

Yuma Energy, Inc.
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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: September 2, 2016
(Date of earliest event reported)

Yuma Energy, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

CALIFORNIA 001-32989 94-0787340
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)
of incorporation)

1177 West Loop South, Suite 1825
Houston, Texas 77027
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(713) 968-7000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 2, 2016, Yuma Energy, Inc. (the “Company”), Yuma Delaware Merger Subsidiary, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (“Yuma Delaware”), Yuma Merger Subsidiary, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Yuma Delaware (“Merger Subsidiary”), and Davis Petroleum Acquisition Corp. (“Davis”), entered into an amendment (the “Amendment”) to the Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization dated February 10, 2016 (the “Merger Agreement”), among the Company, Yuma Delaware, Merger Subsidiary and Davis.

The Amendment extends the outside date of the Merger Agreement from September 30, 2016 to October 31, 2016. The Amendment also provides the Company’s board of directors with the ability to adjust the ratio of the reverse stock split from 10-for-1 up to 20-for-1. Additionally, the Amendment provides the Davis board of directors with the ability to adjust its employee bonuses; however, it does not increase the aggregate bonus amount.

The preceding is a summary of the material provisions of the Amendment and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Amendment filed as Exhibit 2.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference herein.

Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Statements that are not strictly historical statements constitute forward-looking statements and may often, but not always, be identified by the use of such words such as “expects,” “believes,” “intends,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “estimates,” “potential,” “possible,” or “probable” or statements that certain actions, events or results “may,” “will,” “should,” or “could” be taken, occur or be achieved. The forward-looking statements include statements about future operations, estimates of reserve and production volumes, the anticipated timing for closing the proposed merger and the ability of the Company to enter into an amendment to its credit agreement. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions and analyses made by the Company and Davis in light of experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as other factors appropriate under the circumstances. However, whether actual results and developments will conform with expectations is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to: the possibility that the companies may be unable to obtain stockholder approval or satisfy the other conditions to closing; the possibility that the combined company may be unable to obtain an acceptable reserve-based credit facility; that problems may arise in the integration of the businesses of the two companies; that the acquisition may involve unexpected costs; the risks of the oil and gas industry (for example, operational risks in exploring for, developing and producing crude oil and natural gas); risks and uncertainties involving geology of oil and gas deposits; the uncertainty of reserve estimates; revisions to reserve estimates as a result of changes in commodity prices; the uncertainty of estimates and projections relating to future production, costs and expenses; potential delays or changes in plans with respect to exploration or development projects or capital expenditures; health, safety and environmental risks and risks related to weather; further declines in oil and gas prices; inability of management to execute its plans to meet its goals, shortages of drilling equipment, oil field personnel and services, unavailability of gathering systems, pipelines and processing facilities and the possibility that government policies may change. The Company’s annual report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2015, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, recent current reports on Form 8-K, and other SEC filings discuss some of the important risk factors identified that may affect its business, results of operations, and financial condition. The Company and Davis undertake no obligation to revise or update publicly any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

Additional Information about the Transaction

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In connection with the proposed transaction, Yuma Delaware filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 that includes a proxy statement of the Company that also constitutes a prospectus of Yuma Delaware relating to Yuma Delaware common stock to be exchanged for Company common stock and preferred stock in the reincorporation, Yuma Delaware common stock to be issued upon conversion of the shares of Davis common stock in the merger, Yuma Delaware preferred stock to be issued upon conversion of the Davis preferred stock in the merger, and Yuma Delaware common stock to be issued upon conversion of the Yuma Delaware preferred stock. The proxy statement/prospectus includes important information about both the Company and Davis. The Company and Yuma Delaware also plan to file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT, THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY, DAVIS AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION.** Investors and security holders may obtain these documents when available free of charge at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. In addition, the documents filed with the SEC by the Company and Yuma Delaware can be obtained free of charge from the Company's website at www.yumaenergyinc.com.

Participants in Solicitation

The Company and its executive officers and directors may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the shareholders of the Company in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding the Company's directors and executive officers is available in its annual report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on May 23, 2016. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitation and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available.

This report shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of the Securities Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit is filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| <u>2.1</u> | First Amendment to the Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization dated September 2, 2016, among Yuma Energy, Inc., Yuma Delaware Merger Subsidiary, Inc., Yuma Merger Subsidiary, Inc., Yuma Merger Subsidiary, Inc. and Davis Petroleum Acquisition Corp. |

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.

YUMA ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Sam L. Banks

Name: Sam L. Banks

Date: September 6, 2016 Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

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