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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2006

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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 ☒

Statement by Petrobras Bolívia Refinación (PBR)

(Rio de Janeiro, May 10, 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 subsidiary, Petrobras Bolívia Refinación (PBR) released the following statement to the local press:

The company wishes to give notice that, to become effective, the appointment of directors and trustees from Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales Bolivianos (YPFB) to Petrobras Bolívia Refinación (PBR) must comply with, a series of legal and corporate procedures and formalities pursuant to the National Constitution and the laws of the Republic.

These procedures consist principally of the negotiation between the parties of the consideration due from YPFB to Petrobras for the exchange of 50% plus 1 of PBR's shares; the promulgation of a special law authorizing the participation of YPFB as a shareholder of PBR; the formalization of the transfer of a block of 50% of the shares plus 1 to YPFB; amending the corporate bylaws; the convening of a Shareholders' Meeting; among others.

More important still, it will be necessary to amend Article 8 of Privatization Law 1330, which prohibits state-owned companies from acquiring assets, values and other rights from companies transferred to the private sector under this legislation.

This, and other issues, will be discussed tomorrow at a meeting to be held in La Paz at which the Minister of Hydrocarbons, Andrés Soliz Rada, the President of YPFB, Julio Alvarado, the Brazilian Minister of Mines and Energy, Silas Rondeau and the President of Petrobras, José Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo will be present.

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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: May 10, 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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