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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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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)

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Yes No

Petrobras starts-up FPSO Cidade de Ilhabela in Santos Basin pre-salt Sapinhoá field

Rio de Janeiro, November 21, 2014 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras announces that the offshore platform Cidade de Ilhabela started-up this Thursday, November 20, at 5:37 a.m., in the Santos Basin pre-salt field of Sapinhoá. The new unit is part of the set of production projects scheduled for this year as outlined in the company's 2014-2018 Business and Management Plan.

The platform Cidade de Ilhabela is an FPSO (floating production storage and offloading) vessel. Petrobras hired the consortium QGOG/SBM on March 30, 2012 to build the FPSO. The hull was converted from a tanker at the CXG shipyard, China while the integration of the process plant modules took place at the Brasa Shipyard, in Niterói (RJ).

The offshore platform was set up at a site where the water depth reaches 2,140 meters, some 310 km off the coast of São Paulo state. It will be able to produce up to 150 thousand barrels of oil per day (bpd), compress up to 6 million m³/day of natural gas and store 1.6 million barrels of oil. Moreover, the platform will be able to inject 180 thousand barrels of water per day. Well 3-SPS-69, the first to go into operation, has a production potential of 32 thousand bpd. The oil produced in Sapinhoá field is of excellent quality – 29° API on average – and is to be offloaded by tankers.

The unused portion of the gas for reinjection into the field will flow through the Sapinhoá-Lula-Mexilhão gas pipeline to the Monteiro Lobato Gas Treatment Unit (UTGCA) located in Caraguatatuba, on the coast of São Paulo state. FPSO Cidade de Ilhabela will be connected to nine production wells and seven injection ones. Peak of production is expected to occur in the second half of 2015.

The estimated local content for Sapinhoá field development is above 55%, higher than the 30% minimum local content stipulated by Brazil's National Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels Agency (ANP). Thirteen of the FPSO's 18 process plant modules were built in Brazil: three at EBSE-Nuclep, in Itaguaí (RJ), and ten at the Brasa Shipyard, in Niterói (RJ).

Sapinhoá field production started in January 2013 by interconnecting well 1-SPS-55 to FPSO Cidade de São Paulo (Sapinhoá Pilot), with a production capacity of up to 120 thousand bpd.

Sapinhoá field is operated by Petrobras (45%), in partnership with BG E&P Brasil Ltda (30%) and Repsol Sinopec S.A. (25%).

Technical specifications

Production capacity: 150,000 bpd

Natural gas treatment capacity: 6 million m³/day

Storage capacity: 1.6 million barrels of oil

Accommodation: 140 personnel

Water depth: 2,140 meters

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: November 21, 2014

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
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