

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 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 20, 2010**

**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**1-12534**

**72-1133047**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**363 N. Sam Houston Parkway E., Suite 100  
Houston, Texas 77060**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 847-6000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On January 20, 2010, Newfield Exploration Company (the Company) agreed to offer, issue and sell \$700 million of its 6 7/8% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2020 (the Notes) pursuant to, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in, an underwriting agreement and a pricing agreement with the underwriters of the offering. The Notes are to be issued under a Subordinated Indenture dated as of December 10, 2001 between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association (formerly known as First Union National Bank)), as Trustee (the Indenture), as supplemented by the Fifth Supplemental Indenture to be dated as of January 25, 2010. Closing of the issuance and sale of the Notes is scheduled for January 25, 2010.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

- 1.1 Underwriting Agreement dated January 20, 2010
- 1.2 Pricing Agreement dated as of January 20, 2010, by and between the Company and J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named therein
- 5.1 Opinion of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.
- 23.1 Consent of Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto)

**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.

**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION  
COMPANY**

Date: January 22, 2010

By: /s/ Brian L. Rickmers  
Brian L. Rickmers  
Controller

**Exhibit Index**

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