

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2011

**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 17, 2011**

**PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-33334**  
(Commission File Number)

**86-0876964**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1000 Louisiana, Suite 5600**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(832) 204-2700**

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  - o 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 May 17, 2011, Petrohawk Energy Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that it intends to commence a private placement offering to eligible purchasers of \$600 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due 2019 (the Notes ). Net proceeds of the offering are expected to be used to repay borrowings outstanding under its senior revolving credit facility and for working capital for general corporate purposes.

The Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or applicable state securities laws and may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state laws. The Notes may be resold by the initial purchasers pursuant to Rule 144A and Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The related press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are filed as part of this current report on Form 8-K:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Item</b>
99.1	Press release issued by Petrohawk Energy Corporation dated May 17, 2011.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

Date: May 17, 2011

By: /s/ C. Byron Charboneau  
C. Byron Charboneau  
Vice President Chief Accounting Officer and Controller

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