

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 20, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date of Report  
(Date of earliest  
event reported):

January 19, 2012

Whiting Petroleum Corporation  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-31899  
(Commission File  
Number)

20-0098515  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1700 Broadway, Suite 2300, Denver, Colorado 80290-2300  
(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)

(303) 837-1661  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(17 C.F.R. §240.14d-2(b))
  - £ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act  
(17 C.F.R. §240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 19, 2012, Whiting Petroleum Corporation issued a press release announcing its 2011 year-end reserves and 2011 fourth quarter production, 2012 production and capital spending guidance, and updates to 2011 guidance. A copy of such press release is furnished as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions. Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

(99) Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, dated January 19, 2012.

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.

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: January 19, 2012

By: /s/ Michael J. Stevens  
Michael J. Stevens  
Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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