

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORP

Form 8-K

January 26, 2006

**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): January 25, 2006  
PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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

**000-25717**  
(Commission File Number)

**86-0876964**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1100 Louisiana, Suite 4400**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77002**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (832) 204-2700**

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):

- 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))
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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 25, 2006, Petrohawk Energy Corporation (the Company) priced a private offering to sell 13,000,000 shares of its common stock at \$14.50 per share to accredited investors as defined in Rule 501(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) and to non-United States persons pursuant to offers and sales that occur outside the United States within the meaning of Regulation S under the Securities Act. The Company expects the offering to close on February 1, 2006.

The Company intends to use a portion of the net proceeds from the offering to repay debt it will incur to fund the Company's proposed purchase of Winwell Resources, Inc. and certain other related natural gas properties in North Louisiana. Furthermore, the Company has entered into a stock purchase agreement with EnCap Investments, L.P. and certain of its affiliates (EnCap) pursuant to which the Company will purchase 3,322,441 shares of its common stock from EnCap at a price per share equal to the net proceeds per share that the Company receives from the offering. The Company expects to purchase these shares from EnCap immediately following the closing of the offering.

The Company has agreed to file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering resales of the common stock sold in the offering and to cause the registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC as promptly as reasonably practicable and in any event within 75 days after the closing of the offering.

The shares of common stock offered have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 or any state securities laws and, absent registration or an applicable exemption from such registration, may not be offered or sold in the United States. This disclosure is neither an offer to sell nor a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the securities to be issued in the private placement.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference to any filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or the Securities Act, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any filings.

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**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.

PETROHAWK ENERGY CORPORATION

By: /s/ Shane M. Bayless  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date: January 25, 2006