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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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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)

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Federative Republic of Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes ☐ No ☒

Investments in the Carmópolis and Canto do Amaro fields

(Rio de Janeiro , December 22, 2006). - PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA] , a Brazilian international energy company, announces that its Executive Board today approved investments of US\$724 million in the Canto do Amaro (US\$410 million) and Carmópolis (US\$ 314 million) fields in the states of Rio Grande do Norte and Sergipe in Brazil, respectively. These investments will raise daily production from the existing 48 thousand barrels per day (bpd) to 70 thousand bpd in 2012. The planned capital expenditures are part of the Mature Fields Recovery Enhancement Program (RECAGE), the purpose of which is the sustainability of production in mature fields with high rates of return at minimum risk.

The Carmópolis field was discovered in 1963 and represents Petrobras' largest onshore accumulation while Canto do Amaro was discovered in 1985. Production at both fields peaked in 1989 when Canto do Amaro produced 40 thousand bpd and Carmópolis, 27 thousand bpd. The oil produced from the Carmópolis field has a 21° to 23° API and Canto do Amaro a 28° to 40° API.

The investments consist in increasing water injection levels, and upgrading, centralizing and rationalizing installations for injection, production and treatment, with significant scale gains which will result not only in enhanced output but also higher oil reserves. A major drilling program of production and injection wells (367) is to be undertaken, in addition to well conversion or recompletion (1387). Water injection systems will be expanded by 500 thousand bpd. The domestic content of the investments will amount to 90% of total expenditure.

Another benefit arising from the Canto do Amaro Project will be the elimination of effluent disposal since all the water produced will be reinjected into the wells. Currently, in Carmópolis no effluent disposal exists.

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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: December 22, 2006

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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