

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP

Form 8-A12B

June 16, 2009

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

**FORM 8-A  
FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

20-0098515

(State of incorporation  
or organization)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1700 Broadway, Suite 2300  
Denver, Colorado

80290-2300

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class  
to be so registered

Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered

% Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock

New York Stock Exchange

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), please check the following box.

If this Form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), please check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-159055

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The description of the % Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock of Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company) to be registered hereunder is incorporated herein by reference to the description included (i) under the caption Description of Capital Stock in the prospectus, dated May 8, 2009, included as part of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-159055), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), on May 8, 2009 (the Registration Statement), and (ii) under the caption Description of Preferred Stock in the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated June 16, 2009, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act and included as part of the Registration Statement. Any prospectus supplement or prospectus or any amendment to the Registration Statement that includes a description of the % Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock and that is subsequently filed by the Company is hereinafter incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2. Exhibits.

- (3.1) Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Whiting Petroleum Corporation [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-107341)].
- (3.2) Amended and Restated By-laws of Whiting Petroleum Corporation [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 (File No. 001-31899)].
- (3.3) Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock of Whiting Petroleum Corporation [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 23, 2006 (File No. 001-31899)].
- (3.4) Form of Certificate of Designations of % Convertible Perpetual Preferred Stock of Whiting Petroleum Corporation.
- (4.1) Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of April 28, 2009, among Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, Whiting Petroleum Corporation, the financial institutions listed therein and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4 to Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 28, 2009 (File No. 001-31899)].
- (4.2) First Amendment to Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of June 15, 2009, among Whiting Petroleum Corporation, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the other agents and lenders party thereto. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 15, 2009 (File No. 001-31899)].
- (4.3) Indenture, dated May 11, 2004, by and among Whiting Petroleum Corporation, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, Whiting Programs, Inc., Equity Oil Company and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004 (File No. 001-31899)].

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- (4.5) First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of April 19, 2005, by and among Whiting Petroleum Corporation, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, Equity Oil Company, Whiting Programs, Inc. and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 11, 2005 (File No. 001-31899)].
- (4.6) Indenture, dated October 4, 2005, by and among Whiting Petroleum Corporation, Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation, Whiting Programs, Inc. and The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Whiting Petroleum Corporation's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 4, 2005 (File No. 001-31899)].
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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: June 16, 2009

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

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