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Form 6-K  
October 17, 2003

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

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For October 17, 2003

Commission File Number: 001-14534

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

4200, 150 - 6TH AVENUE S.W.  
CALGARY, ALBERTA  
CANADA T2P 3Y7  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F                            Form 40-F     

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1). \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes                                            No

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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- N/A  
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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, thereunto duly authorized.

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION

Per: /s/ Jan M. Campbell

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Jan M. Campbell  
Corporate Secretary

Date: October 17, 2003

NEWS RELEASE

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA - October 17, 2003

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION  
THIRD QUARTER 2003 EARNINGS CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST

Precision Drilling Corporation ("Precision") intends to release its Third Quarter 2003 results at approximately 5:00 a.m. MST (7:00 a.m. EST) on Thursday, October 30, 2003 and has scheduled a conference call and webcast to begin promptly at 12:00 Noon MST (2:00 p.m. EST) on the same day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2003 AT 12:00 NOON MST (2:00 P.M. EST)  
CONFERENCE CALL DIAL IN NUMBER IS 1-800-814-4853

A live webcast of the conference call will be accessible on Precision's website at [WWW.PRECISIONDRILLING.COM](http://WWW.PRECISIONDRILLING.COM) by selecting "INVESTOR RELATIONS" then "WEBCAST".

An archived recording of the conference call will be available approximately one hour after the completion of the call until November 6, 2003 by dialing 1-877-289-8525, passcode 21021926#

Precision Drilling Corporation, headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is the largest Canadian integrated oilfield and industrial services contractor and a global provider of products and services to the energy industry. Precision Drilling Corporation is listed on The Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "PD" and on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "PDS".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT JAN CAMPBELL, CORPORATE SECRETARY, 4200, 150 - 6TH AVENUE S.W., CALGARY, ALBERTA T2P 3Y7, TELEPHONE (403) 716-4500; FAX

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