

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA  
Form 6-K  
December 23, 2008

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 6-K**

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

**For the month of December, 2008**

**Commission File Number 1-15106**

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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

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### **Clarification about Investments for 2009**

(Rio de Janeiro, December 23, 2008). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, clarifies the news that were published today in the principal Brazilian newspapers about declarations of the CEO José Sérgio Gabrielli regarding the Company's Budget for 2009.

The Company would like to clarify that the final decision about the size of the investment program for 2009 will be included within the scope of the 2009-2013 Business Plan, which will only be finalized in early 2009, as communicated to the market on December 19, 2008.

In August 2008 the company presented to the Ministry of Mines and Energy And to the Ministry of Planning a program of expenditures (PDG) for 2009 in the amount of R\$ 72.258 millions of which R\$ 66.137 millions is considered as direct investments. This budget was then presented for the appreciation of the National Congress in accordance with the Annual Budget Law Act for 2009 as part of the State Owned companies budgeting report, as required by current legislation.

The Company clarifies that such budget expenses were prepared in the first half of 2008 and were based on different price and cost assumptions than those currently being considered under today's environment. It is also the case that for purposes of preparing the PDG, the Company considers the maximum that it would invest during the following year.

It should be noted that following the submission of the PDG, the investment budget is continually reviewed and adjusted during the course of the year, and periodically adjusted to align the approved limits with the goals of the Business Plan.

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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 23, 2008

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:           /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa          

**Almir Guilherme Barbassa**  
**Chief Financial Officer and**  
**Investor Relations Officer**

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