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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of May, 2017

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. – 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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Innovation and increased efficiency in the Libra Field

Rio de Janeiro, May 2, 2017 - Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras reports on innovations and efficiency gains related to the Libra Field.

The intense collaboration between Libra area partners in the pursuit of the technologies necessary to maximize the value of the project has already allowed to reduce the break-even price of the venture by approximately US\$ 13/barrel.

The actions mapped out by the Libra Consortium to reduce the break-even price are focused on cost optimization and increased recovery factor of the block's deposits. These actions are part of the "Libra@35" project, which seeks to achieve a break-even price of US\$ 35/barrel.

Among the initiatives already completed is the reduction by 460 days in the appraisal phase, which represented earnings of US\$ 360 million. The result was possible thanks to optimization in information acquisition during the exploration and appraisal phase.

Another initiative was the use of a simplified design for intelligent completion - a technique to track the performance of remotely-controlled wells - with gains of 7 to 18 days in this activity. In addition, the use of WAG loop, an innovative concept that allows to connect two water/gas injector wells in a loop, enabled the reduced use of flexible lines, with savings of US\$ 300 million.

Finally, the consortium plans to have supplying companies in the Libra 4 project involved from the project design phase, to reduce the investment in equipment and installation of subsea systems by 30%. Projected savings from this initiative are in the order of US\$ 400 million.

The Libra consortium is composed by Petrobras (operator with 40%), Shell (20%), Total (20%), CNPC (10%) and CNOOC (10%) whereas Pré-Sal Petróleo S.A. (PPSA) is the manager of the Production Sharing Contract.

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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," "should," "could," "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

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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, 2016, and the Company's other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

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.

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. – PETROBRAS

Date: May 2, 2017

By: /s/ Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Name: Ivan de Souza Monteiro

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations Officer
