

BRAZILIAN PETROLEUM CORP
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

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, 2008

Commission File Number 1-15106

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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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

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. - PETROBRAS
Public Company

Press Release

Transfer the petrochemical assets of the Ipiranga Group

(Rio de Janeiro, February 27, 2008). PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, Braskem S.A. (Braskem) and Ultrapar Participações S.A. (Ultrapar), hereby announces in accordance with, and for the purposes of complying with CVM Rule N° 358/02, that Ultrapar, as a commission agent and in accordance with the Investment Agreement entered into and between Ultrapar, Petrobras and Braskem - as released in the Material Notice dated March 19, 2007- transferred the petrochemical assets of the Ipiranga Group to Petrobras and Braskem.

The petrochemical assets transferred are represented by the shares indirectly owned by Ultrapar at Ipiranga Química S.A. (IQ), which was transferred to Braskem and Petrobras, in the proportion of 60% and 40% of the voting and total capital of IQ, respectively.

IQ owns 100% of the voting and the total capital of Ipiranga Petroquímica S.A., which owns 39.2% of the voting and the total capital of Copesul Companhia Petroquímica do Sul.

São Paulo, February 27, 2008.

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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 28, 2008

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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