

VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC
Form 8-K
October 14, 2005

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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) October 13, 2005

VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10578
(Commission File Number)

73-1182669
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

110 West Seventh Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

74119

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(918) 592-0101

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

- 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 October 13, 2005, the Registrant issued a press release announcing that it had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of October 13, 2005, with Occidental Petroleum Corporation, a Delaware corporation (Parent), and Occidental Transaction 1, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent (Merger Sub), pursuant to which the Registrant will be merged with and into Merger Sub and the separate corporate existence of the Registrant will cease. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99 Press release dated October 13, 2005, issued by the Registrant.

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.

VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.

Date: October 13, 2005

By: /s/ Michael F. Meimerstorf

Michael F. Meimerstorf
Vice President and Controller

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| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|---------------------------|---|
| 99 | Press release dated October 13, 2005, issued by the Registrant. |