

NEWPARK RESOURCES INC

Form 8-K

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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): December 28, 2006**  
**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>Delaware</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>1-2960</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>72-1123385</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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<b>3850 North Causeway, Suite 1770</b> <b>Metairie, Louisiana</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>70002</b> (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(504) 838-8222**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On December 29, 2006, Newpark Resources, Inc. and certain of its domestic subsidiaries entered into an agreement for a revolving Credit Facility with certain lenders, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent and letter of credit issuer, and Bank of America, N.A., as syndication agent. The revolving Credit Facility is in the aggregate face amount of \$100.0 million and matures on June 25, 2011. The Credit Facility is secured by a first lien on Newpark's domestic accounts receivable and inventory and by a second lien on its tangible and intangible assets.

Eligibility under the Credit Facility is based on a percentage of Newpark's eligible consolidated accounts receivable and inventory as defined in the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility bears interest at either JP Morgan Chase published prime rate or the three-month LIBOR rate plus a spread determined quarterly based upon the average availability under the Credit Facility during the prior quarter. Newpark determines which interest rate to apply to the advances under the Credit Facility. The Credit Facility contains a fixed charge coverage ratio and a consolidated leverage ratio. Newpark is required to supply the agent with Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Annual Reports on Form 10-K under the Credit Facility. Newpark also must supply regular reports to the agent. The Credit Facility also limits Newpark's ability to pay dividends on its common stock.

Other than in respect of the agreement governing the Credit Facility and the agreement governing the Term Credit Agreement that Newpark entered into on August 18, 2006, no material relationship exists between Newpark or its affiliates and any of the parties to that agreement. This summary of the Credit Facility is qualified in its entirety by the text of that agreement, a copy of which is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

On December 28, 2006, the Board of Directors of Newpark Resources, Inc. granted Paul L. Howes, President and Chief Executive Officer, a stock option to purchase 80,000 shares of Common Stock under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan at an exercise price of \$7.17 per share, equal to the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. The option vests in three equal annual installments over a three-year term and expires on December 28, 2013.

**Item 5.05 Amendments to the Registrant's Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision of the Code of Ethics**

On December 28, 2006, the Board of Directors of Newpark Resources, Inc. amended the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics to expand existing policies of the Company. The Code of Ethics is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 14.1 and incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Code of Ethics is also posted in the corporate governance section of Newpark's website at [www.newpark.com](http://www.newpark.com) and is available in print, without charge, for any stockholder who requests it, by contacting Newpark at the following address: Newpark Resources, Inc., 3850 North Causeway Blvd., Suite 1770, Metairie, Louisiana 70002, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

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**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

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14.1 Newpark Resources, Inc. Code of Ethics for Directors, Officers and Employees.

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**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.

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**

Dated: January 4, 2007

By: /s/ James E. Braun

James E. Braun,  
Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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