

MARATHON OIL CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 13, 2011

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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): January 13, 2011

Marathon Oil Corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-5153

25-0996816

\_\_\_\_\_  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Commission  
File Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

5555 San Felipe Road, Houston, Texas

77056

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address of principal executive offices)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(713) 629-6600

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)  
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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))  
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 7.01. Regulation FD

On January 13, 2011, Marathon Oil Corporation (NYSE: MRO) issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors has approved moving forward with plans to spin-off Marathon's downstream business. The press release is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in, or incorporated into, this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated January 13, 2011

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 13, 2011

MARATHON OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Janet F. Clark  
Janet F. Clark  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Number	Exhibit
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release dated January 13, 2011

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