

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 02, 2007

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) **March 29, 2007**

**Petroleum Development Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<b>Nevada</b>	<b>0-7246</b>	<b>95-2636730</b>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**120 Genesis Boulevard, Bridgeport, WV 26330**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **304-842-3597**

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. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**no change**

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

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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

At a meeting held by Petroleum Development Corporation on Friday, March 29, 2007 the Compensation Committee determined short-term incentive compensation terms for the CEO and other executive officers of the Company for the 40% of STI to be based on annual production. The short-term incentive plan provides the potential for an annual bonus to each of the executive officers based on both Company and personal performance criteria. Forty percent of the bonus will be determined by Company's production (measured in Mcf equivalents); thirty percent of the bonus will be determined by increases in diluted earnings per share; and the remaining thirty percent of the bonus will be determined by the Compensation Committee in its discretion based upon an evaluation by the Committee of the performance of each respective executive during the year. The following table summarizes the criteria to be used in determining the bonus amounts:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Lower Threshold Amount</b>	<b>Target Bonus</b>	<b>Maximum Bonus</b>	<b>Percent of Total Maximum Bonus</b>
Production based on Mcf equivalents	24,000 Mmcf	26,000 Mmcf	28,000 Mmcf	40%
(2006 = 16,949 Mmcf)	(42% increase)	(54% increase)	(66% increase)	
Diluted earnings per share	TBD	TBD	TBD	30%
Discretionary evaluation	Compensation Committee Determination			30%

Due to delays in the completion of the Company's 2006 financial results, target diluted earnings per share will be determined at a future date.

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**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: April 2, 2007

By: /s/ Richard McCullough

Richard McCullough

Chief Financial Officer