

TRANSATLANTIC PETROLEUM LTD.  
Form 8-K  
January 07, 2013

**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 1, 2013

**TRANSATLANTIC PETROLEUM LTD.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Bermuda**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-34574**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**None**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**Akmerkez B Blok Kat 6**

**Nispetiye Caddesi 34330 Etiler,**

**Istanbul, Turkey**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: +90 212 317 25 00**

**None  
(Zip Code)**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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 Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On January 1, 2013, the Board of Directors of TransAtlantic Petroleum Ltd. (the Company), appointed Ian J. Delahunty to serve as the Company's President, effective immediately.

Mr. Delahunty, age 33, joined the Company in 2008 as a Completions Engineer and served as the Company's Vice President, Engineering from January 2010 to June 2012 and the Company's Vice President, Business Development from June 2012 until January 2013. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Delahunty worked as a Senior Engineer with Schlumberger Wireline, a division of Schlumberger Limited providing wireline services, in Vietnam and the United States from 2003 to 2006 and as a Completions Engineer with Occidental Petroleum Corporation, an international oil and gas exploration and production company, in the United States from 2006 to 2008. Mr. Delahunty holds a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Texas at Austin and a degree in history from University College in Cork, Ireland.

As the Company's President, Mr. Delahunty will be entitled to participate in the TransAtlantic Petroleum Ltd. 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan and the Company's 401(k), medical, dental and vision plans.

**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.

Date: January 7, 2013

**TRANSATLANTIC PETROLEUM LTD.**

By: /s/ Jeffrey S. Mecom

Jeffrey S. Mecom  
Vice President and Corporate Secretary

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