

BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 January, 2007

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
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Federative Republic of Brazil**
(Address of principal executive office)

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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

Debt Exchange Offer

(Rio de Janeiro, January 4, 2007). 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 wholly owned subsidiary Petrobras International Finance Company (PIFCo) launched today an offer for the exchange of securities (Exchange) totaling up to US\$ 500 million (face value) for the 5 series of Notes listed below, according to the presented priority order.

Priority order	PIFCo Notes	CUSIP/ISIN No.	Outstanding Principal Amount	Maturity Date	Bloomberg Page	Reference Treasury Security	Fixed Spread (in basis points)
1	12.375% Global Step- Up Notes due 2008 (Step-Up Notes)	71645WAF8 / US71645WAF86	U.S.\$134,622,000	April 1 2008	BBT4	4.625% due 3/31/08	10
2	9.875% Senior Notes due 2008 (2008 Notes	G7028BAA9 / USG7028BAA91 *; 71646FAA5 / US71646FAA57; 71646FAB3 / US71646FAB31* 71645WAB7 /	U.S.\$238,246,000	May 9 2008	BBT4	2.625% due 5/15/08	10
3	9.75% Senior Notes due 2011 (2011 Notes	US71645WAB72 *; G7028BAB74 / USG7028BAB74 *;	U.S.\$286,246,000	July 6 2011	BBT5	5.125% due 6/30/11	35

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71645WAA9 /
US71645WAA99

	9.125%						
	Global	71645WAG6 /					
4	Notes due 2013 (2013 Notes)	US71645WAG69	U.S.\$498,335,000	July 2 2013	BBT6	4.250% due 8/15/13	95
	7.750%						
	Global	71645WAJ0 /					
5	Notes due 2014 (2014 Notes)	US71645WAJ09	U.S.\$600,000,000	Sept 15 2014	BBT6	4.250% due 8/15/14	120

The objective of the Exchange is to offer investors the opportunity to substitute the old notes with PIFCo's benchmark, issued on October 06 2006 with a 6.125% per annum coupon and maturity in 2016.

The following table shall be used together with the calculation of the issuance price of the reopened security according to the conditions established in the Exchange Offering Prospectus.

PIFCo	CUSIP/ISIN	Outstanding	Maturity	Bloomberg	Reference	Fixed
Notes	No.	Principal	Date	Page	Treasury	Spread (in
		Amount			Security	basis
						points)
6,125%	71645WAL5/U	U.S.\$500,000,000	October 6, 2016	BBT6	4.625% due 11/15/16	140
Global Notes due 2016 (Original 2016 Notes)	S71645WAL54					

The company offers to investors the opportunity to exchange old securities for a combination of reopened PIFCo benchmark securities and an amount in cash, to be calculated on January 19 2007 based on a pricing formula established in the Exchange Offering Prospectus, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on January 03, 2007 and available on the Investor Relations website Financial Information Prospectus, or as shown below.

Unless stated to the contrary, the Exchange is set to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time on February 01 2007, and financial settlement is to take place on the third business day there after.

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The operation is being arranged by Morgan Stanley & Co., Incorporated and UBS Securities LLC as Dealer Managers, The Bank of New York as the transaction agent, The Bank of New York (Luxembourg)S.A. as agent in Luxemburgo and D.F. King & Co., Inc. as information agent for the tender offer.

Requests for the Offer to Purchase and related documents should be made to D.F. King & Co., Inc. by calling (212) 269-5550 for the banks and brokers or (800) 859-8508, for other parties, or in writing to 48 Wall Street, New York, New York 10005. Questions on the tender offer can be made to Morgan Stanley & Co., Incorporated at (800) 624-1800 (in the United States) or (212) 761-1457 (outside the United States) and to UBS Securities LLC on (888) 722-9555, extension 4210 (in the United States) or (203) 719-4210 (outside the United States).

This announcement does not constitute an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell securities. The tender offer is being made exclusively through the Offer to Purchase document and related notification letters. The latter are invalid in any jurisdiction that does not permit them to be acted upon pursuant to the prevailing legislation.

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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: January 04, 2007

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

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

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