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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, 2011

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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Yes No

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This report on Form 6-K is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Petróleo Brasileiro -- Petrobras (No. 333-163665).

Gás Brasileiro Acquisition Closing

Rio de Janeiro, July 29, 2011, Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras announces that, as informed to the market on May 27, 2010 press release, it has executed through its subsidiary Petrobras Gás S.A. (“Gaspetro”), a contract to acquire the totality of the shares of Gas Brasileiro Distribuidora S.A. (“GBD”) from ENI International B.V. by the amount of US\$ 250 million, subject to adjustments based on the company’s working capital on the transaction’s settlement date.

GBD has concession of natural gas distribution activities in the Northeastern part of the state of São Paulo, in an area that encompasses 375 municipalities and satisfies the region’s industrial, commercial, residential and transportation needs. The concession contract began in December 1999 with a 30-year period of duration, and may be extended by an additional 20 years. In 2010, the company’s distribution network reached 750 km and the sales volume was approximately 650 thousand cubic meters of gas per day.

With authorization from the São Paulo State Sanitation and Energy Regulatory Agency (ARSESP) and execution of the amendment to GBD’s concession contract on July 18, 2011, all the preceding conditions have been met and the transaction was completed today.

GBD’s financial position indicates an additional working capital of US\$ 21 million. Thus, Gaspetro will pay US\$ 271 million to ENI International B.V., subject to a final adjustment related to the working capital as of July 31, 2011.

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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 29, 2011

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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