Allis Chalmers Energy Inc. Form 8-K January 05, 2010

# 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 5, 2010

## ALLIS-CHALMERS ENERGY INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-02199 39-0126090
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5075 Westheimer
Suite 890
Houston, Texas
77056
(Address of principal executive offices)
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 369-0550

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 5, 2010, Allis-Chalmers Energy Inc. (the "Company") and Lime Rock Partners V, L.P. ("Lime Rock") entered into a Third Amendment (the "Third Amendment") to their Investment Agreement, dated May 20, 2009. Pursuant to the Third Amendment, Lime Rock has agreed to designate their two remaining nominees to the Company's board of directors by July 16, 2010.

The full text of the Third Amendment is attached as Exhibit 4.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits:

E x h i b i tDescription No.

4.1 Third Amendment to Investment Agreement, dated January 5, 2010, between Allis-Chalmers Energy Inc. and Lime Rock Partners V, L.P.

#### **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.

# ALLIS-CHALMERS ENERGY INC.

Date: January 5, 2010 By: /s/ Theodore F. Pound III

Name: Theodore F. Pound III

Title: General Counsel and Secretary

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