

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) January 13, 2006

Petroleum Development Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| <u>Nevada</u> | <u>0-7246</u> | <u>95-2636730</u> |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

103 East Main Street; Bridgeport, WV 26330
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 304-842-3597

no change
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 8.01. Other events of importance to security holders.

On January 13, 2006, Petroleum Development Corporation announced that its Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of up to 10% (1,627,500 shares) of the Company's common stock during 2006. Stock repurchases under this program may be made in the open market or in private transactions, at times and in amounts that management deems appropriate. The Company may terminate or limit the stock repurchase program at any time.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The news release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference

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.

Petroleum Development Corporation

By /s/ Darwin L. Stump

Darwin L. Stump

Chief Financial Officer

Date January 13, 2006