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

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of January, 2018

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. – 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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Fiscal notification on remittances abroad for payments of vessel charters

Rio de Janeiro, January 2, 2018 - Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras informs that received today a fiscal notification by the Federal Revenue of Brazil, requiring payment of withholding income tax (IRRF), contribution of intervention in the economic domain (CIDE) and social contributions (PIS and COFINS) on remittances abroad for payment of vessel charters, regarding 2013 fiscal year, in the amount of R\$ 17 billion, of which R\$ 7 billion refers only to IRRF. According to the Federal Revenue, the executed agreements were related to services and not to vessel charters, reason for these tax requirements. This amount is in addition to the value disclosed in Petrobras' financial statements (ITR) for the 3rd quarter of 2017 in disputes of the same nature, totaling approximately R\$ 45 billion, according to explanatory note 29.3 - Legal proceedings not provisioned.

Of all these disputes, around 45% are related to IRRF and can be terminated through the installment program adhesion instituted by Law no. 13.586/2017, as disclosed to the market today. The company will evaluate the conditions offered by the program and will submit the decision on the possible adhesion to the competent authorities.

Facts deemed relevant will be timely disclosed to the market.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are subject to risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements, which address the Company's expected business and financial performance, among other matters, contain words such as "believe," "expect," "estimate," "anticipate," "optimistic," "intend," "plan," "aim," "will," "may," "should," "could," "would," "likely," and similar expressions. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. There is no assurance that the expected events, trends or results will actually occur. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or future events or for any other reason.

The Company's actual results could differ materially from those expressed or forecast in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of assumptions and factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) failure to comply with laws or regulations, including fraudulent activity, corruption, and bribery; (ii) the outcome of ongoing corruption investigations and any new facts or information that may arise in relation to the "Lava Jato Operation"; (iii) the effectiveness of the Company's risk management policies and procedures, including operational risk; and (iv) litigation, such as class actions or proceedings brought by governmental and regulatory agencies. A description of other factors can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the Company's other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

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.

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. – PETROBRAS

Date: January 02, 2018

By: /s/ Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Name: Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer
