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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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Yes No

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Platform P-56 begins production in Marlim Sul field

Rio de Janeiro, August 16, 2011 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A - Petrobras announces that semi-submersible platform P-56 began production on August 15, in Marlim Sul field, in Campos Basin (RJ). The unit began production through well 7-MLS-163HPRJS, which has a potential of approximately 16,000 barrels per day.

Installed at a water depth of 1,670 meters, the platform is designed to process up to 100 thousand barrels of oil per day when it reaches maximum capacity, expected to take place in the first quarter of 2012. Besides heavy oil of 18° API, P-56 will have the capacity to process and treat up to 6 million m³ per day of natural gas.

P-56 will be interconnected to 21 wells, of which 10 will be producers and 11 water injectors. The produced oil will be sent through oil pipeline to platform P-38, which is a FSO (floating storage and offloading vessel) type, located 20 km from the Platform. Then, the oil will be transferred to shuttle tankers and the natural gas will be delivered through gas pipeline to the Cabiúnas terminal.

P-56 is 125m long, 110m wide, 137m tall and has a total weight of more than 54 thousand tons. Construction of the integrated modules (topside) of P-56 reached a high rate of local content. The hull was built entirely in Brazil, which demonstrates the capacity of the local manufacturing sector to meet the orders of Petrobras.

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