corporate Law defines realized net profits as the amount of net profits that exceeds the sum of the net positive result of equity adjustments and profits or revenues from operations whose financial results take place after the end of the next succeeding fiscal year; and

- third, a portion of our net profits that exceeds the minimum mandatory distribution may be allocated to fund working capital needs and investment projects, as long as such allocation is based on a capital budget previously approved by our shareholders. Capital budgets for more than one year must be reviewed at each annual shareholders meeting.

### *Mandatory Distribution*

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, the bylaws of a Brazilian corporation with a class of non-voting shares, such as ours, may specify a minimum percentage of the amounts available for distribution by such corporation for each fiscal year that must be distributed to shareholders as dividends or interest on shareholders equity, also known as the mandatory distributable amount, which cannot be lower than 25% of the adjusted net profit for the fiscal year. Under our bylaws, the mandatory distributable amount has been fixed at an amount equal to not less than 25% of our net profits, after the allocations to the legal reserve, contingency reserve and unrealized revenue reserve. Furthermore, the net profits that are not allocated to the reserves above to fund working capital needs and investment projects as described above or to the statutory reserve must be distributed to our shareholders as dividends or interest on shareholders equity.

The Brazilian Corporate Law, however, permits a publicly held company, such as ours, to suspend the mandatory distribution if the board of directors and the Fiscal Council report to the annual general shareholders meeting that the distribution would be inadvisable in view of the company's financial condition. The suspension is subject to approval of holders of common shares. In this case, the board of directors must file a justification for such suspension with the CVM. Profits not distributed by virtue of the suspension mentioned above shall be allocated to a special reserve and, if not absorbed by subsequent losses, shall be distributed as soon as the financial condition of the company permits such payments.

*Payment of Dividends and Interest on Shareholders Equity*

We are required by the Brazilian Corporate Law and by our bylaws to hold an annual general shareholders meeting by the fourth month after the end of each fiscal year at which, among other things, the shareholders have to decide on the payment of an annual dividend. The payment of annual dividends is based on the financial statements prepared for the relevant fiscal year.

Law No. 9,249 of December 26, 1995, as amended, provides for distribution of interest attributed to shareholders' equity to shareholders as an alternative form of distribution. Such interest is limited to the daily *pro rata* variation of the TJLP interest rate, the Brazilian government's long-term interest rate.

We may treat these payments as a deductible expense for corporate income tax and social contribution purposes, but the deduction cannot exceed the greater of:

- 50% of net income (before taking into account such distribution and any deductions for income taxes and after taking into account any deductions for social contributions on net profits) for the period in respect of which the payment is made; or
- 50% of retained earnings.

Any payment of interest on shareholders' equity to holders of ADSs or common shares, whether or not they are Brazilian residents, is subject to Brazilian withholding tax at the rate of 15% or 25%. The 25% rate applies if the beneficiary is resident in a tax haven. See *Taxation Relating to Our ADSs and Common and Preferred Shares - Brazilian Tax Considerations*. The amount paid to shareholders as interest attributed to shareholders' equity, net of any withholding tax, may be included as part of any mandatory distribution of dividends. Under the Brazilian Corporate Law, we are required to distribute to shareholders an amount sufficient to ensure that the net amount received, after payment by us of applicable Brazilian withholding taxes in respect of the distribution of interest on shareholders' equity, is at least equal to the mandatory

Under the Brazilian Corporate Law and our bylaws, dividends generally are required to be paid within 60 days following the date the dividend was declared, unless a shareholders' resolution sets forth another date of payment, which, in either case, must occur prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the dividend was declared. The amounts of dividends due to our shareholders are subject to financial charges at the SELIC rate from the end of each fiscal year through the date we actually pay such dividends. Shareholders have a three-year period from the dividend payment date to claim dividends or interest payments with respect to their shares, after which the amount of the unclaimed dividends reverts to us.

Pursuant to our bylaws, holders of preferred shares are entitled to minimum annual dividends equal to (i) 5% of their pro rata share of our paid-in capital, or (ii) 3% of the book value of their preferred shares, whichever is higher. Holders of preferred shares participate equally with common shareholders in corporate capital increases obtained from the incorporation of reserves and profits. To the extent that we declare dividends in any particular year in an amount that exceeds the minimum preferential dividends on preferred shares, holders of common shares and preferred shares will receive the same additional dividend amount per share. Based on our equity capital at year-end 2009, the minimum preferential dividend that would have been payable to our preferred shareholders is approximately R\$0.48 per preferred share (R\$0.96 per preferred ADS), compared to the R\$0.95 per preferred share (U.S.\$1.09 per preferred ADS) actually paid on our 2009 earnings. Since 2000, our distributable income has always exceeded the minimum preferred dividend, so we have always distributed equal amounts to both our common and preferred shareholders during this period.

Our board of directors may distribute dividends or pay interest based on the profits reported in interim financial statements. The amount of interim dividends distributed cannot exceed the amount of our capital reserves.

*Shareholders Meetings*

Our shareholders have the power to decide on any matters related to our corporate purposes and to pass

dividend.

any resolutions they deem necessary for our protection and development, through voting at a general shareholders meeting.

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We convene our shareholders' meetings by publishing a notice in the *Diário Oficial da União* and *Jornal do Commercio*. The notice must be published no fewer than three times, beginning at least 15 calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting date. The notice must contain the meeting's agenda and, in the case of a proposed amendment to the bylaws, an indication of the subject matter. For ADS holders, we are required to provide notice to the ADS depository at least 30 calendar days prior to a shareholders' meeting.

The board of directors or, in some specific situations set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law, the shareholders, call our general shareholders' meetings. A shareholder may be represented at a general shareholders' meeting by an attorney-in-fact, so long as the attorney-in-fact was appointed within a year of the meeting. The attorney-in-fact must be a shareholder, a member of our management, a lawyer or a financial institution. The attorney-in-fact's power of attorney must comply with certain formalities set forth by Brazilian law.

In order for a valid action to be taken at a shareholders' meeting, shareholders representing at least one quarter of our issued and outstanding common shares must be present at the meeting. However, in the case of a general meeting to amend our bylaws, shareholders representing at least two-thirds of our issued and outstanding common shares must be present. If no such quorum is present, the board may call a second meeting giving at least eight calendar days notice prior to the scheduled meeting in accordance with the rules of publication described above. The quorum requirements will not apply to the second meeting, subject to the voting requirements for certain matters described below.

### *Voting Rights*

Pursuant to the Brazilian Corporate Law and our bylaws, each of our common shares carries the right to vote at a general meeting of shareholders. The Brazilian government is required by law to own at least a majority of our voting stock. Pursuant to our bylaws, our preferred shares generally do not confer voting rights.

Holders of common shares, voting at a general shareholders' meeting, have the exclusive power to:

- approve any capital increase beyond the amount of the authorized capital;
- approve any capital reduction;
- elect or dismiss members of our board of directors and Fiscal Council, subject to the right of our preferred shareholders to elect or dismiss one member of our board of directors and to elect one member of our Fiscal Council;
- receive the yearly financial statements prepared by our management and accept or reject management's financial statements, including the allocation of net profits for payment of the mandatory dividend and allocation to the various reserve accounts;
- authorize the issuance of debentures, except for the issuance of non-convertible unsecured debentures, which may be approved by our board of directors;
- suspend the rights of a shareholder who has not fulfilled the obligations imposed by law or by our bylaws;
- accept or reject the valuation of assets contributed by a shareholder in consideration for issuance of capital stock;
- pass resolutions to approve corporate restructurings, such as mergers, spin-offs and transformation into another type of company;
- participate in a centralized group of companies;
- approve the disposal of the control of our subsidiaries;
- approve the disposal of convertible debentures issued by our subsidiaries and held by us;
- establish the compensation of our senior management;



- amend our bylaws;

- approve the cancellation of our registration as a publicly-traded company;
  - decide on our dissolution or liquidation;
  - waive the right to subscribe to shares or convertible debentures issued by our subsidiaries or affiliates; and
  - choose a specialized company to work out the appraisal of our shares by economic value, in cases of the canceling of our registry as a publicly-traded company or deviation from the standard rules of corporate governance defined by a stock exchange or an entity in charge of maintaining an organized over-the-counter market registered with the CVM, in order to comply with such corporate governance rules and with contracts that may be executed by us and such entities.
- change of our corporate purpose, which must be preceded by an amendment in our bylaws by federal law as we are controlled by the government and our corporate purpose is established by law;
  - cessation of the state of liquidation;
  - spin-off of a portion of our company, subject to the conditions set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law;
  - transfer of all our shares to another company or receipt of shares of another company in order to make the company whose shares are transferred a wholly owned subsidiary of such company, known as *incorporação de ações*; and
  - approval of our liquidation.

Except as otherwise provided by law, resolutions of a general shareholders meeting are passed by the majority of the outstanding common shares. Abstentions are not taken into account.

The approval of holders of at least one-half of the issued and outstanding common shares is required for the following actions involving our company:

- reduction of the mandatory dividend distribution;
- merger into another company or consolidation with another company, subject to the conditions set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law;
- participation in a group of companies subject to the conditions set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law;

Under Brazilian Corporate law, if shareholder has a conflict of interest with the company in connection with any proposed transaction, the shareholder may not vote in any decision regarding such transaction. For example, an interested shareholder may not vote to approve the valuation of assets contributed by that shareholder in exchange for capital stock or, when the shareholder is a member of senior management, to approve the management's report on the company's financial statements. Any transaction approved with the vote of a shareholder with a conflict of interest may be annulled and such shareholder may be liable for any damages caused and be required to return to the company any gain it may have obtained as a result of the transaction.

According to the Brazilian Corporate Law, the following actions shall be submitted for approval by the outstanding adversely affected preferred shares before they are submitted for approval of at least half of the issued and outstanding common shares:

- creation of preferred shares or increase in the existing classes of preferred shares, without preserving the proportions to any other class of preferred shares, except as set forth in or authorized by the company's bylaws;
- change in the preferences, privileges or redemption or amortization conditions of any class of preferred shares; and
- creation of a new class of preferred shares entitled to more favorable conditions than the existing classes.

Decisions on our transformation into another type of company require the unanimous approval of our shareholders, including the preferred shareholders, and an amendment of our bylaws by the federal law.

Our preferred shares will acquire voting rights if we fail to pay the minimum dividend to which such shares are entitled for three consecutive fiscal years. The voting right shall continue until payment has been made. Preferred shareholders also obtain the right to vote if we enter into a liquidation process.

Under Brazilian Corporate Law, shareholders representing at least 10% of the company's voting capital have the right to demand that a cumulative voting procedure be adopted to entitle each common share to as many votes as there are board members and to give each common share the right to vote cumulatively for only one candidate or to distribute its votes among several candidates. Furthermore, minority common shareholders holding at least 10% of our voting capital also have the right to appoint or dismiss one member to or from our Fiscal Council.

Preferred shareholders holding, individually or as a group, 10% of our total capital have the right to appoint and/or dismiss one member to or from our board of directors. Preferred shareholders have the right to separately appoint one member to our Fiscal Council.

Our bylaws provide that, independently from the exercise of the rights above granted to minority shareholders, through cumulative voting process, the Brazilian government always has the right to appoint

### *Preemptive Rights*

Pursuant to the Brazilian Corporate Law, each of our shareholders has a general preemptive right to subscribe for shares or securities convertible into shares in any capital increase, in proportion to the number of shares held by them. In the event of a capital increase that would maintain or increase the proportion of capital represented by the preferred shares, holders of preferred shares would have preemptive rights to subscribe to newly issued preferred shares only. In the event of a capital increase that would reduce the proportion of capital represented by the preferred shares, holders of preferred shares would have preemptive rights to subscribe to any new preferred shares in proportion to the number of shares held by them, and to common shares only to the extent necessary to prevent dilution of their interests in our total capital.

A period of at least 30 days following the publication of notice of the issuance of new shares or securities convertible into shares is allowed for exercise of the right, and the right is negotiable. According to our bylaws, our board of directors may eliminate preemptive rights or reduce the exercise period in connection with a public exchange made to acquire control of another company or in connection with a public offering of shares or securities convertible into shares.

In the event of a capital increase by means of the issuance of new shares, holders of ADSs, of common or preferred shares, would have, except under circumstances described above, preemptive rights to subscribe for any class of our newly issued shares. However, holders of ADSs may not be able to exercise the preemptive rights relating to the preferred shares underlying their ADSs unless a registration statement under the Securities Act is effective with respect to those rights or an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Equity and Debt Securities.

### *Redemption and Rights of Withdrawal*

Brazilian law provides that, under limited circumstances, a shareholder has the right to withdraw his or her equity interest from the company and to

the majority of our directors.

receive payment for the portion of shareholder's equity attributable to his or her equity interest.

This right of withdrawal may be exercised by the holders of the adversely affected common or preferred shares in the event that we decide:

- to create preferred shares or to increase the existing classes of preferred shares, without preserving the proportions to any other class of preferred shares, except as set forth in or authorized by our bylaws; or
- to change the preferences, privileges or redemption or amortization conditions of any class of preferred shares or to create a new class of preferred shares entitled to more favorable conditions than the existing classes.

Holders of our common shares may exercise their right of withdrawal in the event we decide:

- to merge into another company or to consolidate with another company, subject to the conditions set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law; or
- to participate in a centralized group of companies as defined under the Brazilian Corporate Law and subject to the conditions set forth therein.

The right of withdrawal may also be exercised by our dissenting shareholders in the event we decide:

- to reduce the mandatory distribution of dividends;
- to change our corporate purposes;
- to spin-off a portion of our company, subject to the conditions set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law;
- to transfer all of our shares to another company or to receive shares of another company in order to make the *incorporação de ações*

- to acquire control of another company at a price, which exceeds the limits set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law, subject to, the conditions set forth in the Brazilian Corporate Law.

This right of withdrawal may also be exercised in the event that the entity resulting from a merger, *incorporação de ações*, as described above, or consolidation or spin-off of a listed company fails to become a listed company within 120 days of the shareholders' meeting at which such decision was taken.

Any redemption of shares arising out of the exercise of such withdrawal rights would be made based on the book value per share, determined on the basis of the last balance sheet approved by our shareholders. However, if a shareholders' meeting giving rise to redemption rights occurred more than 60 days after the date of the last approved balance sheet, a shareholder would be entitled to demand that his or her shares be valued on the basis of a new balance sheet dated within 60 days of such shareholders' meeting. The right of withdrawal lapses 30 days after publication of the minutes of the shareholders' meeting that approved the corporate actions described above. We would be entitled to reconsider any action giving rise to withdrawal rights within ten days following the expiration of such rights if the withdrawal of shares of dissenting shareholders would jeopardize our financial stability.

#### *Other Shareholders' Rights*

According to the Brazilian Corporate Law, neither a company's bylaws nor actions taken at a general meeting of shareholders may deprive a shareholder of some specific rights, such as:

- the right to participate in the distribution of profits;
- the right to participate equally and ratably in any remaining residual assets in the event of liquidation of the company;

- the right to supervise the management of the corporate business as specified in the Brazilian Corporate Law;
- the right to preemptive rights in the event of a subscription of shares, debentures convertible into shares or subscription bonuses (other than with respect to a public offering of such securities, as may be set out in the bylaws); and
- the right to withdraw from the company in the cases specified in the Brazilian Corporate Law.

### *Liquidation*

In the event of a liquidation, holders of preferred shares are entitled to receive, prior to any distribution to holders of common shares, an amount equal to the paid-in capital with respect to the preferred shares.

### *Conversion Rights*

According to our bylaws, our common shares are not convertible into preferred shares, nor are preferred shares convertible into common shares.

### *Liability of Our Shareholders for Further Capital Calls*

Neither Brazilian law nor our bylaws provide for capital calls. Our shareholders' liability for capital calls is limited to the payment of the issue price of the shares subscribed or acquired.

### *Form and Transfer*

Our shares are registered in book-entry form and we have hired Banco do Brasil to perform all the services of safe-keeping and transfer of shares. To make the transfer, Banco do Brasil makes an entry in the register, debits the share account of the transferor and credits the share account of the transferee.

Our shareholders may choose, at their individual discretion, to hold their shares through the *Companhia Brasileira de Liquidação e Custódia* or CBLC. Shares are added to the CBLC system through Brazilian institutions, which have clearing accounts with the CBLC. Our shareholder registry indicates which shares are listed on the CBLC system. Each participating shareholder is in turn registered in a registry of beneficial shareholders maintained by the CBLC and is treated in the same manner as our registered shareholders.

### *Dispute Resolution*

Our bylaws provide for mandatory dispute resolution through arbitration, in accordance with the rules of the *Câmara de Arbitragem do Mercado* (Market Arbitration Chamber), with respect to any dispute regarding us, our shareholders, the officers, directors and Fiscal Council members and involving the provisions of the Brazilian Corporate Law, our bylaws, the rules of the National Monetary Council, the Central Bank of Brazil and the CVM or any other capital markets legislation, including the provisions of any agreement entered into by us with any stock exchange or over-the-counter entity registered with the CVM, relating to adoption of differentiated corporate governance practices.

However, decisions of the Brazilian government, as exercised through voting in any general shareholders meeting, are not subject to this arbitration proceeding, in accordance with Article 238 of the Brazilian Corporate Law.

### *Self-dealing Restrictions*

Our controlling shareholder, the Brazilian government, and the members of our board of directors, board of executive officers and Fiscal Council are required, in accordance with our bylaws, to:

- refrain from dealing with our securities either in the one-month period prior to any fiscal year-end, up to the date when our financials are published, or in the period between any corporate decision to raise or reduce our stock capital, to distribute dividends or stock, and to issue any security, up to the date when the

respective public releases are published; and

- communicate to us and to the stock exchange their periodical dealing plans with respect to our securities, if any, including any change or default in these plans. If the communication is an investment or divestment plan, the frequency and planned quantities must be included.

**Restrictions on Non-Brazilian Holders**

Non-Brazilian holders face no legal restrictions on the ownership of our common or preferred shares or of ADSs based on our common or preferred shares, and are entitled to all the rights and preferences of such common or preferred shares, as the case may be.

However, the ability to convert dividend payments and proceeds from the sale of common or preferred shares or preemptive rights into foreign currency and to remit such amounts outside Brazil is subject to restrictions under foreign investment legislation which generally requires, among other things, the registration of the relevant investment with the Central Bank of Brazil. Nonetheless, any non-Brazilian holder who registers with the CVM in accordance with Resolution No. 2,689 may buy and sell securities on the São Paulo Stock Exchange without obtaining a separate certificate of registration for each transaction.

In addition, Annex III to Resolution No. 1,289 of the National Monetary Council, as amended, known as Annex III Regulations, allows Brazilian companies to issue depositary receipts in foreign exchange markets. We currently have an ADR program for our common and preferred shares duly registered with the CVM and the Central Bank of Brazil. The proceeds from the sale of ADSs by holders outside Brazil are free of Brazilian foreign investment controls.

**Transfer of Control**

According to Brazilian law and our bylaws, the Brazilian government is required to own at least the majority of our voting shares. Therefore, any change in our control would require a change in the applicable legislation.

**Disclosure of Shareholder Ownership**

Brazilian regulations require that any person or group of persons representing the same interest that has directly or indirectly acquired or sold an interest corresponding to 5% of the total number of shares of any type or class must disclose its share ownership or divestment to the CVM and the São Paulo Stock Exchange. In addition, a statement containing the required information must be published in the

**Memorandum and Articles of Association of PifCo***Register*

PifCo is an exempted company incorporated with limited liability in the Cayman Islands under the Companies Law, as amended, with company registration number 76600. PifCo registered and filed its Memorandum and Articles of Association with the Registrar of Companies on September 24, 1997. The company adopted an Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association by sole shareholder special resolution on May 7, 2007, and adopted a further Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Association by sole shareholder special resolution on February 23, 2008. PifCo was initially incorporated with the name Brasoil Finance Company, which name was changed by special resolution of PifCo's shareholders to Petrobras International Finance Company on September 25, 1997. The last amendment to PifCo's Memorandum and Articles of Association occurred on February 23, 2008, to amend the stated objects and purposes of PifCo.

*Objects and Purposes*

PifCo's Memorandum and Articles of Association grants PifCo full power and authority to:

- conduct marketing, sales, financing, purchase, storage and transportation of petroleum, natural gas and all other hydrocarbons and by-products thereof, including ethanol and other biofuels, as well as the businesses of purchase, sale, leasing and rental of platforms, equipment and drilling units employed in the activities of exploration and production of petroleum and gas, and any business incidental thereto;
- to conduct and carry on in any and all parts of the world, any of the objects noted above, through or by means of creating or subscribing for or otherwise acquiring securities in companies, associations, partnerships or trust estates engaged in or carrying on or conducting any one or more of the businesses set out above and to exercise all voting and other rights arising in respect of such securities (including without limitation to effect the liquidation or



newspapers. Any subsequent increase or decrease by 5% or more in ownership of shares of any type or class must be similarly disclosed.

dissolution of such entities) and to dispose of such securities;

- to acquire, hold and dispose of securities for hedging, investment or speculative purposes and to exercise all voting and other rights arising in respect of such securities; and
- to borrow or raise money for any of the above referenced purposes of PifCo and, from time to time, to do or make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, warrants, bonds, debentures and to secure the payment of any thereof, and of the interest thereon, by the creation of security interests over of the property of PifCo, whether at the time owned or thereafter acquired and to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of such bonds or other obligations of PifCo for its corporate purposes.

As a matter of Cayman Islands law, PifCo cannot trade in the Cayman Islands except in furtherance of the business carried on outside the Cayman Islands.

### *Directors*

Directors may vote on a proposal, arrangement or contract in which they are interested. However, interested directors must declare the nature of their interest at a directors' meeting. If the interested directors declare their interest, their votes are counted and they are counted in the quorum of such meeting.

The directors may, in PifCo's name, exercise their powers to borrow money, issue debt securities and to mortgage or charge any of the undertaking or property of PifCo and are generally responsible for its day-to-day management and administration.

Directors are not required to own shares.

### *Rights and Obligations of Shareholders*

#### *Dividends*

Shareholders may declare dividends in a general meeting but the dividends cannot exceed the amount recommended by the directors.

The directors may pay the shareholders interim dividends and may, before recommending any dividend, set aside reserves out of profits. The directors can invest these reserves in their discretion or employ them in PifCo's business.

Dividends may be paid in cash or in kind but may only be paid out of profits or, subject to certain restrictions of Cayman Islands law, a share premium account.

#### *Voting Rights*

Votes may be cast at a general meeting by a show of hands or by a poll (if demanded by one or more members present in person or by proxy entitled to vote prior to or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands). On a vote by a show of hands, each shareholder or shareholder represented by proxy has one vote. On a vote by a poll, each shareholder or shareholder represented by proxy has one vote for each share owned.

Directors are elected by ordinary resolution by the shareholders at general meetings or by a board resolution of the directors. Shareholders are not entitled to vote at a general meeting unless calls or other amounts payable on their shares have been paid. In lieu of voting on a matter at a general meeting, the shareholders entitled to vote on that matter may adopt the matter by signing a written resolution.

#### *Redemption*

PifCo may issue shares, which are redeemable by PifCo or by its shareholders, on such terms and in such manner as the directors may determine before the issuance of such shares. PifCo may repurchase its own shares on such terms and in such manner as the directors may determine and agree with the relevant shareholder.

#### *Shareholder Rights Upon Liquidation*

If PifCo is liquidated, the liquidator may (in accordance with an ordinary shareholder resolution):



- set a fair value on PifCo's assets, divide all or part of PifCo's assets among the shareholders and determine how the assets will be divided among shareholders or classes of shareholders; and
- vest all or part of PifCo's assets in trustees.

Shareholders will not be compelled to accept any securities on which there is a liability.

### *Calls on Shares*

Directors may make calls on the shareholders to the extent any amounts remain unpaid on their shares (subject to giving such shareholder at least fourteen days notice specifying the time or times of payment). Each shareholder shall pay to the company the amounts called on such shares.

### *Change to Rights of Shareholders*

Shareholders may change the rights of their class of shares by:

- getting the written consent of two-thirds of the shareholders of that class; or
- passing a special resolution at a meeting of the shareholders of that class.

There are no general limitations on the rights to own shares specified by the articles.

### *General Meetings*

A general meeting may be convened:

- by the directors at any time; or
- by any two shareholders holding not less than 10% of the paid-up voting share capital of PifCo, by written request.

Notice of a general meeting is given to all shareholders.

All business carried out at a general meeting is considered special business except:

- sanctioning a dividend;
- consideration of the accounts, balance sheets, and ordinary report of the directors and auditors;
- appointment and removal of directors; and
- fixing of remuneration of the auditors.

Unanimous shareholder consent is required to carry out special business at a meeting unless notice of the special business is given in the notice of the meeting. A quorum of shareholders is required to be present at any meeting in order to carry out business. One or more shareholders holding at least a majority of the shares of PifCo that are present in person or represented by proxy is a quorum.

There is no requirement under Cayman Islands law to convene an annual meeting or to convene any general meeting of the shareholders. The directors are permitted to designate any general meeting of shareholders as an annual general meeting.

### *Liability of Shareholders*

In normal circumstances, the liability of any shareholder to PifCo is limited to the amount, which such shareholder has agreed to pay in respect of the subscription of his shares.

### *Changes in Capital*

PifCo may increase its authorized share capital by ordinary resolution. The new shares will be subject to all of the provisions to which the original shares are subject.

PifCo may also by ordinary resolution:

- consolidate and divide all or any of its share capital into shares of a larger amount than its existing shares;

- convert all or any part of its paid-up shares into stock and reconvert that stock into paid-up shares of any denomination;

- split existing shares into shares of a smaller amount, subject to the provisions of Section 13 of the Companies Law; and
- cancel any shares, which, at the date of the resolution, are not held or agreed to be held by any person and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

PifCo may reduce its share capital and any capital redemption reserve by special resolution in accordance with relevant provision of Cayman Islands law.

### *Indemnity*

PifCo's directors and officers are indemnified out of its assets and funds against all actions, proceedings, costs, charges, expenses, losses, damages or liabilities which they incur or sustain in or regarding the conduct of PifCo's business or affairs in the execution or discharge of their respective duties, powers, authorities or discretions. Under PifCo's Memorandum of Association, directors and officers are excused from all liability to PifCo, except for any losses, which arise as a result of such party's own dishonesty.

### *Accounts*

Accounts relating to PifCo's affairs are kept in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the directors and may be audited in such manner as may be determined from time to time by the directors. There is, however, no requirement as a matter of Cayman Islands law to have PifCo's accounts audited.

### *Amendment of the Articles*

PifCo may, by special resolution of the shareholders, amend its memorandum and articles of association.

### *Transfer out of Jurisdiction*

PifCo may, by special resolution of the shareholders, transfer out of the Cayman Islands into any jurisdiction permitting such transfer.

## **Material Contracts**

### *Petrobras*

For information concerning our material contracts, see Item 4. Information on the Company and Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects.

### *PifCo*

For information concerning PifCo's material contracts, see Item 4. Information on the Company and Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects. Statements contained in this annual report regarding the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete, and, where the contract or other document is an exhibit to the annual report, each of these statements is qualified in all aspects by the provisions of the actual contract or other documents.

## **Petrobras Exchange Controls**

There are no restrictions on ownership of the common or preferred shares by individuals or legal entities domiciled outside Brazil.

The right to convert dividend payments and proceeds from the sale of shares into foreign currency and to remit such amounts outside Brazil may be subject to restrictions under foreign investment legislation, which generally requires, among other things, that the relevant investments be registered with the Central Bank of Brazil. If any restrictions are imposed on the remittance of foreign capital abroad, they could hinder or prevent *Companhia Brasileira de liquidação e Custódia*, or CBLC, as custodian for the common and preferred shares represented by the American Depositary Shares, or registered holders who have exchanged American Depositary Shares for common shares or preferred shares, from converting dividends, distributions or the proceeds from any sale of such common shares or preferred shares, as the case may be, into U.S. dollars and remitting the U.S. dollars abroad.

Foreign investors may register their investment under Law No. 4,131 of September 3, 1962 or Resolution No. 2,689. Registration under Resolution No. 2,689 affords favorable tax treatment to foreign investors who are not resident in a tax haven, as defined by Brazilian tax

laws. See Taxation Relating to Our ADSs and Common  
and Preferred Shares Brazilian Tax Considerations.

Under Resolution No. 2,689, foreign investors may invest in almost all financial assets and engage in almost all transactions available in the Brazilian financial and capital markets, provided that certain requirements are fulfilled. In accordance with Resolution No. 2,689, the definition of foreign investor includes individuals, legal entities, mutual funds and other collective investment entities, domiciled or headquartered abroad.

Under Resolution No. 2,689, a foreign investor must:

- appoint at least one representative in Brazil, with powers to perform actions relating to its investment;
- appoint an authorized custodian in Brazil for its investments;
- register as a foreign investor with the CVM; and
- register its foreign investment with the Central Bank of Brazil.

Securities and other financial assets held by a Resolution No. 2,689 investor must be registered or maintained in deposit accounts or under the custody of an entity duly licensed by the Central Bank of Brazil or the CVM. In addition, any transfer of securities held under Resolution No. 2,689 must be carried out in the stock exchanges or through organized over-the-counter markets licensed by the CVM, except for transfers resulting from a corporate reorganization or occurring upon the death of an investor by operation of law or will.

Holders of American Depositary Shares who have not registered their investment with the Central Bank of Brazil could be adversely affected by delays in, or refusals to grant, any required government approval for conversions of payments made in *reais* and remittances abroad of these converted amounts.

Annex III Regulations provide for the issuance of depositary receipts in foreign markets with respect to shares of Brazilian issuers. The depositary of the ADSs has obtained from the Central Bank of Brazil an electronic certificate of registration with respect to our existing ADR program. Pursuant to the registration, the custodian and the depositary will be able to convert dividends and other distributions with respect to the relevant shares represented by ADSs into foreign currency and to remit the proceeds outside Brazil. Following the closing of an international offering, the electronic certificate of registration will be amended by the depositary with respect to the ADSs sold in the international offering and will be maintained by the Brazilian custodian for the relevant shares on behalf of the depositary.

In the event that a holder of ADSs exchanges such ADSs for the underlying shares, the holder will be entitled to continue to rely on such electronic registration for five business days after the exchange. Thereafter, unless the relevant shares are held pursuant to Resolution No. 2,689 by a duly registered investor, or a holder of the relevant shares applies for and obtains a new certificate of registration from the Central Bank of Brazil, the holder may not be able to convert into foreign currency and to remit outside Brazil the proceeds from the disposition of, or distributions with respect to, the relevant shares, and the holder, if not registered under Resolution No. 2,689, will be subject to less favorable Brazilian tax treatment than a holder of ADSs. In addition, if the foreign investor resides in a tax haven jurisdiction, the investor will be also subject to less favorable tax treatment. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Equity and Debt Securities and Taxation Relating to Our ADSs and Common and Preferred Shares Brazilian Tax Considerations.

### *PifCo*

There are:

- no governmental laws, decrees or regulations in Cayman Islands that restrict the export or import of capital, including dividend and other payments to holders of notes who are not residents of the Cayman Islands, provided that such holders are not resident in countries



subject to certain sanctions by the United Nations or the European Union; and

- no limitations on the right of nonresident or foreign owners imposed by Cayman Island law or PifCo's Memorandum of Association to hold or vote PifCo's shares.

### **Taxation Relating to Our ADSs and Common and Preferred Shares**

The following summary contains a description of material Brazilian and U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to the purchase, ownership and disposition of preferred or common shares or ADSs by a holder. This summary does not describe any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, locality or taxing jurisdiction other than Brazil and the United States.

This summary is based upon the tax laws of Brazil and the United States as in effect on the date of this annual report, which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect). This summary is also based upon the representations of the depositary and on the assumption that the obligations in the deposit agreement and any related documents will be performed in accordance with their respective terms.

This description is not a comprehensive description of the tax considerations that may be relevant to any particular investor, including tax considerations that arise from rules that are generally applicable to all taxpayers or to certain classes of investors or rules that investors are generally assumed to know. Prospective purchasers of common or preferred shares or ADSs should consult their own tax advisors as to the tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of common or preferred shares or ADSs.

There is no income tax treaty between the United States and Brazil. In recent years, the tax authorities of Brazil and the United States have held discussions that may culminate in such a treaty. We cannot predict, however, whether or when a treaty will enter into force or how it will affect the U.S. holders of common or preferred shares or ADSs.

#### *Brazilian Tax Considerations*

##### *General*

Under Brazilian law, investors may invest in the preferred or common shares under Resolution No. 2,689 or under Law No. 4,131 of September 3, 1962. Investments under Resolution No. 2,689 afford favorable tax treatment to foreign investors who are not resident in a tax haven jurisdiction. The rules of Resolution No. 2,689 allow foreign investors to invest in almost all instruments and to engage in almost all transactions available in the Brazilian financial and capital markets, provided that certain requirements are met. In accordance with Resolution No. 2,689, the definition of foreign investor includes individuals, legal entities, mutual funds and other collective investment entities, domiciled or headquartered abroad.

Pursuant to this rule, foreign investors must: (i) appoint at least one representative in Brazil with powers to perform actions relating to the foreign investment; (ii) complete the appropriate foreign investor registration form; (iii) register as a foreign investor with the CVM; and (iv) register the foreign investment with the Central Bank of Brazil.

Securities and other financial assets held by foreign investors pursuant to Resolution No. 2,689 must be registered or maintained in deposit accounts or under the custody of an entity duly licensed by the Central Bank of Brazil or the CVM. In addition, securities trading is restricted to transactions carried out in the stock exchanges or organized over-the-counter markets licensed by the CVM.

#### *Taxation of Dividends*

Dividends paid by us, including stock dividends and other dividends paid in property to the depositary in respect of the ADSs, or to a non-Brazilian holder in respect of the preferred or common shares, are currently not subject to withholding tax in Brazil.

We must pay to our shareholders (including holders of common or preferred shares or ADSs) interest on the amount of dividends payable to them, at the SELIC rate, from the end of each fiscal year through the date of effective payment of those dividends. These interest payments are considered as fixed-yield income and are subject to withholding income tax at varying rates depending on the length of period of interest accrual.

The following discussion summarizes the material Brazilian tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of preferred or common shares or ADSs, as the case may be, by a holder that is not domiciled in Brazil, also called a non-Brazilian holder, for purposes of Brazilian taxation and, in the case of a holder of preferred or common shares, which has registered its investment in preferred or common shares at the Central Bank of Brazil as a U.S. dollar investment.

The tax rate ranges from 15%, in case of interest accrued for a period greater than 720 days, to 22.5%, in case of interest accrued for a period up to 180 days. However, holders of ADSs and holders of common or preferred shares not resident or domiciled in tax haven jurisdictions investing under Resolution No. 2,689 are subject to such withholding tax at a reduced rate, currently at 15%. See *Beneficiaries Residing or Domiciled in Tax Havens or Low Tax Jurisdictions*.

### *Taxation on Interest on Shareholders' Equity*

Any payment of interest on shareholders' equity to holders of ADSs or preferred or common shares, whether or not they are Brazilian residents, is subject to Brazilian withholding income tax at the rate of 15% at the time we record such liability, whether or not the effective payment is made at that time. See

*Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation of Petrobras Payment of Dividends and Interest on Shareholders' Equity*. In the case of non-Brazilian residents that are resident in a tax haven jurisdiction, the applicable withholding income tax rate is 25%. See

*Beneficiaries Residing or Domiciled in Tax Havens or Low Tax Jurisdiction*. The payment of interest at the SELIC rate that is applicable to payments of dividends applies equally to payments of interest on shareholders' equity. The determination of whether or not we will make distributions in the form of interest on shareholders' equity or in the form of dividends is made by our board of directors at the time distributions are to be made. We cannot determine how our board of directors will make these determinations in connection with future distributions.

### *Taxation of Gains*

For purposes of Brazilian taxation, there are two types of non-Brazilian holders of ADSs or preferred or common shares: (i) non-Brazilian holders that are not resident or domiciled in a tax haven jurisdiction, and that, in the case of holders of preferred or common shares, are registered before the Central Bank of Brazil and the CVM to invest in Brazil in

accordance with Resolution No. 2,689; and (ii) other non-Brazilian holders, which include any and all non-residents of Brazil who invest in equity securities of Brazilian companies through any other means (including under Law No. 4,131 of 1962) and all types of investors that are located in tax haven jurisdictions. The investors identified in clause (i) above are subject to favorable tax treatment in Brazil, as described below. See *Beneficiaries Residing or Domiciled in Tax Havens or Low Tax Jurisdictions*.

According to Law no. 10,833, dated December 29, 2003, capital gains realized on the disposition of tangible assets located in Brazil, by non-Brazilian residents, whether or not to other non-residents and whether made outside or within Brazil, are subject to taxation in Brazil at a rate of 15% (a rate of 25% is applicable if realized by investors resident in a tax haven jurisdiction, i.e. a country that does not impose any income tax or that imposes tax at a maximum rate of less than 20%). We understand the ADSs do not fall within the definition of tangible assets located in Brazil for the purposes of this law, but there is still no pronouncement from tax authorities nor judicial court rulings in this respect. Therefore, we are unable to predict whether such understanding will prevail in the courts of Brazil.

The deposit of preferred or common shares in exchange for ADSs may be subject to Brazilian capital gains at the rate of 15% if the amount previously registered with the Central Bank of Brazil as a foreign investment in the preferred or common shares is lower than:

- the average price per preferred or common share on a Brazilian stock exchange on which the greatest number of such shares were sold on the day of deposit; or

- if no preferred or common shares were sold on that day, the average price on the Brazilian stock exchange on which the greatest number of preferred or common shares were sold in the 15 trading sessions immediately preceding such deposit. In such a case, the difference between the amount previously registered and the average price of the preferred or common shares calculated as above, will be considered a capital gain.
- Investors registered under Resolution No. 2,689 and not located in a tax haven jurisdiction are exempt from this type of taxation related to capital gains. The withdrawal of ADSs in exchange for preferred or common shares is not subject to Brazilian tax. On receipt of the underlying preferred or common shares, the non-Brazilian holder registered under Resolution No. 2,689 will be entitled to register the U.S. dollar value of such shares with the Central Bank of Brazil as described below in Registered Capital.

Non-Brazilian holders are not subject to tax in Brazil on gains realized on sales of preferred or common shares that occur abroad to non-Brazilian holders.

Non-Brazilian holders which are not located in a tax haven jurisdiction are subject to income tax imposed at a rate of 15% on gains realized on transactions in the Brazilian stock, future, commodities exchanges and on sales or exchanges of the preferred or common shares that occur in Brazil or with a resident of Brazil. With respect to proceeds of a redemption or of a liquidating distribution with respect to the preferred or common shares, the difference between the amount effectively received by the shareholder and the amount of foreign currency registered with the Central Bank of Brazil, accounted for in *reais* at the commercial market rate on the date of the redemption or liquidating distribution, will be also subject to income tax at a rate of 15%.

Gains realized arising from transactions on the Brazilian stock, future or commodities exchanges by an investor registered under Resolution No. 2,689 who is not located in a tax haven jurisdiction are exempt from Brazilian income tax. See Beneficiaries Residing or

Capital gains realized on transactions in the Brazilian stock, future or commodities exchanges and on sales or exchanges of preferred or common shares that occur in Brazil or with a resident of Brazil are also subject to a 0.005% withholding income tax rate considered as a prepaid tax. Investors registered under Resolution No. 2,689 and are not located in a tax haven jurisdiction are also exempt from this type of taxation related to capital gains.

Any exercise of preemptive rights relating to the preferred or common shares will not be subject to Brazilian taxation. Any gain on the sale or assignment of preemptive rights relating to the preferred or common shares by the depositary on behalf of holders of the ADSs will be subject to Brazilian income taxation according to the same rules applicable to the sale or disposition of preferred or common shares, unless such sale or assignment is performed on the stock exchange by an investor under Resolution No. 2,689 who is not resident in a tax haven jurisdiction, in which case the gains are exempt from income tax.

There is no assurance that the current preferential treatment for holders of the ADSs and some non-Brazilian holders of the preferred or common shares under Resolution No. 2,689 will continue in the future.

#### *Taxation of Foreign Exchange Transactions (IOF/Câmbio)*

Under Law No. 8,894 of June 21, 1994, and Decree No. 6,306 of December 14, 2007, the conversion into Brazilian currency of proceeds received by a Brazilian entity from a foreign investment in the Brazilian securities market (including those in connection with an investment in preferred or common shares or the ADSs and those under Resolution No. 2, 689) and the conversion into foreign currency of proceeds received by a non-Brazilian holder is subject to a tax on exchange transactions known as IOF/Câmbio. However, according to Law No. 8,894, the IOF/Câmbio rate may be increased at any time to a maximum of 25% by a decision of the Minister of Finance, but only in relation to exchange transactions carried out after the increase of the applicable rate. In 2009, Decree 6,983 increased the IOF/Câmbio rate from 0% to 2% for transactions involving foreign investment in the

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Brazilian securities market by non-Brazilian residents. The IOF/Câmbio rate remains at 0% for: (i) payments of dividends and interest on shareholders' equity to non-Brazilian residents and (ii) the repatriation of funds invested in the Brazilian securities market by non-Brazilian residents.

*Taxation on Bonds and Securities Transactions (IOF/Títulos)*

Law No. 8,894 of June 21, 1994, and Decree No. 6,306 of December 14, 2007, created the Tax on Bonds and Securities Transactions, or IOF/Títulos, which may be imposed on any transactions involving bonds and securities carried out in Brazil, even if these transactions are performed on the Brazilian stock, futures or commodities exchange. As a general rule, the rate of this tax is currently zero but the Brazilian government may increase such rate up to 1.5% per day, but only in relation to transactions carried out after the increase of the applicable rate. In 2009, Decree 7,011 increased the IOF/Títulos rate from 0% to 1.5% for transactions involving the assignment of shares, which are carried out in the Brazilian securities market.

*Other Brazilian Taxes*

There are no Brazilian inheritance, gift or succession taxes applicable to the ownership, transfer or disposition of preferred or common shares or ADSs by a non-Brazilian holder, except for gift and inheritance taxes which are levied by some states of Brazil on gifts made or inheritances bestowed by individuals or entities not resident or domiciled in Brazil to individuals or entities resident or domiciled within such states in Brazil. There are no Brazilian stamp, issue, registration, or similar taxes or duties payable by holders of preferred or common shares or ADSs.

*Beneficiaries Resident or Domiciled in Tax Havens or Low Tax Jurisdictions*

Law No. 9,779 of January 1, 1999 states that, except for limited prescribed circumstances, income derived from transactions by a beneficiary, resident or domiciliary of a country considered a tax haven is subject to withholding income tax at the rate of 25%. Tax havens are generally considered to be countries which do not impose any income tax or which impose such tax at a maximum rate of less than 20%. Law No. 11,727 of June 23, 2008 expanded the list of characteristics that may classify a country as a tax haven.

The Brazilian Revenue Service currently maintains a list of countries and jurisdictions considered to be tax havens and may amend this list to include other countries or jurisdictions due to this new law. Accordingly, if the distribution of interest attributed to shareholders equity is made to a beneficiary resident or domiciled in a tax haven jurisdiction, the applicable income tax rate will be 25%. Foreign investors registered under Resolution No. 2,689 who are located in a tax haven jurisdiction are subject to income tax at a rate of 15% on gains realized on transactions in the Brazilian stock, future or commodities exchanges and on sales or exchanges of the preferred or common shares that occur in Brazil or with a resident of Brazil. A 0.005% withholding income tax rate also applies on such gains and are considered as a prepaid tax.

*Registered Capital*

The amount of an investment in preferred or common shares held by a non-Brazilian holder who obtains registration under Resolution No. 2,689, or by the depositary representing such holder, is eligible for registration with the Central Bank of Brazil; such registration (the amount so registered being called registered capital) allows the remittance outside Brazil of foreign currency, converted at the commercial market rate, acquired with the proceeds of distributions on, and amounts realized with respect to dispositions of, such preferred or common shares. The registered capital for each preferred or common share purchased as part of the international offering or purchased in Brazil after the date hereof, and deposited with the depositary will be equal to its purchase price (in U.S. dollars). The registered capital for a preferred or common share that is withdrawn upon surrender of an ADS will be the U.S. dollar equivalent of:

- the average price of a preferred or common share on the Brazilian stock exchange on which the greatest number of such shares were sold on the day of withdrawal; or
- if no preferred or common shares were sold on that day, the average price on the Brazilian stock exchange on which the greatest number of preferred or





common shares were sold in the 15 trading sessions immediately preceding such withdrawal.

The U.S. dollar value of the average price of preferred or common shares is determined on the basis of the average of the U.S. dollar/*real* commercial market rates quoted by the Central Bank of Brazil information system on that date (or, if the average price of preferred or common shares is determined under the second option above, the average of such average quoted rates on the same 15 dates used to determine the average price of preferred or common shares).

A non-Brazilian holder of preferred or common shares may experience delays in effecting such registration, which may delay remittances abroad. Such a delay may adversely affect the amount, in U.S. dollars, received by the non-Brazilian holder. See Item 3. Key Information Risk Factors Risks Relating to Our Equity and Debt Securities.

### *U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations*

- This summary describes the principal tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of common or preferred shares or ADSs, based on the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Code), its legislative history, existing and proposed U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, published rulings by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and court decisions, all as in effect as of the date hereof, and all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect. This summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax consequences that may be relevant to a decision to hold or dispose of common or preferred shares or ADSs. This summary applies only to purchasers of common or preferred shares or ADSs who hold the common or preferred shares or ADSs as capital assets (generally, property held for investment), and does not apply to special classes of holders such as dealers or traders in securities or currencies, holders whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, holders of 10% or more of our shares (taking into account

shares held directly or through depositary arrangements), tax-exempt organizations, financial institutions, holders liable for the alternative minimum tax, securities traders who elect to account for their investment in common or preferred shares or ADSs on a mark-to-market basis, persons that enter into a constructive sale transaction with respect to common or preferred shares or ADSs, and persons holding common or preferred shares or ADSs in a hedging transaction or as part of a straddle or conversion transaction.

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Shares of our preferred stock will be treated as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In general, a holder of an ADS will be treated as the holder of the shares of common or preferred stock represented by those ADSs for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and no gain or loss will be recognized if you exchange ADSs for the shares of common or preferred stock represented by that ADS.

In this discussion, references to ADSs refer to ADSs with respect to both common and preferred shares, and references to a U.S. holder are to a holder of an ADS that is:

- a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia; or
- otherwise subject to U.S. federal income taxation on a net basis with respect to the shares or the ADS.



### *Taxation of Distributions*

A U.S. holder will recognize ordinary dividend income for U.S. federal income tax purposes in an amount equal to the amount of any cash and the value of any property we distribute as a dividend to the extent that such distribution is paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes, when such distribution is received by the custodian, or by the U.S. holder in the case of a holder of common or preferred shares. The amount of any distribution will include the amount of Brazilian tax withheld on the amount distributed, and the amount of a distribution paid in reais will be measured by reference to the exchange rate for converting reais into U.S. dollars in effect on the date the distribution is received by the custodian, or by a U.S. holder in the case of a holder of common or preferred shares. If the custodian, or U.S. holder in the case of a holder of common or preferred shares, does not convert such reais into U.S. dollars on the date it receives them, it is possible that the U.S. holder will recognize foreign currency loss or gain, which would be ordinary loss or gain, when the reais are converted into U.S. dollars. Dividends paid by us will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporations under the Code.

Subject to certain exceptions for short-term and hedged positions, the U.S. dollar amount of dividends received by a non-corporate U.S. holder prior to January 1, 2011, with respect to the ADSs will be subject to taxation at a maximum rate of 15% if the dividends are qualified dividends. Dividends paid on the ADSs will be treated as qualified dividends if (i) the ADSs are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States and (ii) the Company was not, in the year prior to the year in which the dividend was paid, and is not, in the year in which the dividend is paid, a passive foreign investment company as defined for U.S. federal income tax purposes (PFIC). The ADSs are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and will qualify as readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States so long as they are so listed. Based on the Company's audited financial statements and relevant market and shareholder data, the Company believes that it was not treated as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to its 2008 or 2009 taxable years. In addition, based on the Company's audited financial

Based on existing guidance, it is not clear whether dividends received with respect to the shares will be treated as qualified dividends, because the shares are not themselves listed on a U.S. exchange. In addition, the U.S. Treasury has announced its intention to promulgate rules pursuant to which holders of ADSs and intermediaries through whom such securities are held will be permitted to rely on certifications from issuers to treat dividends as qualified for tax reporting purposes. Because such procedures have not yet been issued, it is not clear whether the Company would be able to comply with these procedures. U.S. holders of our ADSs should consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of the reduced dividend tax rate in the light of their particular circumstances.

Distributions out of earnings and profits with respect to the shares or ADSs generally will be treated as dividend income from sources outside of the United States and generally will be treated as passive category income for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. Subject to certain limitations, Brazilian income tax withheld in connection with any distribution with respect to the shares or ADSs may be claimed as a credit against the U.S. federal income tax liability of a U.S. holder, or, at the U.S. holder's election, such Brazilian withholding tax may be taken as a deduction against taxable income. A U.S. foreign tax credit may not be allowed for Brazilian withholding tax imposed in respect of certain short-term or hedged positions in securities or in respect of arrangements in which a U.S. holder's expected economic profit is insubstantial. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of the U.S. foreign tax credit, including the translation of reais into U.S. dollar for these purposes, in light of their particular circumstances.

Holders of ADSs that are foreign corporations or nonresident alien individuals (non-U.S. holders) generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax, including withholding tax, on distributions with respect to shares or ADSs that are treated as dividend income for U.S. federal income tax purposes unless such dividends are effectively connected with the conduct by the holder of a trade or business in the United States.

statements and its current expectations regarding the value and nature of its assets, the sources and nature of its income, and relevant market and shareholder data, the Company does not anticipate becoming a PFIC for its 2010 taxable year.

Holders of shares and ADSs should consult their own tax advisers regarding the availability of the reduced dividend tax rate in the light of the considerations discussed above and their own particular circumstances.

### *Taxation of Capital Gains*

Upon the sale or other disposition of a share or an ADS, a U.S. holder will generally recognize U.S. source capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes, equal to the difference between the amount realized on the disposition and the U.S. holder's tax basis in such share or ADS. Any gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the shares or ADSs have been held for more than one year. Non-corporate U.S. holders of shares or ADSs may be eligible for a preferential rate of U.S. federal income tax in respect of long-term capital gains. Capital losses may be deducted from taxable income, subject to certain limitations. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, such disposition would not result in foreign source-income to a U.S. holder. As a result, a U.S. holder may not be able to use the foreign tax credit associated with any Brazilian income taxes imposed on such gains, unless such holder can use the credit against U.S. tax due on other foreign-source income. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisers regarding the availability of the U.S. foreign tax credit, including the translation of reais into U.S. dollar for purposes of their investment in our shares or ADSs.

A non-U.S. holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax or withholding tax on gain realized on the sale or other disposition of a share or an ADS unless:

- such gain is effectively connected with the conduct by the holder of a trade or business in the United States; or
- such holder is an individual who is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale and certain other conditions are met.

### *Backup Withholding and Information Reporting*

The payment of dividends on, and proceeds from the sale or other disposition of, the ADSs or common or preferred shares to a U.S. holder within the United

proceeds may be subject to backup withholding unless the U.S. holder (i) is a corporation or other exempt recipient, or (ii) timely provides an IRS Form W-9 (or an acceptable substitute form) that contains such U.S. holder's taxpayer identification number and that certifies that no loss of exemption from backup withholding has occurred.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. The amount of any backup withholding collected from a payment to a U.S. holder will be allowed as a credit against the U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle the U.S. holder to a refund, so long as the required information is properly furnished to the IRS.

U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisers about any additional reporting requirements that may arise as a result of their purchasing, holding or disposing of our ADSs, or common or preferred shares. A non-U.S. holder generally will be exempt from these information reporting requirements and backup withholding tax, but may be required to comply with certain certification and identification procedures in order to establish its eligibility for such exemption.

### *Taxation Relating to PifCo's Notes*

The following summary contains a description of material Cayman Islands, Brazilian and U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to the purchase, ownership, and disposition of PifCo's debt securities. This summary does not describe any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, locality or taxing jurisdiction other than the Cayman Islands, Brazil and the United States.

This summary is based on the tax laws of the Cayman Islands, Brazil and the United States as in effect on the date of this annual report, which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect). This description is not a comprehensive description of all tax considerations that may be relevant to any particular investor, including tax considerations that arise from rules generally applicable to all taxpayers or to certain classes of investors or that investors are generally assumed to know. Prospective purchasers of notes should consult their own tax advisers regarding the tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and

States (or through certain U.S. related financial intermediaries) will generally be subject to information reporting unless the U.S. holder is a corporation or other exempt recipient. Such dividends and

disposition of the notes.

There is no tax treaty to avoid double taxation between the Cayman Islands and the United States, the Cayman Islands and Brazil or Brazil and the United States. In recent years, the tax authorities of Brazil and the United States have held discussions that may culminate in such a treaty. We cannot predict, however, whether or when a treaty will enter into force or how it will affect the U.S. holders of notes.

### *Cayman Islands Taxation*

Under current law, PifCo is not subject to income, capital, transfer, sales or other taxes in the Cayman Islands.

PifCo was incorporated as an exempted company under the laws of the Cayman Islands on September 24, 1997. PifCo has received an Undertaking as to Tax Concessions pursuant to Section 6 of the Tax Concessions Law (1999 Revision) which provides that, for a period of twenty years from the date thereof no law hereafter enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax or duty to be levied on income or on capital assets, gains or appreciation will apply to any of PifCo's income or property and which is deemed to provide that no tax is to be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations or which is in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall be payable or in respect of shares, debentures or other of PifCo's obligations, or by way of withholding of any part of a payment of principal due under a debenture or other of PifCo's obligations.

No Cayman Islands withholding tax applies to distributions by PifCo in respect of the notes. Noteholders are not subject to any income, capital, transfer, sales or other taxes in the Cayman Islands in respect of their purchase, holding or disposition of the notes.

Noteholders whose notes are brought into or issued in the Cayman Islands will be liable to pay stamp duty of up to C.I.\$250 on each note, unless stamp duty of C.I.\$500 has been paid in respect of the entire issue of notes (in which case no further stamp duty in respect of such notes is payable).

### *Brazilian Taxation*

The following discussion is a summary of the Brazilian tax considerations relating to an investment in the notes by a non-resident of Brazil. The discussion is based on the tax laws of Brazil as in effect on the date hereof and is subject to any change in Brazilian law that may come into effect after such date. The information set forth below is intended to be a general discussion only and does not address all possible consequences relating to an investment in the notes.

### **INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS AS TO THE CONSEQUENCES OF PURCHASING THE NOTES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE RECEIPT OF INTEREST AND THE SALE, REDEMPTION OR REPAYMENT OF THE NOTES OR COUPONS.**

Generally, an individual, entity, trust or organization domiciled for tax purposes outside Brazil (a Non-resident ) is taxed in Brazil only when income is derived from Brazilian sources. Therefore, any gains or income paid by PifCo in respect of its notes in favor of Non-resident noteholders are not subject to Brazilian taxes.

Interest (including original issue discount, or OID, if any, fees, commissions, expenses and any other income payable by a Brazilian resident to a non-resident) is generally subject to income tax withheld at source. Currently, the rate of withholding tax is 15% or such other lower rate as provided for in an applicable tax treaty between Brazil and another country. If the recipient of the payment is domiciled in a tax haven jurisdiction, as defined by Brazilian tax regulations, the rate will be 25%.

If the payments with respect to the notes are made by a Brazilian source, then noteholders will be indemnified so that, after payment of all applicable Brazilian taxes collectable by withholding, deduction or otherwise, with respect to principal, interest (including OID, if any) and additional amounts payable with respect to the notes (plus any interest and penalties thereon), a noteholder will retain an amount equal to the amounts that such noteholder would have retained if no such Brazilian taxes had been payable. The Brazilian obligor

will, subject to certain exceptions, pay additional amounts in respect of such withholding or deduction so that the holder receives the net amount due.



According to Law no. 10,833, dated December 29, 2003, capital gains realized on the disposition of tangible assets located in Brazil, by non-Brazilian residents, whether or not to other non-residents and whether made outside or within Brazil, are subject to taxation in Brazil at a rate of 15% (a rate of 25% is applicable if realized by investors resident in a tax haven jurisdiction, i.e. a country that does not impose any income tax or that imposes tax at a maximum rate of less than 20%). We assume the notes do not fall within the definition of tangible assets located in Brazil for the purposes of this law, but there is still no pronouncement from tax authorities nor judicial court rulings in this respect. Therefore, we cannot provide any guarantee whether such assumption will prevail in the courts of Brazil.

Generally, there are no inheritance, gift, succession, stamp, or other similar taxes in Brazil with respect to the ownership, transfer, assignment or other disposition of the notes by a Non-resident, except for gift and inheritance taxes imposed by some Brazilian states on gifts or bequests by individuals or entities not domiciled or residing in Brazil to individuals or entities not domiciled or residing within such states.

### *U.S. Federal Income Taxation*

The following summary sets forth certain United States federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a holder of a note that is, for U.S. federal income purposes, a citizen or resident of the United States or a domestic corporation or that otherwise is subject to U.S. federal income taxation on a net income basis in respect of the notes (a "U.S. holder"). This summary is based upon the Code, its legislative history, existing and proposed U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, published rulings by the IRS, and court decisions, all as in effect as of the date hereof, all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations, possibly with retroactive effect. This summary does not purport to discuss all aspects of the United States federal income taxation which may be relevant to special classes of investors, such as financial institutions, insurance companies, dealers or traders in securities or currencies, securities traders who elect to account for their investment in notes on a mark-to-market basis, regulated investment companies, tax-exempt organizations, holders that are subject to the

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#### *Payments of Interest*

Payment of qualified stated interest, as defined below, on a note (including additional amounts, if any) generally will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income when such interest is accrued or received, in accordance with the U.S. holder's applicable method of accounting for U.S. federal tax purposes. In general, if the issue price of a note is less than the stated redemption price at maturity by more than a de minimis amount, such note will be considered to have original issue discount, or OID. The issue price of a note is the first price at which a substantial amount of such notes are sold to investors. The stated redemption price at maturity of a note generally includes all payments other than payments of qualified stated interest.

In general, each U.S. holder of a note, whether such holder uses the cash or the accrual method of tax accounting, will be required to include in gross income as ordinary interest income the sum of the daily portions of OID on the note, if any, for all days during the taxable year that the U.S. holder owns the note. The daily portions of OID on a note are determined by allocating to each day in any accrual period a ratable portion of the OID allocable to that accrual period. In general, in the case of an initial holder, the amount of OID on a note allocable to each accrual period is determined by (i) multiplying the adjusted issue price, as defined below, of the note at the beginning of the accrual period by the yield to maturity of the note, and (ii) subtracting from that product the amount of qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period. U.S. holders should be aware that they generally must include OID in gross income as ordinary interest income for U.S. federal income tax purposes as it accrues, in advance of the receipt of cash attributable to that income. The adjusted issue price of a note at the beginning of any accrual period will generally be the sum of its issue price (generally including accrued interest, if any) and the amount of OID allocable to all

alternative minimum tax, certain short-term holders of notes, persons that hedge their exposure in the notes or hold notes as part of a position in a straddle or as part of a hedging transaction or conversion transaction for U.S. federal tax purposes, persons that enter into a constructive sale transaction with respect to the notes or U.S. holder whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar. U.S. holders should be aware that the U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding the notes may be materially different for investors described in the prior sentence.

In addition, this summary does not discuss any foreign, state or local tax considerations. This summary only applies to original purchasers of notes who have purchased notes at the original issue price and hold the notes as capital assets (generally, property held for investment).

prior accrual periods, reduced by the amount of all payments other than payments of qualified stated interest (if any) made with respect to such note in all prior accrual periods. The term qualified stated interest generally means stated interest that is unconditionally payable in cash or property (other than debt instruments of the issuer) at least annually during the entire term of a note at a single fixed rate of interest, or subject to certain conditions, based on one or more interest indices.

Interest income, including OID, in respect of the notes will constitute foreign source income for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, with certain exceptions, will be treated separately, together with other items of passive category income, for purposes of computing the foreign tax credit allowable under the U.S. federal income tax laws. The calculation of foreign tax credits, involves the application of complex rules that depend on a U.S. holder's particular circumstances. U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the availability of foreign tax credits and the treatment of additional amounts.

### *Sale or Disposition of Notes*

A U.S. holder generally will recognize capital gain or loss upon the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a note in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized upon such sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition (other than amounts attributable to accrued qualified stated interest, which will be taxed as such) and such U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the note. A U.S. holder's adjusted tax basis in the note generally will equal the U.S. holder's cost for the note increased by any amounts included in gross income by such U.S. holder as OID, if any, and reduced by any payments other than payments of qualified stated interest on that note. Gain or loss realized by a U.S. Holder on the sale, exchange, retirement or other disposition of a note generally will be U.S. source gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes unless it is attributable to an office or other fixed place of business outside the United States and certain other conditions are met. The gain or loss realized by a U.S. holder will be capital gain or loss, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the notes were held for more than one year. The net amount of long-term capital gain recognized by an individual holder before January 1, 2011 generally is subject to taxation at a maximum rate of 15%. Capital losses may be deducted from taxable income, subject to certain limitations.

### *Backup Withholding and Information Reporting*

A U.S. holder may, under certain circumstances, be subject to backup withholding with respect to certain payments to that U.S. holder, unless the holder (i) is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories, and demonstrates this fact when so required, or (ii) provides a correct taxpayer identification number, certifies that it is not subject to backup withholding and otherwise complies with applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. Any amount withheld under these rules generally will be creditable against the U.S. holder's U.S. federal income tax liability. While non-U.S. holders generally are except from backup withholding, a non-U.S. holder may, in certain circumstances, be required to comply with certain information and identification procedures in order to prove entitlement to this exemption.

U.S. holders should consult their own tax advisors about any additional reporting requirements that may arise as a result of their purchasing, holding or disposing of the notes.

### *Non-U.S. Holder*

A holder or beneficial owner of a note that is not a U.S. holder (a non-U.S. holder) generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on interest received on the notes. In addition, a non-U.S. holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income or withholding tax on gain realized on the sale of notes unless, in the case of gain realized by an individual non-U.S. holder, the non-U.S. holder is present in the United States for 183 days or more in the taxable year of the sale and certain other conditions are met.

**Documents on Display**

We are subject to the information requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and accordingly file reports and other information with the SEC. Reports and other information filed by us with the SEC may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can obtain further information about the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You may also inspect Petrobras reports and other information at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005, on which Petrobras American Depositary Shares are listed. Our SEC filings are also available to the public from the SEC's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. For further information on obtaining copies of Petrobras public filings at the New York Stock Exchange, you should call (212) 656-5060.

We also file financial statements and other periodic reports with the CVM.

**Item 11. Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures about Market Risk****Petrobras***Risk Management*

We are exposed to a number of market and credit risks arising from our normal business activities. Market risk is the possibility that changes in interest rates, currency exchange rates or commodity prices will adversely affect the value of our financial assets, liabilities or expected future cash flows. Credit risk is the failure of a counterparty to perform a payment obligation under a commercial contract or a derivative contract.

We use derivative instruments to address market risks related to commodity prices, interest rates and currency exchange rates. Such derivative instruments are used only to offset market exposures. Our executive officers manage market risk. We address credit risk by following rigid rules, overseen by a Credit Committee, to evaluate counterparties and define proper guaranties.

We have a Risk Management Committee that evaluates our risk exposures and establishes guidelines that we use to measure, monitor, and manage risk related to our activities. The Risk Management Committee is comprised of members of all our business areas.

*Commodity Price Risk*

Our sales of crude oil and oil products are related to international prices, which exposes us to price fluctuations in international markets.

We enter into derivative transactions, primarily energy futures contracts, forwards, swaps, and options, in order to mitigate some of the impact of such fluctuations. Our derivatives contracts provide economic hedges for anticipated crude oil and byproducts purchases and sales in the international markets, generally forecast to occur within a 30- to 360-day period. Our exposure on these contracts is limited to the difference between contract value and market value on the volumes hedged. See Note 20 to our audited consolidated financial statements for more information about our commodity derivative transactions.

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The following table sets forth a sensitivity analysis demonstrating the net change in fair value of a 10% adverse change in the price of the underlying commodity as of December 31, 2009, which is a 10% increase in the price of the underlying commodity for options, futures and swaps.

Outstanding as of December 2009	Petrobras		PifCo		Quantity (mbbl)	Total Fair Value(1) (U.S.\$ million)	+10% Sensitivity (U.S.\$ million)
	Quantity (mbbl)	Fair Value(1) (U.S.\$ million)	Quantity (mbbl)	Fair Value(1) (U.S.\$ million)			
<b>Options:</b>							
Buy contracts	250		0		250		
Sell contracts	1,400		0		1,400		
		1.03400		0		1.0340	1.61276
<b>Futures:</b>							
Buy contracts	10,683		13,029		25,342		
Sell contracts	10,521		17,219		33,852		
		1.33730		0.55401		10.00099	66.76344
<b>Swaps:</b>							
Receive variable/ pay fixed	276		1,670		1,603		
Receive fixed/ pay variable	175		927		2,342		
		0.11062		0.70023		1.64141	4.18797

(1) Fair value represents an estimate of gain or loss that would be realized if contracts were settled at the balance sheet date.

### Interest Rate and Exchange Rate Risk

The interest rate risk to which we are exposed is a function of our long-term debt and, to a lesser extent, our short-term debt. Our long-term debt consists principally of notes and borrowings incurred primarily in connection with capital expenditures and investments in exploration and development projects and loans to affiliated companies. Our short-term debt consists principally of U.S. dollar denominated import and export financing and working capital borrowings from commercial banks. In general, our foreign currency floating rate debt is principally subject to fluctuations in LIBOR. Our floating rate debt denominated in *reais* is principally subject to fluctuations in the *Certificado de Depósito Interbancário* (Interbank Deposit Certificate, or CDI) and in the *Taxa de Juros de Longo Prazo* (Brazilian long-term interest rate, or TJLP), as fixed by the National Monetary Council.

We do not currently utilize derivative instruments to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuation. We have been considering various forms of derivatives to reduce our exposure to interest rate fluctuations and may utilize these financial instruments in the future.

The exchange rate risk to which we are exposed is limited to the balance sheet and derives principally from the incidence of non-*real* denominated obligations in our debt portfolio. See Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects Inflation and Exchange Rate Variation.



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The table below provides summary information regarding our exposure to interest rate and exchange rate risk in our total debt portfolio for 2009 and 2008. Total debt portfolio includes long-term debt, capital leases, project financings, and current portions thereof, and short-term debt.

<b>Total Debt Portfolio</b>	
<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<i>(%)</i>	