

Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.
Form 8-K
April 01, 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): **April 1, 2016**

Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-35512
(Commission File Number)

45-3691816
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

321 South Boston Avenue, Suite 1000
Tulsa, Oklahoma
(Address of principal executive offices)

74103
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(918) 947-8550**

Not Applicable.

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS.

Election to Exercise Grace Period on Interest Payment for 2020 Notes

On April 1, 2016, Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc. (the Company) elected to exercise its right to a grace period with respect to an approximately \$16 million interest payment due on its 10.75% Senior Notes due 2020 (the 2020 Notes), issued pursuant to the Indenture, dated as of October 1, 2012, by and between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee. The interest payment on the 2020 Notes is due April 1, 2016; however, such grace period permits the Company 30 days to make such interest payment before an event of default occurs.

The Company believes it is in the best interests of its stakeholders to actively address the Company's debt and capital structure and is continuing discussions with its creditors and their respective professionals. As of March 31, 2016, the Company had a cash balance of approximately \$301.4 million, which provides liquidity to fund its current operations. The Company is continuing to pay suppliers and other trade creditors in the ordinary course.

Notice of Scheduled Borrowing Base Determination

On April 1, 2016, the Company received a notice of scheduled borrowing base determination (the Notice) from the administrative agent (the Administrative Agent) and the lenders (the Lenders) under its revolving credit agreement (the Credit Agreement), reducing its borrowing base to \$170.0 million (the Conforming Borrowing Base). As of April 1, 2016, the Company had approximately \$252.0 million in aggregate outstanding borrowings (the Effective Amount) under the Credit Agreement, resulting in a borrowing base deficiency of approximately \$82.0 million based on the Conforming Borrowing Base set forth in the Notice. Under the Credit Agreement, the Company is required to cure the borrowing base deficiency within 30 days after receipt of the Notice. The Company can elect to cure the borrowing base deficiency by one or a combination of the following: (i) paying the amount by which the Effective Amount exceeds the Conforming Borrowing Base, (ii) paying the amount by which the Effective Amount exceeds the Conforming Borrowing Base in six equal successive monthly payments or (iii) providing a reserve report in accordance with the Credit Agreement covering additional unencumbered assets that when added to the Collateral (as defined in the Credit Agreement) causes the Conforming Borrowing Base to exceed the Effective Amount. The Company believes the borrowing base set forth in the Notice does not attribute appropriate value to its reserves and intends to engage in discussions with the Administrative Agent and the Lenders regarding the appropriate borrowing base amount and, if necessary, the relevant cure options, including a repayment schedule.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: April 1, 2016

By: */s/* Scott C. Weatherholt
Scott C. Weatherholt
Vice President - General Counsel & Corporate
Secretary