

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD  
Form 8-K  
March 17, 2009

**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 17, 2009 (March 16, 2009)

**GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**ALBERTA, CANADA**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**001-32714**  
(Commission

File Number)  
**1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 1080**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(713) 739-1800**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**98-0570897**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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

**SECTION 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

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

On March 16, 2009, Gastar Exploration Ltd. (the Company ) issued a press release containing the Company s results of operations for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the Company s press release, dated March 16, 2009, including such information, is included herein as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is being furnished solely pursuant to this Item 2.02.

**SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits**

Exhibits (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission).

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Document</b>
99.1	Press release dated March 16, 2009 reporting results of operations for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008.

**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 17, 2009

By: /s/ J. RUSSELL PORTER  
J. Russell Porter  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

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