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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of May, 2012

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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)

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Yes No

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Potential of block BM-C-33 in pre-salt

Rio de Janeiro, May 24, 2012 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras announces the development of the exploration of block BM-C-33, south of the Campos basin.

The drilling of the well 1-REPF-12D-RJS, where the discovery of a new hydrocarbon reservoir in the pre-salt layer was recently announced, indicated estimated recoverable volumes of more than 700 barrels of oil and 3 trillion cubic meters of gas (equivalent to 545 million barrels) in the block BM-C-33.

The well, Known as Pão de Açúcar, is located 195 km from the coast of Rio de Janeiro state, and was drilled in approximately 2800 meters of water depth and encountered a hydrocarbon column of around 500 meters.

These figures confirm the potential of the BM-C-33 block in the Campos basin, including the Seat and Gávea discoveries, in addition to Pão de Açúcar. The consortium is preparing an evaluation plan to submit to the National Agency of Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuel Agency (ANP).

Repsol Sinopec Brasil is the operator, holding a 35% interest, in partnership with Statoil (35%) and Petrobras (30%).

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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 24, 2012

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

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