

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA  
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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 investments in Ecuador**

(Rio de Janeiro, October 10 2008) PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, responding to written notice CVM/SEP/GEA-2/Nº 249/08, regarding the story published by the Valor Econômico journal titled Petrobras cancels investments in Ecuador, clarifies that:

Petrobras Energia Ecuador, a subsidiary of Petrobras Energia S.A. (PESA), a publicly traded company headquartered in Argentina, which, in turn, is a subsidiary of Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras, signed, last September 16, an agreement with the government of Ecuador ( Acta de Entendimiento ) in which it commits to return exploratory block 31. This agreement is subject to a few conditions being met, among which approval by PESA S Board of Directors.

PESA S accumulated investments in this block add up to \$200 million in nominal values. Anticipating the difficulties to develop these reserves, a provision was made in 2007 for the write-off of the asset. By returning the block, PESA will not have its own oil to transport in the OCP oil pipeline, in which it has already contracted capacity (ship-or-pay). Because of this, it is negotiating an oil transportation agreement with Petroecuador for the usage of this idle capacity.

Once the return of exploratory block 31 has been confirmed, the investments Petrobras Energia Ecuador had programmed to develop production will no longer be made.

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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 10, 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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