

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2008

**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): December 23, 2008  
Whiting Petroleum Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware   | 1-31899                     | 20-0098515                           |
| (State or other<br>jurisdiction of<br>incorporation) | (Commission File<br>Number) | (IRS Employer<br>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)

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 C.F.R. §230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (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 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 23, 2008, Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it has completed its hedging program until the Company s next borrowing base redetermination on May 1, 2009. A copy of such press release is filed 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 December 23, 2008.

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: December 23, 2008

By: /s/ James J. Volker  
James J. Volker  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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