

VINTAGE PETROLEUM INC  
Form S-8 POS  
January 30, 2006

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 30, 2006.

Registration No. 333-88297

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to**  
**FORM S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*

*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

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**VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**73-1182669**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

110 West Seventh Street

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

(918) 592-0101

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including  
area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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**VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC. 401(k) PLAN**

(Full Title of Plan)

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**Charles C. Stephenson, Jr.**

**Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer**

**110 West Seventh Street**

**Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119**

**(918) 592-0101**

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)

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**RECENT EVENTS: DEREGISTRATION**

This Post-Effective Amendment relates to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (registration number 333-88297) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 1, 1999 (the Registration Statement ), which registered 600,000 shares of common stock (accompanied by Rights to purchase Preferred Stock), par value \$0.005 per share (the Common Stock ), of Vintage Petroleum, Inc. (the Company ), related to the Vintage Petroleum Inc. 401(k) Plan.

The Company, Occidental Petroleum Corporation ( Occidental ) and Vintage Petroleum, LLC, formerly known as Occidental Transaction 1, LLC ( Merger Sub ), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of October 13, 2005 (the Merger Agreement ), pursuant to which, among other things, the Company would be merged with and into Merger Sub, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Occidental and all outstanding shares of Company Common Stock (and associated Rights to purchase Preferred Stock) would be converted into the right to receive \$20.00 in cash plus 0.42 of a share of common stock, par value \$0.20 per share, of Occidental (these actions are collectively referred to as the Merger ).

On January 26, 2006, the Company held a special meeting of stockholders at which the stockholders adopted the Merger Agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby.

In connection with the closing of the Merger, the Company has terminated all of its offerings of its Common Stock, Preferred Share Purchase Rights and related participation interests pursuant to its existing registration statements, including the Registration Statement. In accordance with an undertaking made by the Company in the Registration Statement to remove from registration, by means of a post-effective amendment, any securities of the Company which remain unsold at the termination of the offering, the Company hereby removes from registration all Common Stock, Preferred Share Purchase Rights and participation interests registered under the Registration Statement which remain unsold as of the date hereof.



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Joseph D. Mahaffey

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| <hr/> <b>Gerald J. Maier</b>        | Director                       | January __, 2006 |
| /s/ JOHN T. McNABB, II*             | Director                       | January 30, 2006 |
| <hr/> <b>John T. McNabb, II</b>     |                                |                  |
| /s/ MICHAEL F. MEIMERSTORF*         | Vice President and Controller  | January 30, 2006 |
| <hr/> <b>Michael F. Meimerstorf</b> | (Principal Accounting Officer) |                  |
| *By: /s/ C.C. STEPHENSON, JR.       |                                | January 30, 2006 |
| <hr/> <b>C.C. Stephenson, Jr.</b>   |                                |                  |
| <b>Attorney-in-Fact</b>             |                                |                  |

A Power of Attorney authorizing C.C. Stephenson, Jr. to act on behalf of this person has been previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission

The Plan

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Plan has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, on this 30th day of January, 2006.

VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC. 401(k) PLAN

By: VINTAGE PETROLEUM, INC.  
Plan Administrator

By: /s/ MICHAEL F. MEIMERSTORF

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**Name: Michael F. Meimerstorf**  
**Title: Vice President and Controller**