

VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC
Form 8-K
December 27, 2005

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) December 27, 2005

VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10578
(Commission File Number)

73-1182669
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

110 West Seventh Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

74119
(Zip Code)

(918) 592-0101

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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

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 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 27, 2005, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has approved a special one-time repatriation of \$450 million from its international operations consisting of approximately \$200 million in cash and \$250 million of intercompany debt. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99 Press release dated December 27, 2005, issued by the Registrant.

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.

VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.

Date: December 27, 2005

By: /s/ Michael F. Meimerstorf
Michael F. Meimerstorf

Vice President and Controller

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Press release dated December 27, 2005, issued by the Registrant.