

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 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): February  
22, 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.)
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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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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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2012, Whiting Petroleum Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial and operating results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2011 and providing certain guidance for the first quarter of 2012 and full year 2012. 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 February 22, 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: February 22,  
2012

By: /s/ James J. Volker

James J. Volker  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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