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GRAN TIERRA ENERGY, INC.
Form 8-K
January 25, 2006

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 10, 2006

GRAN TIERRA ENERGY, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

[GRAPHIC OMITTED]

Nevada	333-111656	98-0479924

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
10th Floor, 610-8th Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Address of principal executive offices)		T2P 1G5 (Zip Code)
(403) 537-3218 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)		

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On January 10, 2006, the Registrant announced the election of Nadine C. Smith to the Board of Directors expanding its current number of directors to six. Ms. Smith is a longstanding member of the Board of Directors of Patterson-UTI

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Energy, Inc. and American Retirement Corporation. Patterson-UTL Energy owns 403 land-based drilling rigs and is the second largest contract drilling company in North America with a current market capitalization of nearly \$6 billion. American Retirement operates 76 senior living communities in nineteen states with a resident capacity of approximately 16,000 units and has a current equity capitalization approaching \$1 billion. Ms. Smith serves on these companies' audit, compensation and nominating and governance committees.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of Gran Tierra Energy, Inc. dated January 10, 2006

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Gran Tierra Energy, Inc.

By: /s/ James Hart

Name: James Hart

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 25, 2006

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