
**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) July 7, 2006

VAALCO Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-20928

76-0274813

*(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)*

*(Commission
File Number)*

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

4600 Post Oak Place, Suite 309

77027

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

(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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 - 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 July 7, 2006, VAALCO Energy, Inc. announced the arrival of its Avouma production platform

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 July 7, 2006.

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.

July 7, 2006

VAALCO ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ W. Russell Scheirman

W. Russell Scheirman
President and Chief Financial Officer

VAALCO Energy Announces Arrival of Avouma Production Platform

HOUSTON, July 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- VAALCO Energy, Inc. (Amex: EGY) announced today that the production platform has arrived at its Avouma field off the coast of Gabon in West Africa, and a 10-mile-long pipeline linking the platform to a Floating Production, Storage and Offloading facility should be completed next week.

The Avouma field, which VAALCO discovered in 2004, is expected to produce approximately 10,000 barrels oil per day from two horizontal wells when production begins late in the fourth quarter this year. Drilling at the site is due to begin in October.

Robert Gerry, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated, "Avouma will be our second field on the Etame Block to come on production. The first field, Etame, was developed in 2002 and produces approximately 18,000 barrels oil per day. The \$100 million Avouma development project, when completed, will take our production to a new level."

In addition VAALCO announced that it has received Gabon government approval for a development area around the Ebouri discovery, also discovered in 2004. A development plan is almost complete and will be filed with the government, with a target of late 2007 for startup of the Ebouri field. Ebouri is expected to add an additional 5,000 barrels per day to the Etame Block production.

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" as defined by the U.S. securities laws. Forward-looking statements are those concerning VAALCO's plans, expectations, and objectives for future drilling, completion and other operations and activities. All statements included in this press release that address activities, events or developments that VAALCO expects, believes or anticipates will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. These statements include future production rates, completion and production timetables and costs to complete well. These statements are based on assumptions made by VAALCO based on its experience perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments and other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. Such statements are subject to a number of assumptions, risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond VAALCO's control. These risks include, but are not limited to, inflation, lack of availability goods, services and capital, environmental risks, drilling risks, foreign operational risks and regulatory changes. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that actual results or developments may differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. These risks are further described in VAALCO's annual report on form 10K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and other reports filed with the SEC which can be reviewed at <http://www.sec.gov>, or which can be received by contacting VAALCO at 4600 Post Oak Place, Suite 309, Houston, Texas 77027, (713) 623-0801.

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