

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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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