

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA  
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**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, 2009**

**Commission File Number 1-15106**

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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)

**Avenida República do Chile, 65**  
**20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ**  
**Federative Republic of Brazil**  
(Address of principal executive office)

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Yes  No

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### **Memorandums of Understanding between Petrobras and Chinese Institutions**

Rio de Janeiro, February 19 2009 PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S/A - PETROBRAS, [Bovespa: PETR3/PETR4, NYSE: PBR/PBRA, Latibex: XPBR/XPBRA, BCBA: APBR/APBRA], a Brazilian international energy company, informs that signed this afternoon two Memorandums of Understanding with Chinese institutions and an export oil contract with UNIPEC Asia Co. Ltda, subsidiary of China Petrochemical Corporation SINOPEC, to export 60 to 100 thousand barrels of oil per day.

The Memorandums aims to drive economic development and trade between China and Brazil, which, coordinated by the respective governments, will single out business opportunities based on mutual benefits.

The Memorandum between China Development Bank Corporation (CDB), China Petrochemical Corporation (SINOPEC) and Petrobras presents the following scopes:

- Credit supply to Petrobras, including the option to off-set the debt with the export of oil, as per Chinese institution option and in a volume to be defined in the future;
- Increase the oil export of Petrobras to China;
- Partnerships between Petrobras and Chinese companies to develop projects in several oil industry segments;
- Supply of service, material and equipment by Chinese companies to Petrobras; and
- Promoting contacts between Chinese and Brazilian companies for the purpose of creating joint ventures.

The Memorandum between Petro China - CNPC and Petrobras aims to increase the oil export of Petrobras to China, in the range of 40 trough 60 thousands barrels of oil per day.

The parties will start the negotiation to execute the contracts to be implemented as a result of the agreements.

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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 19, 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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