MURPHY OIL CORP /DE Form 8-K January 12, 2006

#### **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): January 12, 2006

# **MURPHY OIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-8590 (Commission File Number) 71-0361522 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Peach Street

P.O. Box 7000, El Dorado, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

71731-7000 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code 870-862-6411

Not applicable

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

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#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 12, 2006, Murphy Oil Corporation released information regarding its expected results of operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2005. The full text of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosures

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, Regulation FD Disclosures.

In the same press release noted under Item 2.02 above, Murphy Oil Corporation also released information regarding results of drilling operations in the Republic of Congo. The full text of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 A news release dated January 12, 2006 announcing an update of drilling results in the Republic of Congo and guidance for fourth quarter 2005 earnings is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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#### 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 hereunto duly authorized.

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John W. Eckart

John W. Eckart Controller

Date: January 12, 2006

## **Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press release dated January 12, 2006, as issued by Murphy Oil Corporation.