OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ Form 8-K January 19, 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): January 19, 2016

Occidental Petroleum Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 1-9210 (Commission 95-4035997 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

5 Greenway Plaza, Suite 110

77046

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Houston, Texas (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (713) 215-7000

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On January 19, 2016, Occidental Petroleum Corporation (Occidental) issued a press release announcing that it has reached an understanding on the terms of payment for the amount payable to Occidental by the Republic of Ecuador under a November 2015 International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes arbitration award. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated into this Item 8.01 by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated January 19, 2016.

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.

Occidental Petroleum Corporation

By: /s/ Jennifer M. Kirk Name: Jennifer M. Kirk

Title: Vice President and Controller

DATED: January 19, 2016

EXHIBIT INDEX

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