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August 07, 2002

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) August 7, 2002 (August 7, 2002)

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Oklahoma	1-13726	73-1395733
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

6100 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	73118
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(405) 848-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS

Chesapeake Energy Corporation ("Chesapeake") issued a Press Release on August 7, 2002 announcing pricing of \$250 million of 9.0% senior notes due 2012. The following was included in the Press Release:

Chesapeake today announced that it has priced a private offering of \$250 million senior notes due 2012, which will carry an interest rate coupon of 9.0%. The senior notes were priced at 98.389% to yield 9.25%. The senior notes being sold by Chesapeake will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent

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registration or an applicable exemption from registration requirements. The senior notes will be eligible for trading under Rule 144A.

Closing of the senior notes offering is expected to occur on August 12, 2002, and is subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The net proceeds from this offering will be used for funding three pending acquisitions totaling \$132 million and to repay bank debt recently incurred to purchase \$43 million of senior notes due in 2004 and to purchase \$38 million of natural gas properties in Oklahoma from The Williams Companies. Remaining net proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes, including the possible funding of future acquisitions.

This document contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements include estimates and give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. They are based on our historical operating trends, our existing commodity hedging position and our current estimate of proved reserves. Although we believe our forward-looking statements are reasonable, they can be affected by inaccurate assumptions or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties. For example, statements concerning the fair values of derivative contracts and their estimated contribution to our future results of operations are based upon market information as of a specific date. These market prices are subject to significant volatility. Factors that could cause actual operating and financial results to differ materially from expected results include the volatility of oil and gas prices, our substantial indebtedness, our commodity price risk management activities, the cost and availability of drilling and production services, our ability to replace reserves, the availability of capital, uncertainties inherent in evaluating our own reserves and the reserves we acquire, drilling and operating risks and other risk factors described in the company's 2001 annual report on Form 10-K and subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Chesapeake Energy Corporation is one of the 10 largest independent natural gas producers in the U.S. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, the company's operations are focused on exploratory and developmental drilling and producing property acquisitions in the Mid-Continent region of the United States. The company's Internet address is www.chkenergy.com.

SIGNATURE

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, thereunto duly authorized.

CHESAPEAKE ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Aubrey K. McClendon

Aubrey K. McClendon
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

Dated: August 7, 2002