

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA

Form 6-K

November 13, 2012

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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 November, 2012

Commission File Number 1-15106

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.

Form 20-F ☒ Form 40-F ☐

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).

FPSO contracting for Iracema Norte area

Rio de Janeiro, November 13, 2012 - Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras, as Operator of the BM-S-11 Consortium, announces that, along with its partners BG Group and Petrogal Brasil, and through its affiliate Tupi-BV, has signed a Letter of Intent with Schahin Petróleo e Gás S.A. and Modec Inc. for the charter of the FPSO that will be used in the production development project of the area known as Iracema Norte, in block BM-S-11, in the pre-salt of Santos Basin. The project includes the interconnection of 16 wells to the FPSO – 8 production and 8 injection wells –, and production is expected to start in December 2015.

The FPSO will be installed 300 Km off Brazil's coast, at a water depth of 2,234 meters. The platform will have a processing capacity of 150,000 bpd of oil and 8 million m3/day of natural gas. It will be operated by the companies responsible for the construction and chartered to the Consortium for a 20-year period. The schedule of the project determines the delivery of the FPSO 35 months following the signature of the Letter of Intent.

The BM-S-11 Consortium is operated by Petrobras (65%), in partnership with BG E&P do Brasil Ltda. (25%) and Petrogal Brasil S.A (10%).

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: November 13, 2012

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act) that are not based on historical facts and are not assurances of future results. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current view and estimates of future economic circumstances, industry conditions, company performance and financial results. The words "anticipates", "believes", "estimates", "expects", "plans" and similar expressions, as they relate to the company, are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Statements regarding the declaration or payment of dividends, the implementation of principal operating and financing strategies and capital expenditure plans, the direction of future operations and the factors or trends affecting financial condition, liquidity or results of operations are examples of forward-looking statements. Such statements reflect the current views of management and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties. There is no guarantee that the expected events, trends or results will actually occur. The statements are based on many assumptions and factors, including general economic and market conditions, industry conditions, and operating factors. Any changes in such assumptions or factors could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations.

All forward-looking statements are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement, and you should not place reliance on any forward-looking statement contained in this press release. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or future events or for any other reason.
