

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 16, 2006

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-9260
(Commission File Number)

73-1283193
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

7130 South Lewis, Suite 1000, Tulsa, Oklahoma
(Address of principal executive offices)

74136
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (918) 493-7700

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:

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☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 7 - Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 16, 2006, the company announced that its wholly owned subsidiary, Unit Petroleum Company, has closed its previously announced acquisition of certain oil and natural gas properties from a group of private entities for \$32.4 million in cash. The company also announced that it has completed the eighth well in its Panola field and recent well completions in the Arkoma Basin have increased the company's net production 9.6 MMcfe per day.

This press release, which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K, includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, as disclosed by the Company from time to time in its filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. As a result of these factors, the Company's actual results may differ materially from those indicated or implied by such forward-looking statements.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

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.

The following exhibits are furnished or filed herewith:

99.1 Unit Corporation press release dated May 16, 2006.

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.

Unit Corporation

Date: May 16, 2006

By: /s/ Mark E. Schell

Name: Mark E. Schell

Title: Senior Vice President

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
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99.1	Unit Corporation press release dated May 16, 2006.
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UNIT CORPORATION

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For Immediate Release...

May 16, 2006

**UNIT CORPORATION CLOSSES \$32.4 MILLION ACQUISITION;
RECENT ARKOMA COMPLETION BOOSTS NET PRODUCTION 9.6 MMCFE PER DAY;
NEW WELL REPRESENTS EIGHTH COMPLETED WELL IN UNIT'S PANOLA FIELD**

Tulsa, Oklahoma . . . Unit Corporation (NYSE - UNT) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, Unit Petroleum Company, has closed its previously announced acquisition of certain oil and natural gas properties from a group of private entities for \$32.4 million in cash. Proved oil and natural gas reserves involved in this acquisition consist of approximately 14.2 Bcfe. The properties currently produce 3.0 MMcfe per day. Approximately 45% of the reserves associated with these properties are located in Oklahoma, 36% are located in Texas and 19% in New Mexico. This acquisition has an effective date of April 1, 2006.

Unit's exploration and development operations have recorded several significant successes since the fall of 2004 in its Panola Field, located approximately 100 miles southeast of Tulsa in the Arkoma Basin. The most recent success is Unit's Lively #7 (29.78% working interest, 22.95% net revenue interest), a Lower Atoka completion that penetrated approximately 238 feet of net natural gas pay. First natural gas sales commenced on May 2, 2006 at an initial production rate of 42 million cubic feet equivalent per day (MMcfe/day) gross and 9.6 MMcfe/day net with a flowing tubing pressure of 2,840 psi. The Panola Field is a legacy asset for Unit, having been held as a core exploration and production property for more than 20 years. The Lively #7 represents the eighth well in a series of prolific natural gas producers discovered beginning in the fall of 2004. During the previous 18 months, Unit has drilled or participated in seven wells that have produced more than 37 billion cubic feet equivalent (Bcfe) gross for an average well flow rate of 67 MMcfe/day gross during that period. The current gas flow rate from the eight wells is 155 MMcfe/day gross and 28.7 MMcfe/day net.

Brad Guidry, Unit Petroleum Company Senior Vice President of Exploration and Production, said: "Development of new natural gas production from the Lower Atoka sands in our Panola Field is a key component of Unit's 2006 drilling program. We have a well-developed infrastructure to bring our Panola Field wells to production quickly. We believe there are numerous opportunities to further develop the field, as we believe there are as many as eight prospective sands to target over the next several years. Our drilling program is off to a good start this year, having spud 85 wells. Sixty-one of the 85 wells have been completed with a success rate of 87%. We remain positive about achieving our goal of drilling 235 wells during 2006, a 22% increase over 2005."

Unit Corporation is a Tulsa-based, publicly held energy company engaged through its subsidiaries in oil and gas exploration, production, contract drilling and natural gas gathering and processing. Unit's Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol UNT. For more information about Unit Corporation, visit its website at <http://www.unitcorp.com>.

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Securities Litigation Reform Act that involve risks and uncertainties, including the estimated oil and natural gas reserves associated with the wells and prospect discussed, the productive capabilities of the wells discussed, the number of wells to be drilled in 2006, as well as the other factors described from time to time in the company's publicly available SEC reports, which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expected.