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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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(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes No

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Declaration of Commerciality of Transfer of Rights Areas

Franco and Sul de Tupi

Rio de Janeiro, December 19th, 2013 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. - Petrobras announces that it submitted today to Brazil's National Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels Agency (ANP) the declaration of commerciality of the oil and gas accumulations of Franco and Sul de Tupi (South of Tupi). These areas are part of the Transfer of Rights Agreement and are located in the Santos Basin pre-salt.

In the proposal sent to the ANP, the names suggested for the new fields were Búzios and Sul de Lula (South of Lula) for Franco and Sul de Tupi, respectively.

Franco – Búzios Field

The volume contracted through the Transfer of Rights Agreement for Franco area of 3.058 billion barrels of oil equivalent was confirmed in the exploratory phase. The pre-salt reservoirs in this field contain good quality oil (between 26^º and 28^º API).

During the execution of the Franco Mandatory Exploratory Plan, Petrobras acquired 3D seismic data for the entire area, drilled two mandatory wells and six additional ones, with the objective of delimiting and characterizing reservoirs. An extended formation test was also performed.

Búzios field is nearly 200 km off the coast of Rio de Janeiro state at a water depth ranging from 1,600 to 2,100 meters.

Petrobras 2013-2017 Business and Management Plan forecasts the startup of five production systems for Búzios field until 2020, as defined below:

Búzios 1 – 3rd quarter 2016

Búzios 2 – 4th quarter 2016

Búzios 3 – 3rd quarter 2017

Búzios 4 – 4th quarter 2017

Búzios 5 – 4th quarter 2019

Sul de Tupi – Sul de Lula Field

The volume contracted through the Transfer of Rights Agreement for the Sul de Tupi area, of 128 million barrels of oil equivalent was confirmed during the exploratory phase. The pre-salt reservoirs in this field contain good quality oil (27^o API).

Petrobras acquired 3D seismic data for the entire area and drilled a well, as provided for in the Mandatory Exploratory Plan.

Sul de Lula field is nearly 300 km off the coast of Rio de Janeiro state at a water depth of approximately 2,200 meters.

The production of Sul de Lula field will be made by the same production system planned for the Extreme South module of Lula field. Petrobras 2013-2017 Business and Management Plan forecasts the first oil of this system in the 1st quarter of 2017.

With the declarations of commerciality for the Franco and Sul de Tupi areas, the formal process to review the transfer of rights agreement starts. The review will take place on a block-per-block basis, taking into consideration the technical and economic premises of each area.

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: December 19, 2013

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

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