

CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2012

**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): March 19, 2012

**CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Oklahoma

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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**1-32886**  
(Commission File Number)

**73-0767549**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**302 N. Independence**

**Suite 1500**

**Enid, Oklahoma**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**73701**  
(Zip Code)

**(580) 233-8955**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

H.R. Sanders, Jr., one of our directors, has submitted a letter dated March 19, 2012 indicating he will retire from our Board of Directors, effective as of the last day of the month during which the upcoming 2012 Annual Meeting of shareholders is held.

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.

CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.

(Registrant)

Dated: March 23, 2012

By: /s/ John D. Hart  
John D. Hart  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer