

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP

Form 8-K

January 20, 2009

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**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, 2009**  
**Whiting Petroleum Corporation**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-31899

20-0098515

(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File  
Number)

(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)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - 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 20, 2009, Whiting Petroleum Corporation issued a press release announcing its preliminary 2008 production results and updates to 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 20, 2009.

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**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 20, 2009

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

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Exhibit Number	Description
(99)	Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, dated January 20, 2009.