

HOUSTON EXPLORATION CO

Form 8-K

May 03, 2007

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On April 30, 2007, The Houston Exploration Company (Houston Exploration) issued a press release announcing that a special meeting of stockholders has been scheduled for June 5, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. Central time, to consider and vote on the proposed merger with Forest Oil Corporation. The record date for the special meeting was April 30, 2007. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

On May 2, 2007, Houston Exploration issued a press release announcing that it has commenced a tender offer and consent solicitation with respect to any or all of its \$175 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding 7% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release by The Houston Exploration Company, dated April 30, 2007, announcing the date of and record date for its special meeting of stockholders

99.2 Press release by The Houston Exploration Company, dated May 2, 2007, announcing a tender offer and consent solicitation with respect to any or all of its outstanding 7% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013

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.

**THE HOUSTON EXPLORATION
COMPANY**

Date: May 3, 2007

By: /s/ James F. Westmoreland
James F. Westmoreland
Vice President and Chief Accounting
Officer

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