MURPHY OIL CORP /DE Form 8-K October 16, 2012

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): October 16, 2012

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware1-859071-0361522(State or other jurisdiction(Commission(IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

200 Peach Street P.O. Box 7000, El Dorado, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

71731-7000 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code 870-862-6411

Not applicable

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

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 8.01, Other Events of Importance to Security Holders.

On October 16, 2012, Murphy Oil Corporation issued a press release announcing a plan to separate its U.S. Downstream business into an independent company and the authorization of a \$2.50 per share special dividend and a \$1 billion share buyback program. The full text of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 A news release dated October 16, 2012 announcing a plan to separate its U.S. downstream business into an independent company and the authorization of a \$2.50 per share special dividend and a \$1 billion share buyback program is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John W. Eckart John W. Eckart Senior Vice President and Controller

Date: October 16, 2012

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99.1 Press release dated October 16, 2012, as issued by Murphy Oil Corporation.

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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BREIPOHL WALTER E | | | | |
| 7700 BONHOMME AVENUE | X | | | |

Signatures

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

WALTER E. 04/23/2009 BREIPOHL

**Signature of Reporting Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
 - TOTAL AMOUNT OF STOCK OPTIONS HELD DECREASED BY 2,000 AS STOCK OPTIONS EXPIRED ON 2/11/2009
- (1) WITHOUT BEING EXERCISED. REPORTING PERSON ALSO HOLDS 3,079 SHARES, 16,945 SHARES IN TRUST AND 2,305 SHARES IN SEP/IRA.

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