

VAALCO ENERGY INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
May 17, 2006

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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 (Date of earliest event reported) May 17, 2006**

**VAALCO Energy, Inc.**

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*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Delaware**

**0-20928**

**76-0274813**

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*(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)*

*(Commission  
File Number)*

*(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)*

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**4600 Post Oak Place, Suite 309**

**77027**

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*(Address of principal executive offices)*

*(Zip Code)*

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code 713-623-0801**

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*(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On May 17, 2006, VAALCO Energy, Inc. issued a press release announcing the notice of award of a 40% participating interest as operator of block 5 offshore Angola. The press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. The information contained herein and in the accompanying Exhibit 99.1 shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission made by VAALCO Energy, Inc., whether made before or after the date hereof and regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by VAALCO Energy, Inc., on May 17, 2006.

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**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.

**VAALCO ENERGY, INC.**

May 17, 2006

By: /s/ W. Russell Scheirman

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W. Russell Scheirman  
President and Chief Financial Officer

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