

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP

Form 8-K

February 24, 2009

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): February 23, 2009

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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- £ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 C.F.R. §230.425)
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 - £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.14d-2(b))
 - £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2009, Whiting Petroleum Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial and operating results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2008 and providing certain guidance for the first quarter of 2009 and full year 2009. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

(99) Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, dated February 23, 2009.

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: February 23,
2009

By: /s/ James J. Volker

James J. Volker
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

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