

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA  
Form 6-K  
October 15, 2008

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

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**FORM 6-K**

Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**For the month of October, 2008**

**Commission File Number 1-15106**

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**PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Brazilian Petroleum Corporation - PETROBRAS**  
(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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### **Clarifications about the Discovery in BM-S-12**

(Rio de Janeiro, October 15, 2008). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, with regard to the story posted October 14 by Globo On Line, titled Petrobras discovers a large amount of oil to the south of Tupi, clarifies:

On October 13 2008, the consortium formed by Petrobras (70% - Operator) and Queiroz Galvão (30%) notified the National Petroleum Agency (ANP) regarding "signs of hydrocarbons" in block BM-S-12, to the south of the Santos Basin, as required by the legislation. Due to operating issues, the rig did not finish drilling the well (1BRSA617SCS) and, because of this, it will return to the block in the future to complete the operation.

Although the notification of signs of hydrocarbons is a positive fact, it doesn't indicate that the discovery is commercial, which can only be evaluated after the well is concluded and operations continue in BM-S-12. For this reason, it was not disclosed to the Securities Exchange Commission (CVM), to the capital market regulators, and to the other stakeholders.

After the well's drilling procedures have been completed, and if subsequent assessments indicate technical-economic relevance, Petrobras will proceed to announce this fact in a timely manner both to ANP and the market.

This press release ratifies the announcement made on October 01 2008, regarding the fulfillment of the mandatory procedures involved in notifying the ANP about the signs of hydrocarbons and information disclosure procedures.

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## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 15, 2008

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:           /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa          

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

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