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Form 8-K  
July 17, 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):

JULY 7, 2006

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-16653	73-1238709
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8801 S. Yale, Suite 120, Tulsa, Oklahoma	74137-3575
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

(918) 488-8068  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

Effective as of July 7, 2006, the Board of Directors of the registrant appointed Montague H. Hackett to the registrant's Board of Directors in order to fill a vacancy on the Board. Mr. Hackett graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School and practiced law in New York from 1959 to 1972. Since that time he has been associated with both the oil and mining industries

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serving as an executive and director of several companies. He currently is Co-Chairman of Victory Ventures, an investment firm and resides in New York.

### 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.

EMPIRE PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Date: July 12, 2006

By: /s/ Albert E. Whitehead  
Albert E. Whitehead  
Chief Executive Officer