

Item 8.01. Other Events

On August 5, 2005, the Company issued a news release announcing that it has rescheduled its earnings release to Tuesday, August 9, 2005 after the close of the market. In addition the earnings conference call scheduled for this morning has been rescheduled to next Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at 11:00 AM EDT. A copy of the news release is attached in Exhibit 9.01.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

The news releases are filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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.

Petroleum Development Corporation

Date August 5, 2005

By /s/ Darwin L. Stump

Darwin L. Stump

Chief Financial Officer