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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April, 2016

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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)

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

New Voluntary Severance Incentive Program – 2016 PIDV

Rio de Janeiro, April 1, 2016 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras hereby announces that its Executive Board has approved a Voluntary Severance Incentive Program – 2016 PIDV, open to all employees.

The aim of the Program is to adjust the size of the workforce to the needs of the Business and Management Plan (PNG), raising productivity and and generating value for the Company, with the focus on meeting the Plan’s targets.

The 2016 PIDV was developed based on the premises of preserving a sufficient number of employees to ensure the continuity of the Company’s operations, adjusting personnel in all areas.

Assuming that around 12,000 employees take part in the Program, its implementation cost is estimated at R\$4.4 billion and the its expected return is of R\$33 billion between 2016 and 2020.

The precise cost and return amounts may vary in line with how many workers sign up to the Program, as well as other variables, being these estimates based on assumptions and criteria applicable at present.

Facts deemed to be material regarding this matter will be disclosed to the market in a timely manner.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are subject to risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements, which address the Company’s expected business and financial performance, among other matters, contain words such as “believe,” “expect,” “estimate,” “anticipate,” “optimistic,” “intend,” “plan,” “aim,” “will,” “may,” “would,” “likely,” and similar expressions. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. There is no assurance that the expected events, trends or results will actually occur. 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.

The Company’s actual results could differ materially from those expressed or forecast in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of assumptions and factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) failure to comply with laws or regulations, including fraudulent activity, corruption, and bribery; (ii) the outcome of ongoing corruption investigations and any new facts or information that may arise in relation to the “Lava Jato Operation”; (iii) the effectiveness of the Company’s risk management policies and procedures, including operational risk; and (iv) litigation, such as class actions or proceedings brought by governmental and regulatory agencies. A description of other factors can be found in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the Company’s other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

