petroleum coke

A carbonization product of high-boiling hydrocarbon fractions obtained in petroleum processing (heavy residues). It is the general term for all special petroleum coke products such as green, calcined and needle petroleum coke.

Note:
High-boiling hydrocarbon fractions (heavy residues) used as feedstock for petroleum coke are residues from distillation (atmospheric pressure, vacuum) or cracking (e.g. thermal, catalytic, steam-based) processes. The nature of feedstock has a decisive influence on the graphitizability of the calcined coke.

Source:
PAC, 1995, 67, 473 (Recommended terminology for the description of carbon as a solid (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)) on page 499