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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

Oil and natural gas production in May

Rio de Janeiro, June 8, 2016 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras announces that its total production of oil and natural gas in May was of 2.83 million barrels of oil equivalent per day (boed), 5% higher than the volume produced in April (2.69 million boed) and 2% higher than the volume produced in May 2015, of which 2.64 million boed were produced in Brazil and 190,000 boed were produced abroad.

The average oil production in May was of 2.24 million barrels per day (bpd), an increase of 6% in comparison with the volume produced in the previous month, which was 2.12 million bpd, and 1% higher than the volume produced in May 2015. Of this total, 2.16 million bpd were produced in Brazil and 85,000 bpd were produced abroad.

The volume produced in Brazil in the month of May was the fifth biggest monthly average production ever recorded by Petrobras. This growth was mainly due to the record in the production of pre-salt, with the entry of new wells connected to the FPSO Cidade de Maricá in the Lula field, and to the operation's return of the platforms that were in scheduled stoppage and in corrective maintenance in April.

The pre-salt production increases 15% when compared to April and achieves a new record

The production of oil and natural gas operated by Petrobras in the pre-salt layer in May had an increase of 15% over the previous month and achieved a new monthly record, with the volume of 1.15 million boed.

The oil production operated by Petrobras in May in that province was also a monthly record, up 16% when compared to the previous month, reaching an average of 928,000 bpd.

It is important to note that the oil production operated in the pre-salt exceeded, last May 8, the level of 1 million bpd for the first time. This mark was reached ten years following the discovery of these deposits and less than two years after reaching the production of 500,000 bpd, with the contribution of 52 producing wells in seven large production systems in the Santos Basin and eight production systems in the Campos Basin.

The average production volume per well in the pre-salt of the Santos Basin is of 25,000 bpd, the most productive being located in the Lula field, with an average daily flow of 36 barrels of oil.

The average cost of extraction of the pre-salt wells totaled less than US\$8 per barrel of oil equivalent and has been gradually decreasing, and the average time to build a well reached 89 days, a reduction of 71% between 2010 and 2016.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

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The high productivity of the pre-salt reservoirs, resulting in fewer wells per production system and the improving efficiency in the construction of wells has secured a significant reduction in the investment of projects under implementation in this line and has increased its profitability.

Natural gas production

The natural gas production in the country, excluding the liquefied volume, was of 76.4 million m³/day, up 4% over the previous month (73.5 million m³/day).

The average natural gas production abroad was of 17.9 million m³/d, up 3% over the 17.3 million m³/d achieved in the previous month.

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