MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ Form 8-K May 04, 2006

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): May 4, 2006 (May 4, 2006)

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)
Delaware

Magellan Petroleum Corporation

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-5507 06-0842255

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

10 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06106

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

860-293-2006

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code) Not Applicable

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

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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Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 4, 2006, Magellan Petroleum Corporation (the Company) issued a press release announcing that, as of May 4, 2006, the Company s relevant interest in shares of Magellan Petroleum Australia Limited has crossed the 90% level.

A copy of the Company s press release dated May 4, 2006 is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
- 99.1 Press Release of the Company, dated May 4, 2006, announcing relevant interest in MPAL shares has crossed the 90% level.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel J. Samela Name: Daniel J. Samela

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer

Officer

Dated: May 4, 2006

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