

POGO PRODUCING CO
Form 8-K
July 17, 2007

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 17, 2007**

POGO PRODUCING COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-7792
(Commission File Number)

74-1659398
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 2700
Houston, Texas 77046-0504
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(713) 297-5000**

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- 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 8.01 Other Events.

On July 17, 2007, Plains Exploration & Production Company (Plains) and Pogo Producing Company (the Company) announced the signing of a definitive merger agreement providing for the acquisition of the Company by Plains in a cash and stock transaction valued at approximately \$3.6 billion. Filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto is a copy of a joint press release announcing the merger.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits (filed):

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Joint press release dated July 17, 2007 |

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.

Date: July 17, 2007

Pogo Producing Company

By: /s/ James P. Ulm, II
James P. Ulm, II
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

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