

PETROBRAS - PETROLEO BRASILEIRO SA

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 October, 2014

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)

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 ☒

Moody's revises Petrobras rating maintaining Investment Grade

Rio de Janeiro, October 21, 2014 – Petróleo Brasileiro S.A. – Petrobras informs that Moody's rating agency has announced a revision of Petrobras' global foreign currency and local currency debt ratings to Baa2 from Baa1 with a negative outlook, maintaining Investment Grade.

This revision, according to Moody's, reflects high financial leverage and the agency expectation that it is only likely to decline significantly after 2016, contrary to the original agency expectations.

In Moody's point of view, while Petrobras has been relatively successful in executing on its investments program and on its production targets, the increase of indebtedness as a consequence of real depreciation, losses on downstream segment related to the gap between international and domestic prices and the increase of funding needs, are factors that influence the evaluation.

In addition, in accordance with the agency, the lowest international oil prices, if maintained at long term, could be beneficial to the downstream segment, but they will affect negatively the upstream operations. Regarding the Company's investments, Moody's believes that, even if it has a reduction in 2015, it would not be sufficient for an accelerate indebtedness reduction in a real depreciation environment. At this environment, according to the agency, the deleveraging would occur slower than initially anticipated.

According to Moody's, Petrobras' Baa2 rating is supported by its large-scale reserve base and dominance in the Brazilian oil industry with a leading position, pre-salt significant discoveries, growing production and technological expertise. Petrobras' rating also considers the extraordinary Federal Government support in a stressful scenario.

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: October 21, 2014

PETRÓLEO BRASILEIRO S.A--PETROBRAS

By:

/s/ Almir Guilherme Barbassa

Almir Guilherme Barbassa
Chief Financial Officer and Investor Relations
Officer

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