

WHITING PETROLEUM CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2016

**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 23, 2016**

**Whiting Petroleum Corporation**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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

**1-31899**  
**(Commission)**

**20-0098515**  
**(IRS Employer)**

of incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

**1700 Broadway, Suite 2300,**

**Denver, Colorado 80290-2300**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)**

**(303) 837-1661**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 C.F.R. §240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On February 23, 2016, the rights issued under the Rights Agreement, dated as of February 23, 2006, between Whiting Petroleum Corporation (the Company ) and Computershare Trust Company, Inc., Rights Agent (the Rights Agreement ), expired pursuant to the terms of the Rights Agreement and the Rights Agreement terminated. The Board of Directors of the Company had previously determined to not renew the Rights Agreement.

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.

WHITING PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: February 24, 2016

By: /s/ James J. Volker  
James J. Volker  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer