

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA
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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 October, 2008

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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20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ
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

Pasadena Refinery Put Option

Rio de Janeiro, October 31 2008 - PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, informs that, an interim award issued in connection with the arbitration process brought to the International Centre for Dispute Resolution between its wholly-owned subsidiary Petrobras America Inc. (PAI) and Astra Oil Trading NV (Astra), which own the Pasadena Refining System Inc. PRSI, located in Texas, issued on October 24 2008, established the validity of the put option exercised by Astra against PAI, for the ownership interests in PRSI.

In addition, the interim awards held that the put option exercised by Astra affiliates against PAI, for the ownership interests in PRSI Trading Company LP, an entity formed to market, sell, and distribute crude oil and refined products for the refinery, was also effective.

If the final decision keeps the same interim resolution PAI and its affiliates will buy out Astra's ownership interests, therefore, remaining with 100% of the companies' stake.

The put option exercise price decision is reserved for further proceedings.

Notwithstanding the lack of a price determination, PAI and Astra are working together to transition all operational, managerial and financial responsibilities to PAI immediately.

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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: October 31, 2008

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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