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Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of February, 2010

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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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Federative Republic of Brazil
(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

Construction work for Premium I Refinery in Maranhão kicked-off

Rio de Janeiro, January 15, 2010 Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras announces it kicked-off construction work for the Premium I Refinery today.

The Premium I Refinery, to be deployed in the Municipality of Bacabeira (state of Maranhão), 60 kilometers away from the future São Luís Terminal, will be one of Petrobras' four new refining units in Northeastern Brazil. The project is aimed to increase domestic production and to facilitate the regional distribution of high-quality fuel derivatives, such as diesel fuel, aviation kerosene (QAV), petrochemical naphtha, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), bunker (fuel for vessels), and coke.

Capable of processing 600,000 barrels per day, Premium I will refine the equivalent of one third of all domestic oil currently produced by Petrobras. The Refinery will go on stream in two phases - the first, with a capacity to process 300,000 barrels per day, is foreseen for September 2013, while the second for September 2015. It will have a pipeline range and a port terminal to receive oil and offload oil products.

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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: February 02, 2010

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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