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

For the month of January, 2010

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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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Yes No

Acquisition of Participation in the Cascade Field

Rio de Janeiro, January 27, 2010 Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras announces it has exercised its preference right for acquisition of 50% of the Devon Energy Corporation (Devon) participation interest in the Cascade field, located in the Gulf of Mexico. The preference right is foreseen in the JOA (Joint Operation Agreement) executed by the parties to explore the field together. The settlement of the acquisition is expected to occur within 60 days and, as a result, Petrobras will hold 100% participation in the Cascade.

The Cascade Field is being developed in conjunction with the Chinook field, both operated by Petrobras. In the Chinook field, the Company has a participation of 66.7% and works in partnership with Total SA, which holds 33.3% stake.

For the joint development of the Cascade and Chinook fields, Petrobras obtained the first license ever granted for the use of a Floating, Production, Storage and Offloading (FPSO) platform to operate in the Gulf of Mexico. The FPSO BW Pioneer is expected to come into operation in mid-2010.

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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: January 27, 2010

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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