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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2006

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated July 28, 2005)

U.S.\$500,000,000

Petrobras International Finance Company

Payments supported by a standby purchase agreement provided by

Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. PETROBRAS

(BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION PETROBRAS)

% Global Notes due 2016

The notes are general, unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of Petrobras International Finance Company, or PIFCo, will mature on 2016, and will bear interest at the rate of % per annum. Interest on the notes is payable on April and October of each year, beginning on April, 2007. PIFCo will pay additional amounts related to the deduction of certain withholding taxes in respect of certain payments on the notes. The notes will have the benefit of credit support provided by Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. PETROBRAS, or Petrobras, under the terms of a standby purchase agreement which will obligate Petrobras to purchase from the noteholders their rights to receive payments in respect of the notes from PIFCo in the event of nonpayment by PIFCo. PIFCo may redeem, in whole or in part, the notes at any time by paying the greater of the principal amount of the notes and the applicable make-whole amount, plus, in each case, accrued interest. The notes will also be redeemable without premium prior to maturity at PIFCo s option solely upon the imposition of certain withholding taxes. See Description of the Notes(Optional Redemption.

PIFCo may apply for a listing of the notes on the New York Stock Exchange at some time after, but there is no certainty that an application will be made or that the listing will be approved by the New York Stock Exchange.

See Risk Factors on page S-15 to read about factors you	should consider before buying the	notes offered in this pros	pactus cumplement and th
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Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor at determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. At			ved of these securities of
	Per Note	Total	
Initial price to the public(1) Underwriting discount	% %	U.S.\$ U.S.\$	
Proceeds, before expenses, to PIFCo	%	U.S.\$	
The underwriters expect to deliver the notes in book-entry f New York, New York on or about , 2006.	form only through the facilities of	The Depository Trust Con	npany against payment in
MORGAN STANLEY UBS INVE	STMENT BANK		
, 2006			
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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This document consists of two parts. The first part is the prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of the notes PIFCo is offering and certain other matters relating to PIFCo and Petrobras and their financial condition. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information about securities that PIFCo and Petrobras may offer from time to time. Generally, references to the prospectus mean this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus combined. If the description of the notes in this prospectus supplement differs from the description in the accompanying prospectus, the description in this prospectus supplement supersedes the description in the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus. PIFCo and Petrobras have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. Neither PIFCo nor Petrobras is making an offer to sell the notes in any state or country where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the relevant document.

In this prospectus supplement, unless the context otherwise requires, references to Petrobras mean Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. Petrobras and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole, and references to PIFCo mean Petrobras International Finance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Petrobras, and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole. Terms such as we, us and our generally refer to both Petrobras and PIFCo, unless the context requires otherwise.

DIFFICULTIES OF ENFORCING CIVIL LIABILITIES AGAINST NON-U.S. PERSONS

Petrobras is a *sociedade de economia mista* (mixed-capital company), a public sector company with some private sector ownership, established under the laws of Brazil, and PIFCo is a tax exempt limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. All or a substantial portion of the assets of Petrobras and PIFCo are located outside the Unites States, and at any time all of their executive officers and directors, and certain advisors named in this prospectus supplement, may reside outside the United States. As a result, it may not be possible for you to effect service of process on any of those persons within the United States. In addition, it may not be possible for you to enforce a judgment of a United States court for civil liability based upon the United States federal securities laws against any of those persons outside the United States. For further information on potential difficulties in effecting service of process on any of those persons or enforcing judgments against any of them outside the United States, see Difficulties of Enforcing Civil Liabilities Against Non-U.S. Persons in the accompanying prospectus.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Many statements made or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), that are not based on historical facts and are not assurances of future results. Many of the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement may be identified by the use of forward-looking words, such as believe, expect, anticipate, should, planned estimate and potential, among others. We have made forward-looking statements that address, among other things, our:

regional marketing and expansion strategy;

drilling and other exploration activities;

import and export activities;

projected and targeted capital expenditures and other costs, commitments and revenues;

liquidity; and

development of additional revenue sources.

Because these forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, there are important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These factors include:

our ability to obtain financing;

general economic and business conditions, including crude oil and other commodity prices, refining margins and prevailing exchange rates;

our ability to find, acquire or gain access to additional reserves and to successfully develop our current ones;

uncertainties inherent in making estimates of our reserves;

competition;

technical difficulties in the operation of our equipment and the provision of our services;

changes in, or failure to comply with, governmental regulations;

receipt of governmental approvals and licenses;

international and Brazilian political, economic and social developments;

military operations, terrorist attacks, wars or embargoes; and

the costs and availability of adequate insurance coverage.

These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, our actual results could differ materially from those expressed or forecast in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors, including those in Risk Factors set forth in this prospectus supplement and in documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

All forward-looking statements attributed to us or a person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. 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.

PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

In this prospectus supplement, references to Real, Reais or R\$ are to Brazilian Reais and references to U.S. Dollars or U.S.\$ are to United St Dollars.

We have incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement the following financial statements of PIFCo, which we refer to as the PIFCo financial statements: (a) the audited consolidated financial statements of PIFCo as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 and for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005, which are included in PIFCo s Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, on June 28, 2006 and (b) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of PIFCo as of and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, which are included in PIFCo s Report on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC on September 7, 2006. The PIFCo financial statements have been presented in U.S. Dollars and prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (which we refer to as U.S. GAAP).

We have also incorporated for reference in the prospectus supplement the following financial statements of Petrobras, which we refer to as the Petrobras financial statements: (a) the audited consolidated financial statements of Petrobras as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 and for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005, which are included in Petrobras. Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on June 28, 2006 and (b) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Petrobras as of and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, which are included in Petrobras. Report on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC on September 6, 2006. The Petrobras financial statements have been presented in U.S. Dollars and prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Petrobras also publishes financial statements in Brazil in Reais in accordance with the accounting principles required by Brazilian corporate law and the regulations promulgated by the Comissão de Valores Mobiliários (Brazilian Securities Commission, or the CVM) (which we refer to as Brazilian GAAP). Brazilian GAAP differs in significant respects from U.S. GAAP.

Ernst & Young Auditores Independentes S/S audited Petrobras and PIFCo s audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 and for each of the three years ended December 31, 2005. As of April 7, 2006, KPMG Auditores Independentes became Petrobras and PIFCo s independent auditors. KPMG Auditores Independentes reviewed Petrobras and PIFCo s unaudited consolidated financial statements as of and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006. See Experts.

As described more fully in Note 2(a) to the audited consolidated financial statements of Petrobras, the U.S. Dollar amounts as of the dates and for the periods presented in the Petrobras financial statements have been remeasured or translated from the Real amounts in accordance with the criteria set forth in Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 52 of the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board, or SFAS 52. Accordingly, U.S. Dollar amounts presented in this prospectus supplement that were derived from the financial statements have been translated from Reais at the period-end exchange rate (for balance sheet items) or the average exchange rate prevailing during the period (for income statement and cash flow items).

Unless the context otherwise indicates:

historical data contained in this prospectus supplement that were not derived from the financial statements have been translated from Reais on a similar basis;

forward-looking amounts, including estimated future capital expenditures, have all been based on Petrobras 2005-2015 Strategic Plan and 2006-2010 Business Plan and have been projected on a constant basis and have been translated from *reais* in 2006 at an estimated average exchange rate of R\$3.01 to U.S.\$1.00; and

estimated future capital expenditures are based on the most recently budgeted amounts, which may not have been adjusted to reflect all factors that could affect such amounts.

EXCHANGE RATES

The Central Bank of Brazil allows the *real*/U.S. dollar exchange rate to float freely, and has intervened occasionally to control unstable fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. We cannot predict whether the Central Bank or the Brazilian government will continue to let the *real* float freely or will intervene in the exchange rate market through a currency band system or otherwise. The *real* may depreciate or appreciate against the U.S. dollar substantially in the future. For more information on these risks, see the information appearing under the heading Risk Factors in this prospectus supplement.

The following table provides information on the selling exchange rate, expressed in *reais* per U.S. dollar (R\$/US\$), for the periods indicated. Prior to March 14, 2005, under Brazilian regulations, foreign exchange transactions were carried out on either the commercial rate exchange market or the floating rate exchange market. Rates in the two markets were generally the same. On March 14, 2005, the Brazilian National Monetary Council unified the two markets.

The tables below set forth the exchange selling rates expressed in *reais* per U.S. dollar for the periods indicated. For periods prior to March 14, 2005, the table below shows the commercial selling rate.

For the Year Ended December 31,

	(R\$/U.S.\$)				
	High	Low	Average(1)	Period End	
2005	2.762	2.163	2.435	2.341	
2004	3.205	2.654	2.654 2.926		
2003	3.662	2.822	3.075	2.889	
2002	3.955	2.271	2.924	3.533	
2001	2.835	1.935	2.352	2.320	
2006					
January	2.346	2.212	2.273	2.216	
February	2.222	2.118	2.159	2.136	
March	2.224	2.107	2.148	2.172	
April	2.172	2.089	2.131	2.089	
May	2.371	2.059	2.170	2.301	
June	2.302	2.164	2.251	2.164	
July	2.213	2.164	2.188	2.176	
August	2.191	2.133	2.157	2.139	
September (through September 21, 2006)	2.197	2.128	2.155	2.197	

Source: Central Bank of Brazil

⁽¹⁾ Figures for each year represent the average of the month-end exchange rates during the year.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

We are incorporating by reference into this prospectus supplement the following documents that we have filed with the SEC:

PIFCo

- (1) The combined Petrobras and PIFCo Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2005, filed with the SEC on June 28, 2006.
- (2) The PIFCo Report on Form 6-K containing financial information for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, prepared in accordance with US GAAP, furnished to the SEC on September 7, 2006.
- (3) Any future filings of PIFCo on Form 20-F made with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement and prior to the termination of the offering of the securities offered by this prospectus supplement, and any future reports of PIFCo on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC during that period that are identified in those forms as being incorporated into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Petrobras

- (1) The combined Petrobras and PIFCo Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2005, filed with the SEC on June 28, 2006.
- (2) The Petrobras Report on Form 6-K relating to Petrobras 2007-2011 Business Plan, furnished to the SEC on July 5, 2006.
- (3) The Petrobras Reports on Form 6-K relating to PIFCo s tender offer, furnished to the SEC on July 19 and 26, 2006.
- (4) The Petrobras Report on Form 6-K relating to the acquisition of the Pasadena Refinery, furnished to the SEC on September 5, 2006.
- (5) The Petrobras Reports on Form 6-K containing financial information for the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, prepared in accordance with US GAAP, furnished to the SEC on September 6, 2006.
- (6) The Petrobras Report on Form 6-K relating to the rejection of the proposed complementary pension plan, furnished to the SEC on September 13, 2006.
- (7) The Petrobras Report on Form 6-K relating to measures taken by the Bolivian government affecting its oil and gas industry, furnished to the SEC on September 14, 2006.
- (8) Any future filings of Petrobras on Form 20-F made with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement and prior to the termination of the offering of the securities offered by this prospectus supplement, and any future reports of Petrobras on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC during that period that are identified in those forms as being incorporated into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

Information that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus supplement, and that is incorporated by reference, will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus supplement. This means that you should look at all of the SEC filings and reports that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus or in any documents previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded.

Documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement are available without charge. Each person to whom this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are delivered may obtain documents incorporated by reference by requesting them either in writing or orally, by telephone or by e-mail from us at the following address:

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In addition, you may review copies of the materials we file with or furnish to the SEC without charge, and copies of all or any portion of such materials can be obtained at the Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. We also file materials with the SEC electronically. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains materials that we file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC s website is http://www.sec.gov.

SUMMARY OF THE OFFERING

This summary of the offering made by PIFCo highlights key information described in greater detail elsewhere, or incorporated by reference, in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You should read carefully the entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference, which are described under Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference and Where You Can Find More Information.

In this prospectus supplement, unless the context otherwise requires, references to Petrobras mean Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole, and references to PIFCo mean Petrobras International Finance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Petrobras, and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole. Terms such as we, us and our generally refer to both Petrobras and PIFCo, unless the context requires otherwise.

PIFCo

PIFCo is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Petrobras, incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. PIFCo was formed to facilitate and finance the import of crude oil and oil products by Petrobras into Brazil. Accordingly, its primary purpose is to act as an intermediary between third-party oil suppliers and Petrobras by engaging in crude oil and oil product purchases from international suppliers and reselling crude oil and oil products in U.S. Dollars to Petrobras on a deferred payment basis, at a price which includes a premium to compensate PIFCo for its financing costs. PIFCo is generally able to obtain credit to finance purchases on the same terms granted to Petrobras, and it buys crude oil and oil products at the same price that suppliers would charge Petrobras directly.

As part of Petrobras strategy to expand its international operations and facilitate its access to international capital markets, PIFCo engages in borrowings in international capital markets supported by Petrobras, primarily through standby purchase agreements.

In addition, PIFCo engages in a number of activities that are conducted by four wholly-owned subsidiaries:

Petrobras Europe Limited, or PEL, a United Kingdom company that acts as an agent and advisor in connection with Petrobras activities in Europe, the Middle East, the Far East and North Africa;

Petrobras Finance Limited, or PFL, a Cayman Islands company that facilitates an exports prepayment program linked to the resale of fuel oil and bunker fuel bought from Petrobras;

Bear Insurance Company Limited, or BEAR, a Bermuda company that contracts insurance for Petrobras and its subsidiaries; and

Petrobras Singapore Private Limited, or PSPL, a company incorporated in Singapore to trade crude oil and oil products in connection with our trading activities in Asia. This company initiated its operations in July 2006.

Since 2004, as part of Petrobras restructuring of its offshore subsidiaries in order to centralize trading operations, PIFCo has engaged in limited exports of oil and oil products and has begun to store oil and oil products in Asia.

PIFCo s principal executive office is located at Anderson Square Building, P.O. Box 714, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, B.W.I., and its telephone number is (55-21) 3224-1410.

Petrobras

Petrobras is one of the world s largest integrated oil and gas companies, engaging in a broad range of oil and gas activities. For the year ended December 31, 2005 and the six-month period ended June 30, 2006, Petrobras had sales of products and services of U.S.\$74.1 billion and U.S.\$43.8 billion, net operating revenues of U.S.\$56.3

billion and U.S.\$33.5 billion and net income of U.S.\$10.3 billion and U.S.\$6.5 billion, respectively. Petrobras engages in a broad range of activities, which cover the following segments of its operations:

Exploration and Production This segment encompasses exploration, development and production activities in Brazil.

Supply This segment encompasses refining, logistics, transportation and the purchase of crude oil, as well as the purchase and sale of oil products and fuel alcohol. Additionally, this segment includes Petrobras petrochemical and fertilizers division, which includes investments in domestic petrochemical companies and Petrobras two domestic fertilizer plants.

Distribution This segment encompasses oil product and fuel alcohol distribution activities conducted by Petrobras majority owned subsidiary, Petrobras Distribuidora S.A.-BR in Brazil.

Natural Gas and Power This segment encompasses the purchase, sale and transportation of natural gas produced in or imported into Brazil. This segment includes Petrobras domestic electric energy commercialization activities as well as investments in domestic natural gas transportation companies, state owned natural gas distributors and thermal electric companies.

International This segment encompasses international activities conducted in 15 countries, which include Exploration and

Production, Supply, Distribution and Gas and Energy.

Corporate This segment includes those activities not attributable to other segments, including corporate financial management, overhead related with central administration and other expenses, including pension and health care expenses.

Petrobras principal executive office is located at Avenida República do Chile, 65 20031-912 Rio de Janeiro RJ, Brazil, and its telephone number is (55-21) 3224-4477.

Summary Financial Information for PIFCo

The following table sets forth PIFCo s summary financial information, presented in U.S. Dollars and prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The data as of December 31, 2005 and 2004 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2005 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of PIFCo, which are included in PIFCo s Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on June 28, 2006. The data as of June 30, 2006 and for the six-months periods ended June 30, 2006 and 2005 have been derived from the unaudited consolidated financial statements of PIFCo, which are included in PIFCo s Report on Form 6-K furnished to the SEC on September 7, 2006. The information below should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the PIFCo financial statements.

	For the Six-Month Period Ended June 30, 2006 2005 (in millions of U.S. Dollars)			For the Year I 2005		Ended Decembe 2004		er 31, 2003		
Income Statement Data:										
Sales of crude oil, oil products and services	\$ 9,8	350.7 \$	7	7,386.8	\$	17,136.1	\$ 1	12,355.6	\$	6,975.5
Lease income										
Cost of sales	(9,736.5)	(7	7,305.6	5)	(16,98	33.3)	(12,230	5.0)	(6,920.	1)
Lease expense										
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(95.5)	(5	59.5)		(165.7)	7)	(99.8)		(18.6)	
Operating income (loss)	18.7	2	1.7		(12.9)		19.8		36.8	
Financial income (1)	570.4	4	77.4		984.0		678.8		442.9	
Financial expense (1)	(598.5)	(4	473.2)		(998.9	9)	(761.2))	(482.7))
Other income, net	0.3	((0.1)				3.5			
Net income (loss)	\$	(9.1) \$;	25.8	\$	(27.8)				