

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP

Form 8-K

April 04, 2014

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): April 2, 2014
Whiting Petroleum Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

1-31899
(Commission File
Number)

20-0098515
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1700 Broadway, Suite 2300, Denver, Colorado 80290-2300

(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)

(303) 837-1661

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.

On April 2, 2014, Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company) and its subsidiary Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation entered into the Sixth Amendment (the Amendment) to Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with the lenders party thereto (the Credit Agreement). The Amendment amends the Credit Agreement to, among other things, change the maturity date from April 15, 2016 to the earlier to occur of (a) April 2, 2019 and (b) with certain exceptions, the date that is ninety-one days prior to the scheduled maturity of any permitted additional unsecured senior or senior subordinated notes, which includes the Company's 5.000% Senior Notes due March 15, 2019 unless redeemed earlier in accordance with the Credit Agreement.

The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Amendment. The Company is filing a copy of the Amendment as Exhibit 4.1 hereto, which is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

(4.1) Sixth Amendment to Fifth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 2, 2014, among Whiting Petroleum Corporation, its subsidiary Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the other agents and lenders party thereto.

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.

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: April 4, 2014

By: /s/ James J. Volker
James J. Volker
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number

Description

4.1

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