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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

2007-2011 BUSINESS PLAN

(Rio de Janeiro, June 30, 2006). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, announces that the Board of Directors approved today the 2007-2011 business plan. Some highlights of this plan are a long term 2015 oil and natural gas production target, substantial expansion in the natural gas production chain, and a greater role in petrochemicals, and refining and development of green fuels.

This business plan uses the same fundamental premisses defined in the Petrobras 2015 Strategic Plan, approved in May 2004, in what concerns the Mission and 2015 Vision of the Company, and adjusts corporate objectives and strategies.

In general terms the 2007-2011 Business Plan maintains the company's aggressive growth targets. World-wide oil, natural gas liquids, and gas production should reach 3,493 thousand barrels of oil equivalent (boe) by 2011, of which 2,925 thousand in Brazil. For the first time the company also announced its longer term production target for 2015 of 4,556 thousand boe by 2015, re-emphasizing the strength of the new plan. These projections take into consideration the maintenance of a comfortable reserve - production ratio.

In the downstream segment, the targets reflect the objective of maintaining a balance between production and processing capacity, and expand activities in petrochemicals and fertilizers, promoting synergies with other Petrobras operations. Consequently, world-wide refining throughput should reach 2,376 thousand bpd by 2011, and 3,201 thousand bpd by 2015.

Corporate Goals

Indicators	2005	2006 Target	2011 Target
Oil and Gas Production Total (Thousand boed)	2,217	2,403	3,493
Oil and Gas Production Brazil (Thousand boed)	1,958	2,169	2,925
Oil and Gas Production International (Thousand boed)	259	234	568
Throughput Brazil (Thousand bpd)	1,727	1,774	1,877
Throughput - Brazil and International (Thousand bbl/d)	1,830	1,908	2,376
Sales Volume in Excess of Brazilian Crude Oil (Thousand bpd)	263	415	632
Refining Operating Cost - Brazil (US\$/boe)	1.90	1.60	2.90
Lifting Cost without Government Participation - Brazil (US\$/boe)	5.73	5.96	5.60

The plan calls for investments of US\$ 87.1 billion, in the period, representing a yearly average of US\$ 17.4 billion, of which 86% (US\$ 75.0 billion) in Brazil, and 14% (US\$ 12.1 billion) in other countries. These figures represent a 66% increase in relation to the previous plan for the same period.

Concerning investments in Brazil, besides the expressive growth in E&P and Downstream, the expansion of investments in Gas and Energy, to meet growing demand for natural gas in the Brazil, and Distribution, to assure the leadership and growth of the company in this business segment, are also noteworthy.

Internationally, 70% of investments are directed to E&P with a concentration in the US Gulf and West Coast of Africa.

The growth in the value of the project portfolio is accounted for by: US\$ 17.4 billion of new projects, US\$ 7.8 billion of cost increases as a result of the tight equipment and oil services market, US\$ 4.2 billion as a result of currency appreciation, and the rest as a result of other factors including changes to project scope and business modelling.

Investments (US\$ billion)

Area	2007-2011	Inv 2007-11 (BP 2006-10)	Dif (%)
Exploration and Production	40.7	25.0	63
Supply	23.1	14.3	62
Gas & Energy	7.2	4.6	56
International	12.1	6.7	82
Distribution	2.2	0.9	131
Corporate	1.7	1.0	81
TOTAL	87.1	52.4	66

The above investment figures include US\$ 17.6 billion to be used by different segments in the whole natural gas production chain in Brazil, with a view towards developing, leading, and assuring a reliable source of natural gas for the Brazilian market. Investments by Petrobras partners should reach another US\$4.5 billion in the same period.

The company is maintaining its product pricing policy of alignment to international prices. As a result, expected cash generation should reach US\$ 86,7 bilhões in the period (net of dividends), what should be sufficient to finance almost the entire Investment Plan. New capital market borrowing is projected to reach US\$ 12.6 bilhões and projected debt amortization to equal US\$ 12.2 billion.

Business Plan Financiability (US\$ billion)

Sources and Uses	Sources	Uses
Financing	12.6	-
Cash flow net of dividends	86.7	-
Debt amortization	-	12.2
Investment	-	87.1

Petrobras will continue its policy of lengthening its debt maturity profile and reduction of leverage so that in spite of the expansion of investments average financial leverage should be less than under the previous plan.

Return and financial leverage indicators

Financial targets	Averag PN 2006 -1	Averag PN 2007 -1
Return on Capital Employed (ROCE) (%)	15	16
Financial Leverage	28	25

The revised plan takes into account realistically international petroleum price increases. This increase has reflected in the whole production chain principally in what concerns service costs, maintenance, equipment and special operations in the oil sector, impacting lifting and refining costs of all companies. The expanding global economy has also had a direct impact in various industries that compose the supply chain of the industry.

Quantitative assumptions relating to market tendencies and oil and oil products prices and margins, at the international level, were re-evaluated taking into account the higher price levels observed beginning in 2004.

Macroeconomic premises

Indexes	2007-2011
GDP World (% pa) PPP*	4.3
GDP Latin America (% pa) Purchase Power Parity	3.7
GDP - Brazil (% pa)	4.0
FX Rate (R\$/US\$)	2.50
Robustness Brent (US\$/bbl)	23.00
Brent for funding (US\$/bbl)	62.00 (2006), 55.00 (2007), 40.00 (2008), 35.00 (2009+)
Oil Products Prices	Oriented by international prices, without changes in related prices

Beginning with this business plan Petrobras will announce its targets for greenhouse gas emissions, in line with its strategy of sustainable growth.

In what concerns bio-fuels, the company aims to expand its participation in this market by leading national production of bio-diesel and expanding its role in the ethanol business. In line with this strategy the H-BIO tecnologia that transforms vegetable oils into diesel represents a driver for the growth of this market.

Corporate HSE Goals

Health, Safety and Environment (HSE) Targets	Target 2011
Maximum Acceptable volume of oil and oil products spills (m³)	601
Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate (LTIFR) (# of injuries / Million MHER)	0.50
Total Emissions of Greenhouse Gases (Million tons of CO₂ Equivalent)	3.93
Biodiesel supply (thousand m³/year)	855

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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: June 30, 2006

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
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