

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
July 22, 2009

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 22, 2009**

## **OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9210**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**95-4035997**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**10889 Wilshire Boulevard**

**Los Angeles, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**90024**  
(ZIP code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(310) 208-8800**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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))

**Section 8 Other Events**

Item 8.01. Other Events

On July 22, 2009, Occidental Petroleum Corporation announced that it has made a significant discovery of oil and gas reserves in Kern County, California. A copy of the press release announcing the discovery is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated July 22, 2009.

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.

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

DATE: July 22, 2009

/s/ ROY PINECI  
Roy Pineci, Vice President, Controller  
and Principal Accounting Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press release dated July 22, 2009.