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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

PETROBRAS ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER OF 2009 RESULTS

(Rio de Janeiro November 27, 2009) PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A. PETROBRAS today announced its consolidated results stated in U.S. dollars, prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Petrobras had consolidated net income of U.S.\$3,734 million for the third quarter of 2009, 37.7% lower than the third quarter of 2008, as a result of lower domestic diesel and gasoline prices since June 2009, higher commodities prices, an extraordinary expense for special government participation taxes on the Marlim field, and foreign exchange losses on net monetary assets denominated in U.S. dollars.

Consolidated net income in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 was 38.0% lower than in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, as a result of lower sales prices, foreign exchange losses on net monetary assets denominated in U.S. dollars and special government participation taxes on the Marlim field, partially offset by tax benefits generated by the provision for interest on shareholders equity. Cash from operating activities, measured by adjusted EBITDA, decreased 24.0% to U.S.\$20,792 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$27,348 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, due primarily to lower domestic average sales prices.

Total oil and natural gas production reached an average of 2,513 mbb/d in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009, due to the start-up of production of new platforms.

Total domestic and international oil and gas production increased 5.1% year-on-year in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. Increased output from the P-52 and P-54 (Roncador) platforms, together with the start-up of the P-51 (Marlim Sul), P-53 (Marlim Leste), FPSO Cidade de Niterói (Marlim Leste) and FPSO Cidade de São Vicente (Tupi extended well test, or EWT) platforms, more than offset the natural decline in mature fields.

We invested a total of U.S.\$24,349 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009, most of which was allocated to expand future oil and gas production capacity. We highlight the investments in our downstream and gas and energy operations, where the respective priorities were refinery investments in Brazil and the expansion of Brazil's gas pipeline network.

COMMENTS FROM THE CEO, MR. JOSÉ SERGIO GABRIELLI DE AZEVEDO

Dear shareholders and investors,

Our excellent results in the third quarter of 2009 reflect the strength of the Company's businesses and its ability to overcome the economic turbulence that has characterized the past year. Building on our existing foundation we are now confidently preparing for the challenges we will face if the Brazilian Congress approves the new regulatory framework for the Pre-salt areas proposed by the Executive Branch.

The Brazilian Congress is currently considering important changes to the oil sector regulations that will give Petrobras an even more important role in the industry. Among the proposals currently under review are a capitalization plan under which Petrobras will acquire the right to produce up to five billion barrels of oil equivalent from the Brazilian government and the adoption of a production-sharing model under which Petrobras will be the exclusive operator in all the pre-salt areas that will be put out to tender through a production sharing model, with a minimum investment stake of 30%. It is important to note that the terms of all of Petrobras' existing concessions will remain exactly as they are today.

We are aware of the magnitude of the proposed capitalization, and we are preparing to implement it fairly and transparently. To this end, Petrobras has been participating in various forums, receiving suggestions and fine-tuning its corporate governance procedures. Our goal is to ensure that our shareholders' rights are preserved and respected as we strengthen the Company in an operation that will reflect positively on the national and international capital markets.

Cost controls and operating efficiency along with increased production of oil and oil products allowed us to sustain our third quarter results in an environment of reduced domestic market prices. Brazil's oil output grew by 4.8% year-on-year and the recovery of the economy pushed our oil product sales up by 1.6%.

On the operational front, the main highlights were continued exploration of the pre-salt areas in the Santos Basin. We also achieved excellent production results in the Guar field, with an estimated 50,000 barrels per day from a single well, which strengthened our confidence in the potential and technical feasibility of this new exploration frontier.

In order to sustain our growth and guarantee equipment and infrastructure for the development of our reserves, we invested U.S.\$10.1 billion in this quarter primarily in the areas of exploration and production. One such initiative is a tender for 28 new deepwater oil rigs to be built in Brazil.

These massive investments were sustained by our strong quarterly cash flow (EBITDA of U.S.\$7.2 billion) and access to a broad range of funding options. In October, we raised U.S.\$4 billion through an offering of Global Notes in the international capital markets, the largest-ever by a Brazilian company. Demand was three times higher than the final volume sold demonstrating investor confidence in our ability to conduct our business and generate future results. We also recently closed a U.S.\$10 billion financing from the Chinese Development Bank.

With great pride, I conclude by highlighting that we have been included in the Dow Jones Sustainability World Index (DJSI) for the fourth consecutive year. This is the single most important global sustainability index used by socially and environmentally responsible investors. Our inclusion is a recognition of our commitment to best social and

environmental practices, minimizing any negative impact on the community and the environment.

Financial Highlights

| | | | For the nine-month periods ended September 30, | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---|--------|---------|
| 2Q-2009 | 3Q-2009 | 3Q-2008 | <u>Income statement data</u> <u>(in millions of U.S. dollars, except for per share and per ADS data)</u> | 2009 | 2008 |
| 27,001 | 32,488 | 44,199 | Sales of products and services | 82,388 | 118,490 |
| 21,582 | 25,875 | 36,083 | Net operating revenues | 65,669 | 95,920 |
| (560) | 594 | 1,536 | Financial income (expense), net | 34 | 1,345 |
| 3,991 | 3,734 | 5,997 | Net income attributable to Petrobras | 10,361 | 16,713 |
| 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.68 | Basic and diluted earnings per common and preferred share | 1.18 | 1.90 |
| 0.90 | 0.86 | 1.36 | Basic and diluted earnings per ADS | 2.36 | 3.80 |
| | | | <u>Other data</u> | | |
| 49.7 | 44.3 | 36.3 | Gross margin (%) ⁽¹⁾ | 46.2 | 39.4 |
| 30.4 | 20.4 | 20.7 | Operating margin (%) ⁽²⁾ | 24.5 | 24.0 |
| 18.5 | 14.4 | 16.6 | Net margin (%) ⁽³⁾ | 15.8 | 17.4 |
| 50 | 52 | 47 | Debt to equity ratio (%) ⁽⁴⁾ | 52 | 47 |
| | | | <u>Financial and economic indicators</u> | | |
| 59.00 | 68.00 | 115.00 | Brent crude (U.S.\$/bbl) | 57.00 | 111.00 |
| 2.0740 | 1.8681 | 1.6672 | Average Commercial Selling Rate for U.S. dollar (R\$/U.S.\$) | 2.0841 | 1.6871 |
| 1.9516 | 1.7781 | 1.9143 | Period-end Commercial Selling Rate for U.S. Dollar (R\$/U.S.\$) | 1.7781 | 1.9143 |

(1) Gross margin equals net operating revenues less cost of sales divided by net operating revenues.

(2) Operating margin equals operating income divided by net operating revenues.

(3) Net margin equals net income divided by net operating revenues.

(4) Debt to equity ratio equals total liabilities divided by the sum of total liabilities and total shareholders' equity.

Reconciliation between Adjusted EBITDA and net income (in millions of U.S. dollars)

| | | | For the nine-month periods ended September 30, | | |
|---------|---------|---------|--|---------|---------|
| 2Q-2009 | 3Q-2009 | 3Q-2008 | | 2009 | 2008 |
| 3,991 | 3,734 | 5,997 | Net income attributable to Petrobras | 10,361 | 16,713 |
| 1,563 | 2,013 | 1,662 | Depreciation, depletion and amortization | 4,904 | 4,643 |
| (485) | (499) | (175) | Financial income | (1,321) | (1,133) |
| 356 | 529 | 170 | Financial expense | 1,011 | 624 |

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 689 | (624) | (1,531) | Monetary and exchange variation | 276 | (836) |
| 1,201 | 1,866 | 2,838 | Total income tax expense | 4,364 | 7,603 |
| (230) | (157) | 38 | Equity in results of non-consolidated companies | (372) | (296) |
| (54) | (41) | 86 | Other expenses, net | 36 | (8) |
| 1,007 | 412 | (49) | Non-controlling interest in results of consolidated subsidiaries | 1,533 | 38 |
| 8,038 | 7,233 | 9,036 | Adjusted EBITDA | 20,792 | 27,348 |
| 37.2 | 28.0 | 25.0 | EBITDA margin (%)⁽¹⁾ | 31.7 | 28.5 |

(1)EBITDA margin equals adjusted EBITDA divided by net operating revenues.

Our adjusted EBITDA and our EBITDA margin are not U.S. GAAP measures and it is possible that they may not be comparable with indicators with the same name reported by other companies. Adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as a substitute for operational profit or as a better measure of liquidity than operational cash flow, both of which are calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. We provide our adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA margin to give additional information about our capacity to pay debt, carry out investments and cover working capital needs.

The comparison between our results of operations for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009, and for the same period of 2008 has been affected by the 19.0% decrease in the value of the Real against the U.S. dollar during that period.

OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

| 2Q-2009 | 3Q-2009 | 3Q-2008 | | | | For the nine-month periods ended September 30, | | |
|---|---------|---------|---|--|--|--|-------|--|
| | | | | | | 2009 | 2008 | |
| Average daily crude oil and gas production | | | | | | | | |
| 2,104 | 2,121 | 2,007 | Crude oil and NGLs (mmbbl/d) ⁽¹⁾ | | | 2,101 | 1,972 | |
| 1,964 | 1,974 | 1,883 | Brazil | | | 1,963 | 1,851 | |
| 130 | 137 | 110 | International | | | 127 | 107 | |
| 10 | 10 | 14 | Non-consolidated international production ⁽²⁾ | | | 11 | 14 | |
| 2,520 | 2,478 | 2,580 | Natural gas (mmcf/d) ⁽³⁾ | | | 2,472 | 2,508 | |
| 1,914 | 1,914 | 1,980 | Brazil | | | 1,896 | 1,908 | |
| 606 | 564 | 600 | International | | | 576 | 600 | |
| Crude oil and NGL average sales price (U.S. dollars/bbl) | | | | | | | | |
| 48.68 | 64.00 | 100.58 | Brazil ⁽⁴⁾ | | | 48.48 | 97.51 | |
| 48.92 | 57.16 | 68.74 | International | | | 49.24 | 69.19 | |
| Natural gas average sales price (U.S. dollars/mcf) | | | | | | | | |
| 3.98 | 3.28 | 8.50 | Brazil | | | 4.17 | 7.11 | |
| 1.87 | 2.05 | 2.61 | International | | | 2.01 | 2.80 | |
| Lifting costs (U.S. dollars/boe) | | | | | | | | |
| 8.72 | 9.02 | 10.21 | Crude oil and natural gas Brazil | | | | | |
| | | | Excluding production taxes ⁽⁵⁾ | | | 8.53 | 9.60 | |
| 19.50 | 22.86 | 30.27 | Including production taxes ⁽⁵⁾ | | | 19.06 | 28.77 | |
| 4.78 | 5.60 | 5.12 | Crude oil and natural gas international | | | 4.95 | 4.51 | |
| Refining costs (U.S. dollars/boe) | | | | | | | | |
| 3.07 | 3.37 | 3.46 | Brazil | | | 3.02 | 3.53 | |
| 5.92 | 3.51 | 6.40 | International | | | 4.65 | 5.96 | |
| Refining and marketing operations (mmbbl/d) | | | | | | | | |
| 2,223 | 2,223 | 2,223 | Primary Processed Installed Capacity | | | 2,223 | 2,223 | |
| 1,942 | 1,942 | 1,942 | Brazil ⁽⁶⁾ | | | | | |
| | | | Installed capacity | | | 1,942 | 1,942 | |
| 1,778 | 1,867 | 1,821 | Output of oil products | | | 1,806 | 1,814 | |
| 90% | 94% | 93% | Utilization | | | 92% | 92% | |
| 281 | 281 | 281 | International | | | | | |
| | | | Installed capacity | | | 281 | 281 | |
| 196 | 207 | 185 | Output of oil products | | | 208 | 174 | |
| 60% | 67% | 63% | Utilization | | | 65% | 60% | |
| 79 | 79 | 76 | Domestic crude oil as % of total feedstock processed | | | 79 | 78 | |

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|--|-------|-------|
| | | | Imports (mmbbl/d) | | |
| 361 | 429 | 423 | Crude oil imports | 405 | 406 |
| 121 | 209 | 270 | Oil product imports | 157 | 222 |
| | | | Exports (mmbbl/d) | | |
| 512 | 485 | 457 | Crude oil exports ⁽⁷⁾⁽⁸⁾ | 483 | 399 |
| 237 | 239 | 200 | Oil product exports ⁽⁸⁾ | 231 | 234 |
| | | | Net exports (imports) of crude oil and oil products | 152 | 5 |
| | | | Other imports and exports (mmbbl/d) | | |
| 168 | 164 | 213 | Imports of LPG and other products | 154 | 201 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | Exports of other products ⁽⁸⁾ | 1 | 4 |
| | | | Sales volume (mmbbl/d) | | |
| 755 | 769 | 799 | Diesel | 726 | 762 |
| 331 | 327 | 354 | Gasoline | 329 | 337 |
| 98 | 104 | 116 | Fuel oil | 102 | 109 |
| 165 | 175 | 141 | Naphtha | 164 | 153 |
| 212 | 222 | 224 | LPG | 210 | 212 |
| 76 | 82 | 75 | Jet fuel | 78 | 73 |
| 117 | 131 | 72 | Other | 114 | 97 |
| 1,754 | 1,810 | 1,781 | Total oil products | 1,723 | 1,743 |
| 107 | 118 | 97 | Ethanol and other products | 108 | 88 |
| 244 | 244 | 337 | Natural gas | 237 | 325 |
| 2,105 | 2,172 | 2,215 | Total domestic market | 2,068 | 2,156 |
| 750 | 726 | 660 | Exports | 715 | 637 |
| 460 | 531 | 580 | International sales and other operations | 558 | 589 |
| 1,210 | 1,257 | 1,240 | Total international market ⁽⁷⁾ | 1,273 | 1,226 |
| 3,315 | 3,429 | 3,455 | Total | 3,341 | 3,382 |

(1) Includes production from shale oil reserves.

(2) Non-consolidated companies in Venezuela.

(3) Does not include LNG. Includes reinjected gas.

(4) Crude oil and NGL average sales price in Brazil includes intra-company transfers and sales to third parties.

(5) Production taxes include royalties, special government participation and rental of areas.

(6) As registered by the National Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels Agency (ANP).

(7) Includes third-party sales by our international subsidiary, Petrobras International Finance Company (PifCo).

(8) Includes exports in progress.

ANALYSIS OF OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

Exploration and Production

Crude Oil and NGL

Natural decline in production from mature fields was offset by increased production from platforms P-52 and P-54 in the Roncador field and by the start-up of platforms P-53 in the Marlim Leste field, P-51 in the Marlim Sul field, FPSO Cidade de Niterói in the Marlim Leste field and FPSO-Cidade de São Vicente (Tupi EWT).

International consolidated crude oil and NGL production increased due to the start-up of production in Nigeria in July 2008. This upturn was partially offset by lower output in Ecuador due to the sale of a part of our interest in Block 18.

Natural Gas

Domestic natural gas production decreased 0.6% to 1,896 mmcf/d in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to 1,908 mmcf/d in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, due to limited gas-fired thermoelectric demand attributable to high reservoir levels at hydroelectric power plants in Southeastern Brazil.

International gas production decreased 4.0% due to reduced imports of Bolivian gas and reduced consumption of natural gas at our gas-powered thermoelectric plants, which supplement the base hydroelectric system. This decrease was partially offset by higher production from Argentina due to the increase in our interest in the Sierra Chata gas field in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Lifting Costs

Our lifting costs in Brazil, excluding the impact of the depreciation of the Real and production taxes (consisting of royalties, special government participation, including from the Marlim field, and rental of areas) increased 1.0% compared to the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 as a result of increased well interventions in the Jubarte and Marlim fields, in addition to higher personnel expenses, partially offset by increased production.

Our production taxes in Brazil on a per barrel basis decreased 45.1% to U.S.\$10.53/bbl for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$19.17 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This decrease is attributable to a 46.1% decrease in the reference price for domestic oil, which averaged U.S.\$49.78 in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$92.40 in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, reflecting the average Brent price on the international market.

The upturn in our international unit lifting costs was primarily due to higher costs from third-party services in Argentina due to an increase in taxes occurred in the second half of 2008.

Refining

Our refinery output in Brazil in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 decreased 0.4% compared to the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 due to the lower demand in the beginning of 2009 and to scheduled stoppages at distillation plants.

Our international refinery output increased due to the inclusion of the Nansei Sekiyu Kabushiki Kaisha (NSS) Refinery in Okinawa, Japan acquired in April 2008, in addition to improved operational performance at the Pasadena Refinery in the United States.

Refining Costs

Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the Real, our year-on-year refining costs in Brazil increased 4.0% due to higher personnel expenses and higher operating costs led by higher catalyzer prices.

International refining costs decreased due to higher processed crude volumes, attributable to the resumption of normal operations at the Pasadena Refinery after a scheduled stoppage in the first quarter of 2008, and the inclusion of the NSS Refinery beginning in April 2008, where refining costs are lower than the international average.

Sales Volume

Our domestic sales volume decreased 4.1% to 2,068 mbb/d in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to 2,156 mbb/d in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to lower sales of diesel and natural gas. The decrease in diesel sales was attributable to the economic downturn, the absence of sales to emergency diesel-fired thermoelectric plants in 2009, an increase in the mandatory percentage of biodiesel from 3% to 4%, lower production in the agricultural sector in 2009 and to third-party imports. Natural gas sales decreased due to the economic downturn and the use of fuel oil instead of natural gas for industrial use, in addition to reduced gas-fired thermoelectric demand due to high reservoir levels at the hydroelectric power plants in Southeastern Brazil.

Export volumes increased 12.2% in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, primarily as a result of oil export sales attributable to increased production.

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

We earn income from:

- domestic sales, which consist of sales of oil products (such as diesel oil, gasoline, jet fuel, naphtha, fuel oil and liquefied petroleum gas), natural gas, ethanol, electricity and petrochemical products;
- export sales, which consist primarily of sales of crude oil and oil products;
- international sales (excluding export sales), which consist of sales of crude oil, natural gas and oil products that are purchased, produced and refined abroad; and
- other sources, including services, investment income and foreign exchange gains.

Our expenses include:

- costs of sales (which are composed of labor expenses, operating costs and purchases of crude oil and oil products); maintaining and repairing property, plant and equipment; depreciation and amortization of fixed assets; depletion of oil fields; and exploration costs;
- selling (which include expenses for transportation and distribution of our products), general and administrative expenses; and
- interest expense, monetary and foreign exchange losses.

Fluctuations in our financial condition and results of operations are driven by a combination of factors, including:

- the volume of crude oil, oil products and natural gas we produce and sell;
- changes in international prices of crude oil and oil products, which are denominated in U.S. dollars;
- related changes in the domestic prices of crude oil and oil products, which are denominated in Reais;
- fluctuations in the Real/U.S. dollar and to a lesser degree, Argentine peso/U.S. dollar exchange rates; and
- the amount of production taxes that we are required to pay with respect to our operations.

Virtually all of our revenues and expenses for our Brazilian activities are denominated and payable in Reais. When the Real weakens relative to the U.S. dollar, as it did in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 (a depreciation of 19.0%), the effect is to generally decrease both revenues and expenses when expressed in U.S. dollars. However, the depreciation of the Real against the U.S. dollar affects the line items discussed below in different ways. The following comparison between our results of operations in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 and in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 was impacted by the decrease in the value of the Real against the U.S. dollar during that period.

BUSINESS SEGMENTS**NET INCOME BY BUSINESS SEGMENT**

| | For the nine-month periods ended September 30, | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| | (U.S.\$ million) | |
| Exploration and Production | 6,297 | 19,089 |
| Supply | 5,612 | (1,664) |
| Gas and Energy | 316 | (197) |
| International | (121) | 175 |
| Distribution | 472 | 571 |
| Corporate | (1,914) | (584) |
| Eliminations | (301) | (677) |
| Net income attributable to Petrobras | 10,361 | 16,713 |

Exploration and Production

Our Exploration and Production segment includes our exploration, development and production activities in Brazil, sales and transfers of crude oil in domestic and foreign markets, transfers of natural gas to our Gas and Energy segment and sales of oil products produced at natural gas processing plants.

The reduction in net income from the Exploration and Production segment for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period of 2008 reflects a decline in international prices, an extraordinary expense related to the settlement of a dispute with the National Petroleum, Natural Gas and Biofuels Agency (ANP) regarding the calculation of special participation in the Marlim field, and higher exploration costs for geological and geophysical studies.

These effects were partially offset by a 6.1% increase in oil and NGL production and lower production taxes.

The spread between the average domestic oil sale/transfer price and the average Brent price narrowed from U.S.\$ 13.51/bbl in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008 to U.S.\$ 8.67/bbl in the nine-month period ended

September 30, 2009.

Supply

Our Supply segment includes refining, logistics, transportation, exportation and the purchase of crude oil, as well as the purchase and sale of oil products and fuel alcohol. Additionally, this segment includes the petrochemical and fertilizers division, which includes investments in domestic petrochemical companies and our two domestic fertilizer plants.

The increase in net income for our Supply segment for the nine-month period ended September, 30, 2009 compared to the same period of 2008 was due to lower oil acquisition/transfer costs and lower oil product import costs, reflecting the trend in international prices.

These effects were partially offset by a reduction in the average realization price due to lower export prices and lower domestic sales prices for gasoline since June 2009.

Gas and Energy

Our Gas and Energy segment consists principally of the purchase, sale, transportation and distribution of natural gas produced in or imported into Brazil. Additionally, this segment includes our participation in domestic natural gas transportation, natural gas distribution and thermoelectric power generation.

The improved result from our Gas and Energy segment was due to the lower costs for purchasing electricity from third parties to fulfill our contractual commitments, in lower import/transfer costs of natural gas, reflecting international prices, as well as increased fixed income from electricity sales and exports and the reduction in fines paid for failure to deliver contracted amounts of electricity attributable to improvements in our natural gas infrastructure.

These effects were partially offset by reduced thermoelectric output as a result of abundant rainfall supplying Brazil's hydroelectric power plants, and a decline in natural gas sales volumes.

International

The International segment comprises our activities in other countries, which include Exploration and Production, Supply, Distribution and Gas and Energy.

The decrease in net income from the International segment in the nine-month ended September 30, 2009 compared the same period ended of 2008 was due to declining margins as a result of lower international oil prices, lower equity in results of non-consolidated companies and losses from the acquisition of the remaining 49.1% of the Pasadena Refinery.

Distribution

Our Distribution segment comprises the oil product and ethanol distribution activities conducted by our majority owned subsidiary, Petrobras Distribuidora S.A. BR, in Brazil.

Excluding the impact of depreciation of the Real, the results from our Distribution segment in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 increased due to higher sales volumes, reflecting the consolidation of Alvo Distribuidora. These effects were partially offset by a reduction in the average realization price.

This segment accounted for 38.5% of the total Brazilian fuel distribution market in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to 35.0% for the same period of 2008.

Corporate

Our Corporate segment includes our financing activities not attributable to other segments, including corporate financial management, central administrative overhead and actuarial expenses related to our pension and health care plans for inactive participants.

The increase in net loss for our Corporate segment in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period of 2008 was primarily due to higher net financial expenses and minority interest results reflecting the impact of the appreciation of the Real against the U.S.dollar on the debt of Special Purpose Entities and affiliated companies where neither Petrobras nor any of its subsidiaries have a majority interest.

This effect was partially offset by the increase in income tax and social contribution tax credits.

**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE NINE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2009
COMPARED TO THE NINE-MONTH PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**

The comparison between our results of operations has been affected by the 19.0% decrease in the value of the Real against the U.S. dollar in nine-month period ended September 30, 2009, as compared to the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008.

Revenues

Net operating revenues decreased 31.5% to U.S.\$65,669 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$95,920 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This decrease was primarily attributable to lower average sales prices of crude oil and natural gas in domestic and international markets and lower sales volumes in the domestic market.

Consolidated sales of products and services decreased 30.5% to U.S.\$82,388 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$118,490 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, due to the decreases mentioned above.

Included in sales of products and services are the following amounts that we collected on behalf of federal or state governments:

Value-added, *Programa de Formação do Patrimônio do Servidor Público* (Civil Servant Savings Programs, or PASEP), *Contribuição para o Financiamento da Seguridade Social* (Contribution for the Financing of Social Security, or COFINS) and other taxes on sales of products and services and social security contributions. These taxes decreased 26.1% to U.S.\$14,702 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$19,882 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to lower prices and lower domestic sales volumes; and

Contribuição de Intervenção no Domínio Econômico (Contribution for Intervention in the Economic Sector, or CIDE), the per-transaction fee due to the Brazilian government, which decreased 25.0% to U.S.\$2,017 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$2,688 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, primarily due to lower prices and lower domestic sales volumes.

Cost of Sales (Excluding Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization)

Cost of sales in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 decreased 39.2% to U.S.\$35,301 million compared to U.S.\$58,090 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This decrease was principally a result of:

51.6% (U.S.\$10,726 million) decrease in the cost of imports due to lower volumes and prices;

50.2% (U.S.\$3,980 million) decrease in costs for our international trading activities due to decreased offshore operations conducted by PifCo;

45.0% (U.S.\$4,235 million) decrease in production taxes and charges due to a 46.1% reduction in the reference price used to calculate royalties for our domestic production, which averaged U.S.\$49.78 in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$92.40 in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, reflecting the average Brent price on the international market; and

62.5% (U.S.\$956 million) decrease in costs related to the generation and purchase of electricity for sale.

Depreciation, Depletion and Amortization

We calculate depreciation, depletion and amortization of most of our exploration and production assets using the units of production method. Depreciation, depletion and amortization expenses increased 5.6% to U.S.\$4,904 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$4,643 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, due to higher capital expenditures and increased oil and gas production.

Exploration, Including Exploratory Dry Holes

Exploration costs, including costs for exploratory dry holes, decreased 1.0% to U.S.\$1,194 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$1,206 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the Real, exploration costs, including costs for exploratory dry holes, increased 22.3% in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period of 2008 due to higher expenses related to domestic seismic drilling (U.S.\$205 million) and to the write-off of dry and economically unviable wells in Brazil (U.S.\$36 million) and abroad (U.S.\$25 million). These increases were partially offset by a U.S.\$93 million decrease in expenses related to international seismic drilling.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased 11.1% to U.S.\$5,035 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$5,663 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008.

Selling expenses decreased 8.4% to U.S.\$2,416 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$2,637 million in the same period last year. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the Real, selling expenses increased 6.6% in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period of 2008, due to higher exports and trading volumes, and also to the inclusion of Alvo Distribuidora and the NSS Refinery in Japan.

General and administrative expenses decreased 13.5% to U.S.\$2,619 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$3,026 million during the same period last year. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the Real, general and administrative expenses increased 3.5% in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period of 2008, due to higher personnel costs (U.S.\$90 million of the total increase) as a result of an increased workforce and pay raises in Brazil and also to the increased third-party data processing services (U.S.\$36 million of the total increase). These increases were partially offset by lower expenses related to training and staff development and by the implementation of a cost optimization program that reduced travel and operating expenses, gifts and general expenses.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses decreased 27.9% to U.S.\$545 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 from U.S.\$756 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This lower expense was primarily due to decreased average sales prices, which is the basis for a fixed 0.5% provision for expenses on research and development investment required by Brazilian law (U.S.\$132 million of the total decrease).

Employee Benefit Expense for Non-Active Participants

Employee benefit expense for non-active participants consists of financial costs associated with our expected pension and health care costs of retired employees. Our employee benefit expense for non-active participants decreased 19.4% to U.S.\$519 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$644 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the Real, the employee benefit expense for non-active participants remained relatively constant during the nine-month period ended

September 30, 2009, compared to the same period of 2008.

Other Operating Expenses

Other operating expenses increased 6.8% to U.S.\$2,074 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 from U.S.\$1,942 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. A breakdown of other operating expenses by segment is included on page 29.

The most significant changes between the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 and 2008 were:

449.3% (U.S.\$1,029 million) increase in expense for losses and contingencies related to legal proceedings, to U.S.\$1,258 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$229 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008;

220.6% (U.S.\$150 million) increase in expense for unscheduled stoppages of plant and equipment, to U.S.\$218 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$68 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008;

45.7% (U.S.\$79 million) increase in expense for marking inventory to market value, to U.S.\$252 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$173 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008;

10.0% (U.S.\$25 million) decrease in operating expense at thermoelectric power plants, to U.S.\$224 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$249 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008;

30.4% (U.S.\$98 million) decrease in expenses related to collective bargaining agreements, to U.S.\$224 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$322 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008;

33.5% (U.S.\$59 million) decrease in expense for health, safety, and environment (HSE), to U.S.\$117 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$176 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008;

36.2% (U.S.\$187 million) decrease in expense for institutional relations and cultural projects, to U.S.\$329 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$516 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008; and

96.3% (U.S.\$208 million) decrease in expense for contractual fines, to U.S.\$8 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$216 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008.

Equity in Results of Non-Consolidated Companies

Equity in results of non-consolidated companies increased 25.7% to a gain of U.S.\$372 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to a gain of U.S.\$296 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, primarily as a result of a U.S.\$193 million increase in gains in investments in affiliated companies in the petrochemical sector, partially offset by a U.S.\$75 million loss from investments in international subsidiaries.

Financial Income

We derive financial income from several sources, including interest on cash and cash equivalents. The majority of our cash equivalents are short-term Brazilian government securities, including securities indexed to the U.S. dollar. We also hold U.S. dollar deposits.

Financial income increased 16.6% to U.S.\$1,321 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$1,133 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This increase was primarily attributable to a U.S.\$152 million increase in financial investments. A breakdown of financial income is set forth in Note 11 of our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2009.

Financial Expenses

Financial expenses increased 62.0% to U.S.\$1,011 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$624 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This increase was primarily attributable to increased financial expenses related to our debt (U.S.\$504 million increase) and higher losses on derivative instruments (U.S.\$188 million increase) in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. These increases were partially offset by a 32.9% (U.S.\$329 million) increase in capitalized interest. A breakdown of financial expenses is set forth in Note 11 of our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2009.

Monetary and Exchange Variation

Monetary and exchange variation decreased to a loss of U.S.\$276 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to a gain of U.S.\$836 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. The higher loss from monetary and exchange variation is primarily attributable to the 23.9% decrease in the value of the Real against the U.S. dollar in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008.

Other Taxes

Other taxes, consisting of various taxes on financial transactions, decreased 22.9% to U.S.\$209 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$271 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. Excluding the impact of the depreciation of the Real, other taxes remained relatively constant during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the same period of 2008.

Other Expenses, Net

Other expenses, net are primarily composed of gains and losses recorded on sales of fixed assets and certain other non-recurring charges. Other expenses, net decreased to a loss of U.S.\$36 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to a gain of U.S.\$8 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This decrease was primarily attributable to a U.S.\$147 million provision for losses from the Pasadena Refinery in the first quarter of 2009, partially offset by a U.S.\$83 million gain related to donations and subsidies in the third quarter of 2009.

Income Tax (Expense) Benefit

Income before income taxes and non-controlling interest decreased 33.2% to U.S.\$16,258 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$24,354 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. Income tax expense decreased 42.6% to U.S.\$4,364 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009, compared to U.S.\$7,603 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008, due primarily to the reduction of taxable income and certain tax benefits related to the provisioning of interest on shareholders' equity that amounted to U.S.\$802 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. The reconciliation between the tax calculated based upon statutory tax rates to income tax expense and effective rates is set forth in Note 4 of our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2009.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Overview

Our principal uses of funds are for capital expenditures, dividend payments and repayment of debt. Historically we have met these requirements with internally generated funds, short-term debt, long-term debt, project financing and sale and lease-back transactions. We believe these sources of funds, together with our strong position of cash and cash

equivalents, will continue to allow us to meet our currently anticipated capital requirements.

Financing Strategy

Our financing strategy is designed to help us achieve the targets set forth in our 2009-2013 Business Plan released on January 23, 2009, which provides for capital expenditures of U.S.\$174.4 billion from 2009 through 2013. We will continue our policy of extending the term of our debt maturity profile. We will raise debt capital through a variety of medium and long-term financing arrangements, including the issuance of bonds in the international capital markets, supplier financing, project financing and bank financing.

Government Regulation

The Brazilian Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management controls the total amount of medium and long-term debt that we and our Brazilian subsidiaries can incur through the annual budget approval process (*Plano de Dispêndio Global*, or PDG). Before issuing medium and long-term debt, we and our Brazilian subsidiaries must also obtain the approval of the National Treasury Secretariat.

All of our foreign currency denominated debt, as well as the foreign currency denominated debt of our Brazilian subsidiaries, requires registration with the Central Bank. The issuance of debt by our international subsidiaries, however, is not subject to registration with the Central Bank or approval by the National Treasury Secretariat. In addition, all issuances of medium and long-term notes and debentures require the approval of our board of directors. Borrowings that exceed the approved budgeted amount for any year also require approval of the Brazilian Senate.

Sources of Funds

Our Cash Flow

On September 30, 2009, we had cash and cash equivalents of U.S.\$16,595 million compared to U.S.\$6,499 million at December 31, 2008.

Operating activities provided net cash flows of U.S.\$18,005 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$19,665 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. Cash generated by operating activities was mainly affected by net operating revenues, which decreased U.S.\$30,251 million during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008.

Net cash used in investing activities increased to U.S.\$25,522 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$19,331 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This increase was due primarily to capital expenditures totaling U.S.\$24,349 million, including U.S.\$11,522 million related to our exploration and production projects in Brazil.

Net cash provided by financing activities was U.S.\$14,624 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 compared to net cash used in financing activities of U.S.\$1,445 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. This increase was primarily due to funds raised from the BNDES by Petrobras and its subsidiaries Transportadora Associada de Gás S/A TAG and Refinaria Abreu e Lima S/A RNEST, and to an increase in funds raised by PifCo from financial institutions and through issuances of Global Notes.

Our net debt increased to U.S.\$33,571 million as of September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$20,624 million as of December 31, 2008, primarily due to the Petrobras and PifCo financings mentioned above. Most of the proceeds were allocated to finance our 2009-2013 Business Plan.

| <u>Balance sheet data</u> | September 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 | Percent Change (September 30, 2009 versus December 31, 2008) | September 30, 2008 |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| | (U.S.\$ million) | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 16,595 | 6,499 | 155.3 | 5,282 |
| Short-term debt | 5,629 | 5,888 | (4.4) | 5,952 |
| Total long-term debt | 44,101 | 20,640 | 113.7 | 18,349 |
| Total capital lease obligations | 436 | 595 | (26.7) | 566 |
| Net debt ⁽¹⁾ | 33,571 | 20,624 | 62.8 | 19,494 |
| Petrobras shareholders equity ⁽²⁾ | 89,881 | 61,909 | 45.2 | 74,599 |
| Total capitalization ⁽³⁾ | 140,047 | 89,032 | 57.3 | 99,375 |
| Reconciliation of Net debt | September 30, 2009 | December 31, 2008 | September 30, 2008 | |
| | (U.S.\$ million) | | | |
| Total long-term debt | 44,101 | 20,640 | 18,349 | |
| Plus short-term debt | 5,629 | 5,888 | 5,952 | |
| Plus total capital lease obligations | 436 | 595 | 566 | |
| Less cash and cash equivalents | 16,595 | 6,499 | 5,282 | |
| Net debt ⁽¹⁾ | 33,571 | 20,624 | 19,494 | |

(1) Our net debt is not computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for total long-term debt calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Our calculation of net debt may not be comparable to the calculation of net debt by other companies. Management believes that net debt is an appropriate supplemental measure that helps investors assess our liquidity and assists management in targeting leverage improvements. Please see the table above for a reconciliation of net debt to total long-term debt.

(2) Petrobras shareholders equity includes adjustments in the amount of U.S.\$52 million (gain) on September 30, 2009 and U.S.\$37 million (gain) on December 31, 2008, related to Post-retirement benefit reserves adjustments, net of tax - pension and health care costs .

(3) Total capitalization is calculated as Petrobras shareholders equity plus short-term debt, total long-term debt and total capital lease obligations.

Total Short-Term Debt

Our outstanding short-term debt serves mainly to support our working capital and our imports of crude oil and oil products, and is provided almost entirely by international banks. On September 30, 2009, our total short-term debt amounted to U.S.\$5,629 million compared to U.S.\$5,888 million on December 31, 2008.

Total Long-Term Debt

Our outstanding long-term debt consists primarily of the issuance of securities in the international capital markets, debentures in the domestic capital markets, amounts outstanding under facilities guaranteed by export credit agencies and multilateral agencies, loans from the BNDES and other financial institutions and project financings. Our total long-term debt amounted to U.S.\$44,101 million on September 30, 2009 compared to U.S.\$20,640 million on December 31, 2008. This increase was primarily due to funds raised from the BNDES by Petrobras and two of its subsidiaries, and to an increase in funds raised by PifCo from financial institutions and through issuances of Global Notes. See Note 10 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2009.

Extinguished securities

On September 30, 2009, and December 31, 2008, we had amounts invested abroad in an exclusive investment fund that held debt securities of certain of the Company's consolidated special purpose entities in the total amount of U.S.\$695 million and U.S.\$749 million, respectively. These securities have been extinguished, and the related amounts together with applicable interest have been removed from our balance sheet. See Note 10 to our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2009.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of September 30, 2009, there were no off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a material effect on our financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Uses of Funds

Capital Expenditures

We invested a total of U.S.\$24,349 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009, a 21.4% increase compared to our investments of U.S.\$20,057 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. Our investments in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 were primarily directed toward increasing production, modernizing our refineries and expanding our pipeline transportation and distribution systems. Of the total capital expenditures in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009, U.S.\$11,522 million was invested in exploration and development projects, including investments financed through project financing.

The following table sets forth our consolidated capital expenditures (including project financings and investments in thermoelectric power plants) for each of our business segments for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2009 and 2008:

Activities

| | For the nine-month periods ended September 30, | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| | (U.S.\$ million) | |
| Exploration and Production | 11,522 | 10,173 |
| Supply | 6,607 | 4,401 |
| Gas and Energy | 3,653 | 2,654 |
| International: | | |
| Exploration and Production | 1,346 | 1,856 |
| Supply | 86 | 174 |
| Distribution | 7 | 9 |
| Gas and Energy | 45 | 18 |
| Distribution | 243 | 196 |
| Corporate | 840 | 576 |
| Total capital expenditures | 24,349 | 20,057 |

Dividends and Interest on Shareholders' Equity

On April 08, 2009, our shareholders approved a dividend distribution of U.S.\$4,242 million at the Ordinary General Shareholder Meeting relating to the year ended December 31, 2008. This proposal complies with our by-laws regarding the guaranteed rights of preferred shares, and includes U.S.\$3,004 million of interest on shareholders' equity already approved by our board of directors. Interest on shareholders' equity is subject to withholding tax at the rate of 15%, except for untaxed or exempt shareholders. The dividends were restated according to the SELIC rate from December 31, 2008 to the initial date of payment and made available to shareholders on April 29, 2009 (U.S.\$1,527 million), June 24, 2009 (U.S.\$1,690 million) and August 14, 2009 (remaining balance).

Our board of directors approved the early distribution of remuneration to shareholders in the form of interest on shareholders' equity in accordance with Brazilian law, as set forth below:

U.S.\$1,335 million to be made available to shareholders on November 30, 2009, based on the share position as of July 3, 2009; and

U.S.\$966 million to be made available to shareholders no later than March 31, 2010, based on the share position as of September 30, 2009.

Interest on shareholders' equity paid by the end of 2009 will be restated according to the SELIC rate from the effective date of payment until the closing of the fiscal year, and should be discounted from the remuneration that will be distributed at the close of fiscal year 2009. Interest on shareholders' equity paid in 2010 will be restated according to the SELIC rate from December 31, 2009 until the date of the initial payment. Interest on shareholders' equity is subject to a 15% income tax, unless the shareholder is immune or exempt.

Subsequent Events

a) U.S.\$10,000 million financing from the China Development Bank

On November 3, 2009, we signed agreements with the China Development Bank Corporation (CDB) for a U.S.\$10,000 million, 10-year financing. The funds will be used to finance our 2009-2013 Business Plan and will be drawn down gradually in the coming months.

After the first drawdown, the long-term petroleum export agreement between us and Unipet Asia, a subsidiary of China Petro-Chemical Corp (Sinopec), will become fully effective. Under this agreement, we will export 150,000 bbl/d for the first year and 200,000 bbl/d in each of the next nine years. Although the effectiveness of the export agreement is conditioned on the first drawdown under the U.S.\$10,000 million financing agreement, the agreements are independent and do not constitute a securitization transaction.

b) U.S.\$4,000 million issuance of Global Notes by PifCo

On October 30, 2009, Petrobras International Finance Company (PifCo), our wholly owned subsidiary, closed a U.S.\$4,000 million issuance of 10-year and 30-year Global Notes in the international capital markets. The 10-year Global Notes will mature on January 20, 2020 and bear interest at 5.75% per year, payable on January 20 and July 20 of each year. The 30-year Global Notes will mature on January 20, 2040, and bear interest at 6.875% per year, payable on January 20 and July 20 of each year. The proceeds from this issuance were used to repay U.S.\$ 3,200 million outstanding under certain bridge loans entered into at the beginning of the year prior to their stated maturities, as well as for general corporate purposes.

This financing had an estimated cost of approximately U.S.\$18 million, a discount of U.S.\$47 million and effective interest rates of 5.93% in the case of the 10-year Global Notes, and 7.04% in the case of the 30-year Global Notes. The Global Notes constitute unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of PifCo and are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by Petrobras.

c) Acquisition of Chevron Chile S.A.C.

On November 4, 2009, we entered into an agreement to purchase Chevron Chile S.A.C. (Chevron Chile) for U.S.\$12 million.

d) Agreement with the ANP for payment of Special Participation Taxes on the Marlim Field

On July 18, 2007, we were notified of a new ANP board resolution requiring payment of additional government participation charges retroactively to 1998. This resolution, which annulled an earlier board resolution, determined that we should make an additional payment in the amount of U.S.\$225 million for special government participation charges from the Marlim field.

In 2007, we filed suit to challenge the new method used by the ANP to calculate the special participation tax. The lower court decided in favor of the ANP, and this decision was upheld by a regional federal court on September 30, 2009. Petrobras subsequently appealed this decision to higher courts in Brasilia.

On October 23, 2009, we, the ANP and the State of Rio de Janeiro reached an agreement to resolve the dispute out of court. The amount owed to the ANP for retroactive special participation from the Marlim field was fixed at U.S.\$1,152 million as of September 30, 2009, payable in eight consecutive monthly installments and adjusted by the benchmark SELIC rate. We made the first payment of U.S.\$145 million on October 30, 2009.

This settlement definitively resolves any and all legal and administrative actions relating to this matter.

Production Taxes

| | For the nine-month periods ended September 30, | | |
|---|---|---------------|--|
| | 2009 | 2008 | Percent Change (September 30, 2009 versus September 30, 2008) |
| | (U.S.\$ million) | | |
| Brazil | | | |
| Royalties | 2,777 | 4,888 | (43.2) |
| Special Participation Charge | 2,704 | 5,575 | (51.5) |
| Rental of Areas | 47 | 49 | (4.1) |
| ANP Agreement for Special Participation on the Marlim Field | 1,152 | - | - |
| | 6,680 | 10,512 | (36.5) |
| International | 157 | 297 | (47.1) |
| Total Production Taxes | 6,837 | 10,809 | (36.7) |

Income Statement**(in millions of U.S. dollars, except for share and per share data)**

| 2Q-2009 | 3Q-2009 | 3Q-2008 | | For the nine-month periods ended | |
|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| | | | | September 30, 2009 | 2008 |
| 27,001 | 32,488 | 44,199 | Sales of products and services | 82,388 | 118,490 |
| | | | Less: | | |
| | | | Value-added and other | | |
| (4,824) | (5,659) | (7,389) | taxes on sales and services | (14,702) | (19,882) |
| (595) | (954) | (727) | CIDE | (2,017) | (2,688) |
| 21,582 | 25,875 | 36,083 | Net operating revenues | 65,669 | 95,920 |
| (10,862) | (14,419) | (22,995) | Cost of sales | (35,301) | (58,090) |
| | | | Depreciation, depletion | | |
| (1,563) | (2,013) | (1,662) | and amortization | (4,904) | (4,643) |
| | | | Exploration, including | | |
| (378) | (396) | (463) | exploratory dry holes | (1,194) | (1,206) |
| | | | Selling, general and | | |
| (1,685) | (1,910) | (2,156) | administrative expenses | (5,035) | (5,663) |
| | | | Research and | | |
| (176) | (223) | (290) | development expenses | (545) | (756) |
| | | | Employee benefit expense | | |
| | | | for non-active | | |
| (158) | (195) | (217) | participants | (519) | (644) |
| (200) | (1,438) | (830) | Other operating expenses | (2,074) | (1,942) |
| | | | Total costs and | | |
| (15,022) | (20,594) | (28,613) | expenses | (49,572) | (72,944) |
| 6,560 | 5,281 | 7,470 | Operating income (loss) | 16,097 | 22,976 |
| | | | Equity in results of | | |
| 230 | 157 | (38) | non-consolidated companies | 372 | 296 |
| 485 | 499 | 175 | Financial income | 1,321 | 1,133 |
| (356) | (529) | (170) | Financial expense | (1,011) | (624) |
| | | | Monetary and exchange | | |
| (689) | 624 | 1,531 | variation | (276) | 836 |
| (85) | (61) | (96) | Other taxes | (209) | (271) |
| 54 | 41 | (86) | Other expenses, net | (36) | 8 |
| (361) | 731 | 1,316 | | 161 | 1,378 |
| | | | Income (Loss) before income | | |
| 6,199 | 6,012 | 8,786 | taxes | 16,258 | 24,354 |

| | | | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | Income tax expense: | | |
| (1,824) | (1,253) | (3,387) | Current | (4,042) | (7,472) |
| 623 | (613) | 549 | Deferred | (322) | (131) |
| | | | Total income tax | | |
| (1,201) | (1,866) | (2,838) | expense | (4,364) | (7,603) |
| 4,998 | 4,146 | 5,948 | Net income for the period | 11,894 | 16,751 |
| | | | Less: Net income attributable | | |
| | | | to the non-controlling | | |
| (1,007) | (412) | 49 | interest | (1,533) | (38) |
| | | | Net income (loss) attributable | | |
| 3,991 | 3,734 | 5,997 | to Petrobras | 10,361 | 16,713 |
| | | | Weighted average number of | | |
| | | | shares outstanding | | |
| 5,073,347,344 | 5,073,347,344 | 5,073,347,344 | Common | 5,073,347,344 | 5,073,347,344 |
| 3,700,729,396 | 3,700,729,396 | 3,700,729,396 | Preferred | 3,700,729,396 | 3,700,729,396 |
| | | | Basic and diluted earnings | | |
| | | | per share | | |
| 0.45 | 0.43 | 0.68 | Common and Preferred | 1.18 | 1.90 |
| | | | Basic and diluted earnings | | |
| | | | per ADS | | |
| 0.90 | 0.86 | 1.36 | Common and Preferred | 2.36 | 3.80 |

Balance Sheet Data
(in millions of U.S. dollars, except for share data)

| | As of September 30, 2009 | As of December 31, 2008 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <u>Assets</u> | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 16,595 | 6,499 |
| Marketable securities | 100 | 124 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 7,950 | 6,613 |
| Inventories | 10,487 | 7,990 |
| Recoverable taxes | 3,186 | 3,281 |
| Other current assets | 3,764 | 2,251 |
| Total current assets | 42,082 | 26,758 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 126,117 | 84,719 |
| Investments in non-consolidated companies and other investments | 4,497 | 3,198 |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 2,251 | 923 |
| Advances to suppliers | 3,290 | 2,471 |
| Petroleum and Alcohol Account receivable from Federal Government | 459 | 346 |
| Marketable securities | 2,604 | 1,738 |
| Restricted deposits for legal proceedings and guarantees | 1,048 | 798 |
| Recoverable taxes | 4,753 | 3,095 |
| Others | 1,936 | 1,649 |
| Total non-current assets | 16,341 | 11,020 |
| Total assets | 189,037 | 125,695 |
| <u>Liabilities and shareholders' equity</u> | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Trade accounts payable | 8,634 | 7,763 |
| Current debt | 5,629 | 5,888 |
| Current portion of capital lease obligations | 236 | 251 |
| Taxes payable | 5,027 | 3,605 |
| Payroll and related charges | 2,375 | 1,398 |
| Dividends and interest on capital payable | 2,346 | 3,652 |
| Other current liabilities | 4,431 | 2,199 |
| Total current liabilities | 28,678 | 24,756 |
| Long-term liabilities | | |
| Long-term debt | 44,101 | 20,640 |
| Capital lease obligations | 200 | 344 |

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|---|---------|---------|
| Employees post-retirement benefits obligation - Pension and Health care | 8,107 | 5,787 |
| Deferred income taxes | 10,286 | 7,080 |
| Other liabilities | 5,395 | 4,520 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 68,089 | 38,371 |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Shares authorized and issued: | | |
| Preferred share 2009 and 2008 - 3,700,729,396 shares | 15,106 | 15,106 |
| Common share 2009 and 2008 5,073,347,344 shares | 21,088 | 21,088 |
| Additional paid in capital | (289) | - |
| Reserves and others | 53,976 | 25,715 |
| Petrobras Shareholders' Equity | 89,881 | 61,909 |
| Non-controlling interest | 2,389 | 659 |
| Total Equity | 92,270 | 62,568 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders equity | 189,037 | 125,695 |

Statement of Cash Flows Data
(in millions of U.S. dollars)

| | | | For the nine-month periods ended September 30, | | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| 2Q-2009 | 3Q-2009 | 3Q-2008 | | 2009 | 2008 |
| | | | Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| 4,998 | 4,147 | 5,949 | Net income for the period | 11,895 | 16,752 |
| | | | Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| 1,563 | 2,013 | 1,662 | Depreciation, depletion and amortization | 4,904 | 4,643 |
| 88 | 166 | 244 | Dry hole costs | 495 | 667 |
| (230) | (157) | 38 | Equity in the results of non-consolidated companies | (372) | (296) |
| (289) | (1,881) | 1,771 | Foreign exchange (gain)/loss | (1,726) | 2,506 |
| (623) | 613 | (550) | Deferred income taxes | 322 | 130 |
| 57 | 111 | (2) | Other | 344 | 229 |
| | | | Working capital adjustments | | |
| (1,224) | 676 | (425) | Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable, net | (81) | (2,946) |
| (815) | (3) | (1,304) | Decrease (increase) in inventories | (210) | (4,497) |
| 1,164 | (703) | 804 | Increase (decrease) in trade accounts payable | (756) | 2,099 |
| 457 | (573) | 935 | Increase in taxes payable | 251 | 2,160 |
| (582) | 227 | (302) | Increase in advances to suppliers | (362) | (818) |
| (192) | 825 | (498) | Increase in recoverable taxes | 363 | (700) |
| (503) | 2,773 | (883) | Increase (decrease) in other working capital adjustments | 2,938 | (264) |
| 3,869 | 8,234 | 7,439 | Net cash provided by operating activities | 18,005 | 19,665 |
| (8,335) | (10,659) | (7,665) | Net cash flows from investing activities | (25,522) | (19,331) |
| 468 | 11,964 | 521 | Net cash flows from financing activities | 14,624 | (1,445) |
| (3,998) | 9,539 | 295 | Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 7,107 | (1,111) |
| 742 | 2,186 | (1,661) | Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 2,989 | (594) |
| 8,126 | 4,870 | 6,648 | Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 6,499 | 6,987 |

| | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|---|---------------|--------------|
| 4,870 | 16,595 | 5,282 | Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period | 16,595 | 5,282 |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|---|---------------|--------------|

Income Statement by Segment

Nine-month period ended September 30, 2009

U.S.\$ million

| | E&P | SUPPLY | GAS & ENERGY | INTERN. | DISTRIB. | CORPOR. | ELIMIN. | TOTAL |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| STATEMENT OF INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| Net operating revenues to third parties | 484 | 35,489 | 3,506 | 6,048 | 20,142 | - | - | 65,669 |
| Inter-segment net operating revenues | 25,577 | 17,626 | 680 | 1,009 | 487 | - | (45,379) | - |
| Net operating revenues | 26,061 | 53,115 | 4,186 | 7,057 | 20,629 | - | (45,379) | 65,669 |
| Cost of sales | (10,980) | (42,171) | (2,961) | (5,197) | (18,810) | - | 44,818 | (35,301) |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization | (3,089) | (740) | (185) | (616) | (128) | (146) | - | (4,904) |
| Exploration, including exploratory dry holes | (1,015) | - | - | (179) | - | - | - | (1,194) |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | (255) | (1,639) | (317) | (547) | (1,015) | (1,339) | 77 | (5,035) |
| Research and development expenses | (215) | (113) | (14) | (1) | (4) | (198) | - | (545) |
| Employee benefit expense for non-active participants | - | - | - | - | - | (519) | - | (519) |
| Other operating expenses | (1,041) | (406) | (239) | (109) | 51 | (360) | 30 | (2,074) |
| Cost and expenses | (16,595) | (45,069) | (3,716) | (6,649) | (19,906) | (2,562) | 44,925 | (49,572) |
| Operating income (loss) | 9,466 | 8,046 | 470 | 408 | 723 | (2,562) | (454) | 16,097 |
| Equity in results of non-consolidated | | | | | | | | |

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|--|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| companies | (1) | 251 | 79 | 42 | - | 1 | - | 372 |
| Financial income (expenses), net | - | - | - | - | - | 34 | - | 34 |
| Other taxes | (7) | (36) | (8) | (51) | (10) | (96) | (1) | (209) |
| Other expenses, net | (18) | 162 | (13) | (155) | 1 | (13) | - | (36) |
| Income (Loss) before income taxes | 9,440 | 8,423 | 528 | 244 | 714 | (2,636) | (455) | 16,258 |
| Income tax benefits (expense) | (3,210) | (2,778) | (152) | (303) | (242) | 2,167 | 154 | (4,364) |
| Net income (loss) for the period | 6,230 | 5,645 | 376 | (59) | 472 | (469) | (301) | 11,894 |
| Less: Net income (loss) attributable to the non-controlling interest | 67 | (33) | (60) | (62) | - | (1,445) | - | (1,533) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Petrobras | 6,297 | 5,612 | 316 | (121) | 472 | (1,914) | (301) | 10,361 |

Income Statement by Segment

Nine-month period ended September 30, 2008

U.S.\$ million

| | E&P | SUPPLY | GAS & ENERGY | INTERN. | DISTRIB. | CORPOR. | ELIMIN. | TOTAL |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| STATEMENT OF INCOME | | | | | | | | |
| Net operating revenues to third parties | 737 | 57,212 | 5,869 | 8,027 | 24,075 | - | - | 95,920 |
| Inter-segment net operating revenues | 49,814 | 21,394 | 790 | 750 | 399 | - | (73,147) | - |
| Net operating revenues | 50,551 | 78,606 | 6,659 | 8,777 | 24,474 | - | (73,147) | 95,920 |
| Cost of sales | (17,131) | (77,963) | (5,675) | (6,924) | (22,403) | - | 72,006 | (58,090) |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization | (2,778) | (942) | (244) | (397) | (126) | (156) | - | (4,643) |
| Exploration, including exploratory dry holes | (962) | - | - | (244) | - | - | - | (1,206) |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | (325) | (1,826) | (394) | (589) | (1,103) | (1,541) | 115 | (5,663) |
| Research and development expenses | (377) | (150) | (47) | (2) | (6) | (174) | - | (756) |
| Employee benefit expense for non-active participants | - | - | - | - | - | (644) | - | (644) |
| Other operating expenses | 9 | (380) | (618) | (129) | (12) | (813) | 1 | (1,942) |
| Cost and expenses | (21,564) | (81,261) | (6,978) | (8,285) | (23,650) | (3,328) | 72,122 | (72,944) |
| Operating income (loss) | 28,987 | (2,655) | (319) | 492 | 824 | (3,328) | (1,025) | 22,976 |
| Equity in results of non-consolidated | | | | | | | | |

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|--|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| companies | - | 67 | 94 | 117 | 17 | 1 | - | 296 |
| Financial income (expenses), net | - | - | - | - | - | 1,345 | - | 1,345 |
| Other taxes | (39) | (50) | (25) | (56) | (9) | (92) | - | (271) |
| Other expenses, net | (25) | 21 | (38) | - | 25 | 25 | - | 8 |
| Income (Loss) before income taxes | 28,923 | (2,617) | (288) | 553 | 857 | (2,049) | (1,025) | 24,354 |
| Income tax benefits (expense) | (9,834) | 913 | 130 | (226) | (286) | 1,352 | 348 | (7,603) |
| Net income (loss) for the period | 19,089 | (1,704) | (158) | 327 | 571 | (697) | (677) | 16,751 |
| Less: Net income (loss) attributable to the non-controlling interest | - | 40 | (39) | (152) | - | 113 | - | (38) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Petrobras | 19,089 | (1,664) | (197) | 175 | 571 | (584) | (677) | 16,713 |

Other Operating Expenses by Segment

Nine-month period ended September 30, 2009
U.S.\$ million

| | E&P | SUPPLY | GAS & ENERGY | INTERN. | DISTRIB. | CORPOR. | ELIMIN. | TOTAL |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Losses from legal proceedings | (1,123) | (72) | (13) | (11) | (19) | (20) | - | (1,258) |
| Institutional relations and cultural projects | (22) | (12) | (4) | - | (24) | (267) | - | (329) |
| Allowance for marking inventory to market value | - | (79) | (2) | (166) | - | (5) | - | (252) |
| Expenses related to collective bargaining agreement | (85) | (44) | (6) | (6) | - | (83) | - | (224) |
| Idle capacity at thermoelectric power plants | - | - | (224) | - | - | - | - | (224) |
| Unscheduled stoppages of plant and equipment | (160) | (48) | - | (10) | - | - | - | (218) |
| HSE expenses | (23) | (22) | (1) | - | - | (71) | - | (117) |
| Ship or pay commitments | - | - | - | (20) | - | - | - | (20) |
| Contractual fines | - | (1) | (7) | - | - | - | - | (8) |
| Other | 372 | (128) | 18 | 104 | 94 | 86 | 30 | 576 |
| | (1,041) | (406) | (239) | (109) | 51 | (360) | 30 | (2,074) |

Nine-month period ended September 30, 2008
U.S.\$ million

| | E&P | SUPPLY | GAS & ENERGY | INTERN. | DISTRIB. | CORPOR. | ELIMIN. | TOTAL |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Institutional relations and cultural projects | (35) | (26) | (3) | - | (27) | (425) | - | (516) |
| Expenses related to collective bargaining agreement | (153) | (48) | (11) | (11) | - | (99) | - | (322) |

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|---|---------|
| Idle capacity at thermoelectric power plants | - | - | (249) | - | - | - | - | (249) |
| HSE expenses | (26) | (36) | (1) | - | - | (113) | - | (176) |
| Contractual fines | - | - | (216) | - | - | - | - | (216) |
| Losses from legal proceedings | (15) | (36) | (2) | (92) | (14) | (70) | - | (229) |
| Allowance for marking inventory to market value | - | (116) | - | (57) | - | - | - | (173) |
| Unscheduled stoppages of plant and equipment | (32) | (36) | - | - | - | - | - | (68) |
| Ship or pay commitments | - | - | - | (39) | - | - | - | (39) |
| Other | 270 | (82) | (136) | 70 | 29 | (106) | 1 | 46 |
| | 9 | (380) | (618) | (129) | (12) | (813) | 1 | (1,942) |

Selected Balance Sheet Data by Segment

| Nine-month period ended September 30, 2009 | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| U.S.\$ million | | | | | | | | |
| | E&P | SUPPLY | GAS & ENERGY | INTERN. | DISTRIB. | CORPOR. | ELIMIN. | TOTAL |
| Current assets | 3,773 | 13,825 | 2,430 | 2,663 | 3,243 | 20,525 | (4,377) | 42,082 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | - | - | - | - | - | 16,595 | - | 16,595 |
| Other current assets | 3,773 | 13,825 | 2,430 | 2,663 | 3,243 | 3,930 | (4,377) | 25,487 |
| Investments in non-consolidated companies and other investments | 270 | 1,857 | 683 | 1,370 | 217 | 100 | - | 4,497 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 67,579 | 27,063 | 17,854 | 9,194 | 2,199 | 2,228 | - | 126,117 |
| Non-current assets | 3,272 | 1,742 | 1,579 | 1,497 | 368 | 8,020 | (137) | 16,341 |
| Total assets | 74,894 | 44,487 | 22,546 | 14,724 | 6,027 | 30,873 | (4,514) | 189,037 |

Selected Balance Sheet Data by Segment

| Year ended December 31, 2008 | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| U.S.\$ million | | | | | | | | |
| | E&P | SUPPLY | GAS & ENERGY | INTERN. | DISTRIB. | CORPOR. | ELIMIN. | TOTAL |
| Current assets | 2,662 | 9,647 | 2,466 | 2,327 | 2,646 | 10,387 | (3,377) | 26,758 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | - | - | - | - | - | 6,499 | - | 6,499 |
| Other current assets | 2,662 | 9,647 | 2,466 | 2,327 | 2,646 | 3,888 | (3,377) | 20,259 |
| Investments in non-consolidated companies and other investments | 171 | 1,168 | 474 | 1,142 | 166 | 77 | - | 3,198 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 45,836 | 15,806 | 10,719 | 9,341 | 1,621 | 1,418 | (22) | 84,719 |
| Non-current assets | 2,657 | 900 | 1,334 | 629 | 342 | 5,701 | (543) | 11,020 |
| Total assets | 51,326 | 27,521 | 14,993 | 13,439 | 4,775 | 17,583 | (3,942) | 125,695 |

Selected Data for International Segment

| | INTERNATIONAL U.S.\$ million | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| | E&P | SUPPLY | GAS & ENERGY | DISTRIB. | CORPOR. | ELIMIN. | TOTAL |
| INTERNATIONAL ASSETS (as of September 30, 2009) | 11,194 | 2,881 | 757 | 653 | 1,819 | (2,580) | 14,724 |
| STATEMENT OF INCOME (Nine-month period ended September 30, 2009) | | | | | | | |
| Net Operating Revenues | 1,945 | 4,294 | 317 | 1,909 | 2 | (1,410) | 7,057 |
| Net operating revenues to third parties | 651 | 3,240 | 278 | 1,877 | 2 | - | 6,048 |
| Inter-segment net operating revenues | 1,294 | 1,054 | 39 | 32 | - | (1,410) | 1,009 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Petrobras | 422 | (141) | 55 | 10 | (484) | 17 | (121) |

| | INTERNATIONAL U.S.\$ million | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------|----------|---------|---------|--------|
| | E&P | SUPPLY | GAS & ENERGY | DISTRIB. | CORPOR. | ELIMIN. | TOTAL |
| INTERNATIONAL ASSETS (as of December 31, 2008) | 10,274 | 2,592 | 807 | 354 | 1,805 | (2,393) | 13,439 |
| STATEMENT OF INCOME (Nine-month period ended September 30, 2008) | | | | | | | |
| Net Operating Revenues | 2,229 | 5,835 | 360 | 2,093 | 2 | (1,742) | 8,777 |
| Net operating revenues to third parties | 1,091 | 4,572 | 325 | 2,037 | 2 | - | 8,027 |
| Inter-segment net operating revenues | 1,138 | 1,263 | 35 | 56 | - | (1,742) | 750 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Petrobras | 355 | (45) | 59 | 54 | (263) | 15 | 175 |

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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: November 27, 2009

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and
Investor Relations Officer

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