

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA
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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 May, 2010

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

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS

Press Release

Payment of interest on capital

(Rio de Janeiro, May 26, 2010). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A PETROBRAS announces to shareholders that it will be making, on May 31st, 2010, the payment of the first installment of advanced dividend payment related to the 2010 fiscal year. The payment will be under the form of Interest on Capital, in the value of R\$ 0.20 for common (ON) or preferred (PN) shares based on shareholder position at May 21, 2010, in accordance to Material Fact issued on May 14, 2010.

This interest on own capital, restated at the Brazilian Interest Rate SELIC from the payment date to the end of 2010 fiscal year, will be offset against the remuneration (dividends plus interest on own capital) to be paid related to the 2010 fiscal earnings.

This IOC (R\$ 0.20) will be subject to 15% withholding tax not applicable to tax immune or exempt shareholders.

For the American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) negotiated in the Stock exchange of New York - NYSE Payment in connection with the American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) traded on the New York Stock Exchange - NYSE will be made through JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., depositary bank for the ADRs. Information concerning date of payment and any other additional information may be obtained at www.adr.com.

Rights to interest on capital unclaimed within 3 (three) years as from payment date (March 31, 2008), will lapse and revert in favor of the Company (Law 6404/76, Article 287, Subsection II, Item a).

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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 26, 2010

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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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.
