

CREDO PETROLEUM CORP
Form 8-K
March 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): **March 19, 2012**

CREDO Petroleum Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-8877
(Commission
File Number)

84-0772991
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

1801 Broadway, Suite 900
Denver, Colorado
(Address of principal executive offices)

80202
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(303) 297-2200**

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Section 4 Matters Related to Accountants and Financial Statements

Item 4.02 (a) Non-Reliance on Previously Issued Financial Statements or a Related Audit Report or Completed Interim Review.

On March 19, 2012, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Credo Petroleum Corporation (the Company) concluded that, as a result of the error described in the following paragraphs, its interim financial statements for the three month period ended January 31, 2012 appearing in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 31, 2012 should no longer be relied upon.

The required financial statement adjustments relate primarily to the accrual of costs of Bakken wells that were incurred by the well operators during the three months ended January 31, 2012 but which were not timely billed to the Company. Certain of those costs which are billed to the Company by the operators, are re-billed to our partners, and therefore affect total current assets and liabilities but do not affect working capital.

The primary effects of the required financial statement adjustments are to reduce net income reported for the first quarter ended January 31, 2012 by \$127,000, or \$01 per share, and to reduce working capital from \$1,708,000 to a working capital deficit of \$4,410,000.

With respect to the accrual of estimated well costs incurred, the Company is required to accrue a liability for well costs when those costs are actually incurred by the operators, regardless of when the costs are actually billed to the Company by the operators. However, there is a timing delay between when such well costs are incurred and when they are billed and become payable because the operator must receive the bills from its vendors and then bill the Company for its share. In its Bakken project, such timing delays by some operators have been significant, making it difficult for the company to assess its potential point-in-time liabilities that should be accrued.

With respect to the effect on working capital, the Company has previously reported that it has entered into a credit agreement to provide partial financing for its \$35,000,000 fiscal 2012 capital expenditure budget. Accordingly, as financing is needed for a portion of its capital expenditures, the Company expects its working capital to be negative because it intends to employ just in time credit agreement draw-downs in order to minimize the costs of borrowing.

The proposed changes to our unaudited financial statements due to the adjustments described above are shown in the following tables.

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Changes in the Consolidated Balance Sheet:

| | As Previously Reported | January 31, 2012 | |
|---|------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | Adjustments | As Restated |
| Receivables: Trade | 1,259,000 | 2,094,000 | 3,353,000 |
| Oil and natural gas properties: | | | |
| Unevaluated properties | 9,710,000 | 1,577,000 | 11,287,000 |
| Evaluated properties | 103,551,000 | 4,442,000 | 107,993,000 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation depletion and amortization | (62,757,000) | (40,000) | (62,797,000) |
| Net oil and natural gas properties | 50,504,000 | 5,979,000 | 56,483,000 |
| Other accrued liabilities | 203,000 | 8,212,000 | 8,415,000 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 4,994,000 | (12,000) | 4,982,000 |
| Retained earnings | 23,082,000 | (127,000) | 22,955,000 |

Changes to the Consolidated Statement of Operations:

| | Three Months Ended January 31, 2012 | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | As Previously Reported | Adjustments | As Restated |
| Oil and natural gas production costs | 1,187,000 | 83,000 | 1,270,000 |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization | 1,832,000 | 40,000 | 1,872,000 |
| General and administrative | 750,000 | 16,000 | 766,000 |
| Income from operations | 2,052,000 | (139,000) | 1,913,000 |
| Income before income taxes | 1,529,000 | (139,000) | 1,390,000 |
| Income taxes | (489,000) | 12,000 | (477,000) |
| Net income | 1,040,000 | (127,000) | 913,000 |
| Earnings per share of Common Stock | | | |
| Diluted | \$.10 | -.01 | \$.09 |

Our Chief Financial Officer and Audit Committee Chairman discussed the matters in this filing with our independent registered public accounting firm.

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We expect to file the Form 10-Q/A for the three months ended January 31, 2012 in the coming days and we are evaluating the internal control implications of this restatement. The amounts presented above are preliminary and subject to change until our Form 10-Q/A is filed.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has caused his report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Credo Petroleum Corporation

Date: March 23, 2012

By: /s/Alford B. Neely
 Alford B. Neely
 Vice President and Chief Financial Officer