

MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/

Form 8-K

August 07, 2009

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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 6, 2009 (July 31, 2009)  
Magellan Petroleum Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)  
Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5507

06-0842255

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

10 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT

06106

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

860-293-2006

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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On July 31, 2009, Magellan Petroleum Australia Limited ( MPAL ), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Magellan Petroleum Corporation (the Company ), ended the employment of Dr. T. Gwynn Davies as MPAL 's CEO and General Manager, for reasons of redundancy. The change was effective on July 31, 2009. Dr. Davies was previously identified as a named executive officer of the Company in its most recent definitive proxy statement dated April 20, 2009. The Company is implementing a new organizational structure in the United States, and for MPAL and the Company 's Australian operations.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel J. Samela

Name: Daniel J. Samela

Title: Chief Financial Officer, Chief  
Accounting Officer and Treasurer

Dated: August 6, 2009

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