

MURPHY OIL CORP /DE  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 13, 2006

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**MURPHY OIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-8590**  
(Commission File Number)

**71-0361522**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**200 Peach Street**

**P.O. Box 7000, El Dorado, Arkansas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**71731-7000**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code 870-862-6411**

**Not applicable**

(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))**
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**Item 2.05. Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities**

On November 15, 2006, the Company announced its intention to centralize its worldwide exploration and production offices in Houston, Texas. As part of this realignment, the Company's office in New Orleans, Louisiana will be closed and certain employees will receive one-time termination benefits. The projected range of costs associated with these actions is \$10 million to \$15 million, of which all are expected to be cash costs except for approximately \$3 million to \$5 million related to retirement plan enhancements.

**Item 5.02. Appointment and Departure of Principal Officers**

On November 13, 2006, the Board of Directors elected Kevin G. Fitzgerald, currently Treasurer of the Company, to the newly created position of Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, effective January 1, 2007. In this position Mr. Fitzgerald will be designated the Company's Principal Financial Officer. Mr. Fitzgerald's compensatory arrangement, set by the Executive Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, includes an annual salary of \$425,000 and a 65% of salary target for the Company's Annual Incentive Compensation Plan. Steven A. Cosse, the currently designated Principal Financial Officer, will continue to serve as the Company's Executive Vice President and General Counsel.

W. Michael Hulse, Executive Vice President - Worldwide Downstream Operations, retired on November 15, 2006.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 A news release dated November 15, 2006 announcing the appointment and retirement of certain executive officers and organizational realignment is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**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.

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John W. Eckart  
John W. Eckart  
Controller

Date: November 17, 2006

**Exhibit Index**

99.1 Press release dated November 15, 2006, as issued by Murphy Oil Corporation.