

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP
Form 8-K
May 24, 2010

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): May 24, 2010

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-33334
(Commission
File Number)

86-0876964
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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1000 Louisiana, Suite 5600

Houston, Texas
(Address of principal executive offices)

77002
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (832) 204-2700

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On May 24, 2010, Petrohawk Energy Corporation (Petrohawk or the Company) (NYSE:HK) announced that two previously announced transactions, a 50/50 joint venture with Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P. (Kinder Morgan) involving the Company's midstream business in the Haynesville Shale for \$875 million and the sale of Terryville Field for \$320 million, have closed. Petrohawk has now closed approximately \$1.37 billion in asset sales year to date, significantly in excess of the Company's target of \$1 billion in divestitures in 2010.

In addition, as announced on April 23, 2010, the Company is holding an analyst day presentation on May 24, 2010. The live webcast and accompanying slide presentation will be accessible through the Company's website at 8:00 AM Central Daylight Time (9:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time) on May 24th. A replay will be available following the conference and can also be accessed through the Company's website. Among the items to be covered in the presentation are anticipated production growth, price realizations and capital expenditures for 2010, 2011 and 2012, as follows:

| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Production growth | 30% | 30% - 40% | 15% - 25% |
| Percent natural gas | 93% | 87% | 84% |
| Percent oil | 4% | 9% | 11% |
| Percent natural gas liquids | 3% | 4% | 5% |
| Price realizations | | | |
| Natural gas | 95% - 99% | 95% - 99% | 95% - 99% |
| Oil | 94% - 98% | 94% - 98% | 94% - 98% |
| Natural gas liquids (% of oil) | 53% - 57% | 53% - 57% | 53% - 57% |
| (\$ in millions) | | | |
| Capital expenditures | | | |
| Drilling and completion | \$ 1,350 | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,450 |
| Hawk Field Services | 280 | 150 | 120 |
| Leasehold and acquisitions | 500 | 100 | 100 |
| | \$ 2,130 | \$ 1,800 | \$ 1,670 |

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Additionally, the Company announced the following anticipated production, price realizations, operating costs and effective tax rates for 2010 as follows:

| | 2009 | | 2010 | |
|---|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Guidance | Actual | Original | Updated |
| Production (Mmcfe/d) | 490 -500 | 502 | 670 -680 | 650 -660 |
| Price realizations | | | | |
| Natural gas | 92% -97% | 93% | N/A | 95% - 99% |
| Oil | N/A | 91% | N/A | 94% - 98% |
| Natural gas liquids (% of oil) | N/A | N/A | N/A | 53% - 57% |
| Operating Costs (\$ / Mcfe) | | | | |
| Lease operating / workover | \$ 0.40 -\$0.52 | \$ 0.45 | \$ 0.33 -\$0.45 | \$ 0.29 -\$0.39 |
| Gathering, transportation & other | \$ 0.40 -\$0.48 | \$ 0.49 | \$ 0.48 -\$0.56 | \$ 0.65 -\$0.75 |
| Taxes other than income | \$ 0.35 -\$0.45 | \$ 0.32 | \$ 0.33 -\$0.43 | \$ 0.15 -\$0.25 |
| Total | \$ 1.15 -\$1.45 | \$ 1.26 | \$ 1.14 -\$1.44 | \$ 1.09 -\$1.39 |
| General and administrative expense (\$ / Mcfe) ¹ | \$ 0.40 -\$0.50 | \$ 0.54 | \$ 0.35 -\$0.45 | \$ 0.40 -\$0.50 |
| Effective tax rate | 38% - 41% | 42.5% | 38% - 41% | 38% - 41% |

¹ Excludes non-cash stock-based compensation charges of \$0.06-\$0.12 per mcfe for 2010.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Note: The statements in this Form 8-K that are not historical statements are forward-looking statements that are intended to be covered by the safe harbor forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are based on Petrohawk's current expectations and include statements regarding estimates of future production, price realizations, operating costs, capital expenditures, general and administrative expenses, effective tax rates and the like. These statements reflect current plans, estimates, assumptions and strategies and are often, but not always, identified using words such as expects, anticipates, plans, estimates, potential, possible, probably, intends, or stating that certain actions, events or results may, will, should, or could be taken, occur or be achieved. Forward-looking statements and the plans, estimates, assumptions and strategies underlying them are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in these statements. These risks include, but are not limited to the factors included in the section entitled Risk Factors in Petrohawk's Annual Report on Form 10-K and its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from the forward-looking statements.

SIGNATURE

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.

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

By: */s/* C. BYRON CHARBONEAU
**Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer and
Controller**

Date: May 24, 2010