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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 July, 2009

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)

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Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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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

Closing of the R\$ 25 billion Loan with BNDES

Rio de Janeiro, July 30 2009 - PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS announces that, together with its subsidiaries Transportadora Associada de Gás S/A (TAG) and Refinaria Abreu e Lima S/A (RNEST), closed today a loan agreement with the Brazilian National Development Bank (BNDES) in the amount of R\$25 billion.

The loan, considered in the Company's 2009-2013 Business Plan released last January, was being negotiated with the bank since then. The Plan includes this loan as one of the sources of funds to finance the \$174.4 billion Capex estimated for the period.

The proceeds will be received through the transfer of Brazilian Government Notes and will be used to finance the implementation of projects which aims to increase the oil and gas production, the enhancement of the refining capacity, and the extension of the gas pipeline network in Brazil.

The cost of the loan is in line with that offered by the international capitals market for a similar term and the main characteristics of the loan are: (a) term of 19 years and eight months; (b) semiannually amortization, with the first payment due in September 2016; (c) interest payable semiannually, in September and March; (d) settlement currency: Real (R\$); (e) indexation to the US Dollar (USD) exchange rate variation.

Petrobras also signed today an Agreement with BNDES to promote the development of the oil and gas industry in Brazil. The agreement aims to establish a network between the Company and the bank to share learning and information about the industry and to promote the investment, technological research and the development of the human resources capability and the supply chain of the industry.

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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: July 30, 2009

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A.--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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