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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 October, 2017

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. – PETROBRAS

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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Federative Republic of Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

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Oil and natural gas production in September

Rio de Janeiro, October 18, 2017 - Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras reports that its total oil and natural gas production in September was 2.79 million barrels of oil equivalent per day (boed), with 2.68 million boed produced in Brazil and 106 thousand boed produced abroad.

The average oil production in the country was 2.17 million barrels per day (bpd), 2.8% above the volume of August. This result is due mainly to operations getting back to normal, after the scheduled stoppage of FPSO Cidade de Itaguaí and FPSO Cidade de Maricá, both operating in the Lula field, in Santos Basin pre-salt.

The natural gas production in Brazil, excluding the liquefied volume, was 81.5 million m³/d, 2.0% above the previous month. This increase was also due to the operation of the platforms, mentioned above, returning to normal. It is important to emphasize that the utilization rate of the gas produced in the platforms operated by Petrobras achieved, for the second consecutive month, a new monthly record, reaching the mark of 97.0%.

Pre-salt production

In September, the oil and natural gas production operated by Petrobras (wholly-owned and partner shares) in the pre-salt layer was 1.68 million boed, a volume 6.6% above than the previous month. This result is also due to the operation of FPSO Cidade de Itaguaí and FPSO Cidade de Maricá returning to normal.

Oil and gas production abroad

In September, oil production in overseas fields was 64 thousand bpd, 3.3% above the volume produced in the previous month. This increase was a consequence of the production in the producing fields in the USA returning to normal, after the passage of the Hurricane Harvey.

The natural gas production was 7.2 million m³/d, 6.9% below the volume produced in August 2017. This performance resulted mainly due the reduction of production of the Hadrian South field due to operational occurrences.

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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

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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: October 18, 2017

By: /s/ Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Name: Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer
