

NEWPARK RESOURCES INC  
Form 8-K  
February 17, 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): February 16, 2012**

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-2960**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**72-1123385**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2700 Research Forest Drive, Suite 100 The Woodlands, TX 77381**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 362-6800**

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 16, 2012, Newpark Resources, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing financial information for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2011. The press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and the information in the exhibit attached hereto announcing the Company s earnings for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2011 shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

In the press release, the Company also announced that the Company s Board of Directors had approved a new stock repurchase program for up to \$50 million of the Company s common stock. Purchases under the new program will be funded with a combination of cash generated from operations and borrowings under the Company s revolving credit facility. Share repurchases will be made periodically in open-market transactions or privately negotiated transactions and are subject to market conditions, legal requirements and other factors. The stock repurchase program does not require Newpark to purchase any specific number of shares and the timing, volume and nature of stock repurchases will be at the discretion of management. Additionally, the Company s management has been authorized to establish trading plans under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as part of the repurchase program. The information concerning the stock repurchase program contained in the press release attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by Newpark Resources, Inc. on February 16, 2012.

**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.

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**

Dated: February 17, 2012

By: /s/ Gregg S. Piontek  
Gregg S. Piontek, Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

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