

Yuma Energy, Inc.
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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: September 29, 2016
(Date of earliest event reported)

Yuma Energy, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CALIFORNIA	001-32989	94-0787340
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1177 West Loop South, Suite 1825
Houston, Texas 77027
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 968-7000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

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

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 29, 2016, Yuma Energy, Inc. (the “Yuma”) and Davis Petroleum Acquisition Corp. (“Davis”) issued a joint press release announcing that each has set a record date and a meeting date for their special meetings of shareholders to consider and act upon the previously announced Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated as of February 10, 2016, by and among Yuma, Yuma Delaware Merger Subsidiary, Inc., Yuma Merger Subsidiary, Inc., and Davis. A copy of the press release is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Statements that are not strictly historical statements constitute forward-looking statements and may often, but not always, be identified by the use of such words such as “expects,” “believes,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “estimates,” “potential,” “possible,” or “probable” or statements that certain actions, events or results “may,” “will,” “should,” or “could” be taken, occur or be achieved. The forward-looking statements include statements about future operations, estimates of reserve and production volumes, and the anticipated timing for closing the proposed merger. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and analyses made by Yuma and Davis in light of experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors appropriate under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform with expectations is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to: the possibility that the companies may be unable to obtain stockholder approval or satisfy the other conditions to closing; the possibility that the combined company may be unable to obtain an acceptable reserve-based credit facility; that problems may arise in the integration of the businesses of the two companies; that the acquisition may involve unexpected costs; the risks of the oil and gas industry (for example, operational risks in exploring for, developing and producing crude oil and natural gas); risks and uncertainties involving geology of oil and gas deposits; the uncertainty of reserve estimates; revisions to reserve estimates as a result of changes in commodity prices; the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to future production, costs and expenses; potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; health, safety and environmental risks and risks related to weather; further declines in oil and gas prices; inability of management to execute its plans to meet its goals, shortages of drilling equipment, oil field personnel and services, unavailability of gathering systems, pipelines and processing facilities and the possibility that government policies may change. Yuma’s annual report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2015, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, recent current reports on Form 8-K, and other Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) filings discuss some of the important risk factors identified that may affect its business, results of operations, and financial condition. Yuma and Davis undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

Additional Information about the Transaction

In connection with the proposed reincorporation and merger, Yuma Delaware Merger Subsidiary, Inc. (“Yuma Delaware”) has filed with the SEC, and the SEC declared effective on September 22, 2016, a registration statement on Form S-4, that includes a joint proxy statement/prospectus which provides details of the proposed reincorporation and merger, and the attendant benefits and risks.

This communication is not a substitute for the joint proxy statement/prospectus or any other document that Yuma or Yuma Delaware may file with the SEC or send to their shareholders in connection with the proposed reincorporation and merger. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS LATER FILED WITH THE SEC IF

AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. You may obtain a free copy of the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant documents filed by Yuma and Yuma Delaware with the SEC at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. You may also obtain these documents by contacting Yuma at Yuma Energy, Inc., Attention: Investor Relations, 1177 West Loop South, Suite 1825, Houston, Texas 77027, (713) 968-7000, or by contacting Davis at Davis Petroleum Acquisition Corp., Attention: Investor Relations, 1330 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77056, (713) 626-7766.

Participants in Solicitation

Yuma and its executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of Yuma in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding Yuma's directors and executive officers is available in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials that may be later filed with the SEC if and when they become available. Investors should read the joint proxy statement/prospectus carefully before making any voting or investment decisions. You may obtain free copies of these documents from Yuma using the sources indicated above.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is included with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release dated September 29, 2016.

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.

YUMA ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Sam L. Banks

Name: Sam L. Banks

Date: September 29, 2016 Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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