PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORP Form 8-K January 26, 2012

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 26, 2012

Petroleum Development Corporation

(Doing Business as PDC Energy)
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or other jurisdiction	0-7246 (Commission	95-2636730 (IRS Employer

1775 Sherman Street, Suite 3000 Denver, CO 80203 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 303-860-5800

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 (\underline{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))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD.

The following information is furnished pursuant to both Items 2.02 and 7.01.

On January 26, 2012, Petroleum Development Corporation (dba PDC Energy) (the Company) issued a press release reporting 2011 key operating results including production and year-end reserves, and 2012 capital budget details and production estimates. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibit hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 PDC Energy Press Release dated January 26, 2012.

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 26, 2012

PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By: /s/ Daniel W. Amidon
Daniel W. Amidon
General Counsel and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 PDC Energy Press Release dated January 26, 2012.