

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP

Form 8-K

July 28, 2005

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) July 27, 2005

Petroleum Development Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada 0-7246 95-2636730

(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

103 East Main Street; Bridgeport, WV 26330

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 304-842-3597

no change

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

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Item 8.01. Other Events

On July 27, 2005, the Company issued a news release announcing that the Company has commenced drilling operations on an exploratory well and that the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2005 earnings release date and conference call have been set. A copy of the news release is attached in Exhibit 9.01.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The news releases are filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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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.

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Petroleum Development Corporation

Date July 28, 2005

By /s/ Darwin L. Stump

Darwin L. Stump

Chief Financial Officer