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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 (Date of earliest event reported): February 9, 2005

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-8590 (Commission File Number) 71-0361522 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

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))

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On February 9, 2005, Murphy Sabah Oil Co., Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Murphy Oil Corporation, announced that it has awarded the Dry Tree Unit (DTU) contract for the Kikeh Area Field Development. A copy of the Company s news release announcing this is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.6.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

10.6 A news release dated February 9, 2005 announcing that Murphy Sabah Oil Co., Ltd. has awarded the Dry Tree Unit (DTU) contract for the Kikeh Area Field Development is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.6.

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: February 11, 2005

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