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FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October, 2016

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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)

**Avenida República do Chile, 65
20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Federative Republic of Brazil**
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

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

Petrobras reaches agreement with investors to settle four individual securities actions in the United States

Rio de Janeiro, October 21, 2016 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras announces that its Board of Directors approved, in a meeting held today, agreements to settle four individual securities actions brought before the US District Court for the Southern District of New York by PIMCO Total Return Fund, et al., Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund, et al., Janus Overseas Fund, et al., and Al Shams Investments, et al.

Petrobras will recognize a provision in its third quarter financial statements as a result of the settlements reached and the status of ongoing negotiations with certain other individual plaintiffs. The Company currently expects the amount of the provision to be US\$ 353 million.

These actions are consolidated with 23 other similar actions and the class action filed against the Company (and others) before the US District Court for the Southern District of New York.

At this time, it is not possible for the Company to make a reliable estimate with respect to the potential outcome of the class action.

PIMCO is one of the largest holders of bonds of the Petrobras group, and Dodge & Cox is one of the largest shareholders, after the Brazilian Federal Government and affiliated entities.

Petrobras denies all allegations of wrongdoing and continues to defend itself vigorously in all pending actions. The settlements, the terms of which are confidential, are aimed at eliminating the uncertainties, burdens and expense of ongoing litigation.

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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,” “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 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, 2015, and the Company’s other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

