

IVANHOE ENERGY INC  
Form 6-K  
February 12, 2009

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20549**  
**FORM 6-K**  
**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER**  
**PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**February 11, 2009**  
**Commission File Number: 000-30586**  
**IVANHOE ENERGY INC.**

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

**Suite 654 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6C 3E1, CANADA**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Form 20-F-  Form 40-F-

\* The registrant files annual reports under cover of Form 10-K

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes:  No:

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

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This Report on Form 6-K incorporates by reference the exhibit attached hereto.

Exhibit	Title
1	Early Notice

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

**IVANHOE ENERGY INC.**

**Date:** February 11, 2009

By: /s/ Beverly A. Bartlett  
BEVERLY A. BARTLETT  
Vice President & Corporate Secretary