

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
Form 8-K  
June 26, 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): June 26, 2012

**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-12534  
(Commission  
File Number)

72-1133047  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**4 Waterway Square Place, Suite 100**

**The Woodlands, Texas 77380**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 210-5100**

(not applicable)

(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 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On June 26, 2012, Newfield Exploration Company (the Company) completed the public offering of \$1,000,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company's 5/8% Senior Notes due 2024 (the Notes). The Notes were issued under the Senior Indenture, dated as of February 28, 2001 (the Senior Indenture), between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association (formerly First Union National Bank)), as Trustee, as supplemented by the Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 26, 2012 (the Third Supplemental Indenture), between the Company and Trustee. The Senior Indenture was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on February 28, 2001 as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, and is incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01. A copy of the Third Supplemental Indenture is filed herewith as Exhibit 4.2 and incorporated by reference into this Item 1.01.

The Notes have been issued pursuant to the Company's automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-176218), filed with the Commission on August 10, 2011. The Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company and rank equal in right of payment with all of the Company's other existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. Interest on the Notes will accrue at a rate of 5/8% per annum and is payable on January 1 and July 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2013. The Notes mature on July 1, 2024. Additional terms of the Notes are described in the prospectus supplement, dated June 19, 2012, as filed by the Company with the Commission on June 20, 2012, pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which relates to the offer and sale of the Notes and supplements the prospectus dated August 10, 2011.

**Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information set forth in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

- 4.1 Senior Indenture, dated as of February 28, 2001, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association (formerly First Union National Bank)), as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 28, 2001 (File No. 1-12534))
- 4.2 Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of June 26, 2012, between the Company and U.S. Bank National Association (as successor to Wachovia Bank, National Association (formerly First Union National Bank)), as Trustee
- 5.1 Opinion of McGuireWoods LLP
- 23.1 Consent of McGuireWoods LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 hereto)

**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.

**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY**

Date: June 26, 2012

By: /s/ John D. Marziotti  
John D. Marziotti  
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

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