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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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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)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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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 ☒

This report on Form 6-K is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Petróleo Brasileiro -- Petrobras (No. 333-163665).

Executive Board Changes

Rio de Janeiro, February 9th, 2012 – Today, Petrobras's Board of Directors approved:

Ø The proposal to change the make up of the Petrobras Board of Executive Officers by creating a new office, which will be headed by a Chief Corporate Services Officer. The proposal states that the new Officer will be in charge of Organization, Management and Governance; Human Resources; Safety and Environment, Energy Efficiency and Health; and Shared Services. This proposal stems from a study on the managerial challenges that Petrobras will face due to the significant rise in the number of employees and the need for greater oversight given the huge volume of investments. The creation of this new office will be submitted for vote during the next Extraordinary Shareholder's Meeting.

Ø The nomination of the current Pre-salt E&P Executive Manager, José Miranda Formigli Filho, to replace the current Exploration & Production Officer, Guilherme de Oliveira Estrella. José Formigli has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the Military Institute of Engineering – IME, a Graduate Degree in Matrix Analysis of Structures from the Rio de Janeiro State University – UERJ and an MBA in Business Administration from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (Coppead). He has been at Petrobras for 29 years and has held various management level offices, all in the Exploration & Production area. In 2008, José Formigli was appointed Executive Manager of the area created to plan and develop pre-salt discoveries and was in charge for managing the entire production development program of these areas.

Ø The nomination of the current Executive Manager for Operations and Participations in Energy, José Alcides Santoro Martins, to assume the Gas and Energy Executive Office left vacant by Maria das Graças Silva Foster. José Alcides has a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of São Paulo – USP, a Graduate Degree in Geotechnics from PUC-Rio and a Graduate Degree in Energy Systems Planning from Unicamp. He has been at Petrobras for 32 years and has held various management level offices, in addition to being a Board member in various subsidiaries of the Company. He was also Technology Director at the Center for Gas & Renewable Energy Technology – CTGAS-ER from February 2004 to May 2005 and Director for Oil, Gas and Biofuels at the Energy Research Company – (*Empresa de Pesquisa Energética, EPE*) from May 2005 to June 2006.

Petrobras is grateful for the contributions made by Mr. Guilherme de Oliveira Estrella. The company would like to thank him for his leadership, technical competence and high level of professionalism and dedication in the exercise of his office.

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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: February 9, 2012

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

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