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GEOPETRO RESOURCES CO Form 8-K November 23, 2012

# 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): November 19, 2012

GeoPetro Resources Company (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-16749 (Commission File Number) 94-3214487 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

150 California Street, Suite 600 San Francisco, CA 94111 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (415) 398-8186

#### N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 4.01. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant

On November 19, 2012, Hein & Associates LLP notified us that they declined to stand for re-election as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.

Hein & Associates LLP served as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm from 2002 through November 19, 2012. There were no disagreements (as defined in Item 304 of Regulation S-K) with Hein & Associates on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Hein & Associates LLP would have caused it to make reference in connection with its opinion to the subject matter of the disagreement.

We provided Hein & Associates LLP with a copy of the above disclosures and requested that Hein & Associates LLP provide us with a letter addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agrees with such disclosures. This letter from Hein & Associates LLP is herein enclosed as Exhibit 16.1.

The Company plans to engage a new firm as its independent registered public accounting firm shortly.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit 16.1 Letter from Hein & Associates LLP.

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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.

## GEOPETRO RESOURCES COMPANY

Date: November 23, 2012 By: /s/ Stuart J. Doshi

Stuart J. Doshi, President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman