

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date of Report  
(Date of earliest  
event reported):      October 26, 2004

Whiting Petroleum Corporation

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-31899

20-0098515

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(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

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(Commission File  
Number)

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

1700 Broadway, Suite 2300, Denver, Colorado 80290-2300

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(303) 837-1661

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On October 26, 2004, the Board of Directors of Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company), appointed Palmer L. Moe as a director of the Company and to serve on the Audit Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Company's Board of Directors.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Moe's appointment, issued by the Company on October 26, 2004, is furnished as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired. Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information. Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits:
  - (99) Press Release of Whiting Petroleum Corporation, dated October 26, 2004.

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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.

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: October 26, 2004

By: /s/ James J. Volker  
James J. Volker  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

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Description

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