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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE TO

(Rule 14d-100)

Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

KERR MCGEE CORPORATION

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

KERR MCGEE CORPORATION (ISSUER)

(Name of Filing Persons (identifying status as offeror, issuer or other person))

Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

492386107

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Gregory F. Pilcher Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary Kerr-McGee Center Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73125 (405) 270-1313

(Name, address, and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)

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Not applicable Pursuant to General Instruction D to Schedule TO, since this filing relates Not applicable

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This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO relates to pre-commencement communications in connection with the planned tender offer by Kerr-McGee Corporation ("Kerr-McGee") to purchase up to 43,500,000 shares of its common stock, par value \$1.00 per share (including the associated preferred stock purchase rights) (the "Shares"), or such lesser number of Shares as is tendered and not properly withdrawn, at a price determined by the Company between \$85.00 and \$92.00 per share, without interest. This Schedule TO is intended to satisfy the reporting requirements of Rule 13e-4(c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Items 1-11.

Not applicable.

Item 12. Exhibits.

1. Press Release issued on April 14, 2005.

Press Release issued on April 14, 2005.

3.

2.

Memorandum dated April 14, 2005 from Luke R. Corbett, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.

Not applicable.

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| 12.1 | Press Release issued on April 14, 2005. |
| 12.2 | Press Release issued on April 14, 2005. |
| 12.3 | Memorandum dated April 14, 2005 from Luke R. Corbett, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. |

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