

**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): October 5, 2012

GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-19514
(Commission
File Number)

73-1521290
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**14313 North May Avenue
Suite 100**

Oklahoma City, OK
(Address of principal
executive offices)

73134
(Zip code)

(405) 848-8807

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 5, 2012, Gulfport Energy Corporation (“Gulfport”) announced that it proposes to offer, subject to market conditions and other factors, \$250 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2020 (the “Notes”) to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and to certain non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The Notes will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements. This report is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of these securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) *Exhibits*

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Exhibit</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated October 5, 2012 entitled “Gulfport Energy Corporation Launches Proposed \$250 Million Senior Notes Offering.” |

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 thereunto duly authorized.

GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: October 5, 2012

By: /s/ MICHAEL G. MOORE

Michael G. Moore
Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit

99.1 Press release dated October 5, 2012 entitled "Gulfport Energy Corporation Launches Proposed \$250 Million Senior Notes Offering."



Press Release

Gulfport Energy Corporation Launches Proposed \$250 Million Senior Notes Offering

OKLAHOMA CITY (October 5, 2012) Gulfport Energy Corporation (NASDAQ: GPOR) (“Gulfport”) today announced that it proposes to offer, subject to market conditions and other factors, \$250 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2020 (the “Notes”) to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and to certain non-U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act. Gulfport expects to use the net proceeds of the offering to repay Gulfport’s outstanding indebtedness under its senior secured revolving credit facility and for general corporate purposes, including the funding of a portion of its 2012 and 2013 capital development plans.

The Notes will be general unsecured senior obligations of Gulfport, will be guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by certain of Gulfport’s subsidiaries and will pay interest semi-annually.

The Notes will not be registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration requirements.

This announcement is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of these securities and shall not constitute an offer, solicitation or sale in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale is unlawful.

About Gulfport

Gulfport Energy Corporation is an Oklahoma City-based independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company with its principal producing properties located along the Louisiana Gulf Coast and in the Permian Basin in West Texas. Gulfport has also acquired acreage positions in the Utica Shale of Eastern Ohio and the Niobrara Formation of Western Colorado. In addition, Gulfport holds a sizeable acreage position in the Alberta Oil Sands in Canada through its interest in Grizzly Oil Sands ULC.

Forward Looking Statements

Certain statements included in this press release are intended as “forward-looking statements.” These statements include assumptions, expectations, predictions, intentions or beliefs about future events, particularly the consummation of the transaction described above. Gulfport cautions that actual future results may vary materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements. Specifically, Gulfport cannot assure you that the proposed transaction described above will be consummated on the terms Gulfport currently contemplates, if at all. Information concerning these and other factors can be found in Gulfport’s filings with the SEC, including its Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, which can be obtained free of charge on the SEC’s web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Any forward-looking statements made in this press release speak only as of the date of this release and, except as required by law, Gulfport undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement contained in this press release, even if Gulfport's expectations or any related events, conditions or circumstances change. Gulfport is not responsible for any changes made to this release by wire or Internet services.

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