

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA
Form 6-K
January 15, 2019

UNITED STATES
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 January, 2019
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)

Avenida República do Chile, 65

20031-912 - Rio de Janeiro, RJ

Federative Republic of Brazil

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F

Form 40-F

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

Exercise of Pre-emption Right in the Sixth Bidding Round of areas under Production Sharing Regime

Rio de Janeiro, January 14, 2019 **Petróleo Brasileiro SA** Petrobras reports that today it formally expressed to the National Energy Policy Council (CNPE) interest to exercise the pre-emption right for the 6th Bidding Round of exploration blocks under the production sharing regime, pursuant to Law 12,351/2010 and Federal Decree 9.041/2017.

Considering the parameters disclosed in CNPE Resolution no. 18 of 2018, after technical analysis, approval by the Executive Board and resolution within the Board of Directors, Petrobras decided to express interest in exercising the pre-emption right in the blocks of Aram, Norte de Brava and Sudoeste de Sagitário, as operator and with the percentage of 30%.

The amount corresponding to the signature bonus to be paid by the company, considering the auction result confirm the minimum stake indicated above, is R\$ 1,845 million.

It is important to note that Petrobras may increase the percentage of 30% indicated for the area where it is exercising its pre-emption right, forming a consortium to participate in the bidding process.

In relation to the areas in which Petrobras has not exercised its pre-emption right, the company may participate on an equal basis with other bidders, whether acting as operator or non-operator.

With the conclusion of this round, the company will timely communicate to the market the results of its participation, in compliance with current legislation.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that are subject to risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements, which address the Company's expected business and financial performance, among other matters, contain words such as believe, expect, estimate, anticipate, optimistic, intend, plan, aim, will, may, should, could, would, likely, and similar expressions cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. There is no assurance that the expected events, trends or results will actually occur. We

undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or future events or for any other reason.

The Company's actual results could differ materially from those expressed or forecast in any forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of assumptions and factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) failure to comply with laws or regulations, including fraudulent activity, corruption, and bribery; (ii) the outcome of ongoing corruption investigations and any new facts or information that may arise in relation to the Lava Jato Operation ; (iii) the effectiveness of the Company's risk management policies and procedures, including operational risk; and (iv) litigation, such as class actions or proceedings brought by governmental and regulatory agencies. A description of other factors can be found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the Company's other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

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: January 14, 2019.

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A PETROBRAS

By: /s/ Rafael Salvador Grisolia
Rafael Salvador Grisolia
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer