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Form 8-K  
March 09, 2006

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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): March 8, 2006

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

ALBERTA, CANADA	001-32714	38-3324634
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 1080  
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 739-1800  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

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Section 7 - Regulation FD

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On March 8, 2006, Gastar Exploration Ltd. issued a press release providing

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an operational update on planned drilling and workover activities on its PEL 238 property located in New South Wales, Australia. This press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is being furnished solely pursuant to Item 7.01 of this report.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description of Document
99.1	Press release dated March 8, 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.

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.

Date: March 9, 2006

By: /s/ J. RUSSELL PORTER

J. Russell Porter  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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