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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):

January 11, 2010

Blue Dolphin Energy Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 0-15905 73-1268729
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer of Incorporation) Identification No.)

801 Travis Street, Suite 2100
Houston, TX 77002
(Address of principal executive office and zip code)

(713) 568-4725 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Not Applicable)
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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ITEM 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On July 31, 2009, Blue Dolphin Energy Company ("Blue Dolphin") entered into a Loan and Option Agreement (the "Agreement") with Lazarus Energy Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("LEH"), Lazarus Louisiana Refinery II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("LLRII"), Lazarus Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Lazarus Environmental, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (collectively referred to herein as "Lazarus").

Under terms of the Agreement, Blue Dolphin loaned \$2,000,000 to LLRII and was granted an option (the "Option") to acquire certain assets owned by Lazarus in exchange for 47,141,196 shares of its common stock. Blue Dolphin and Lazarus have been unable to agree to terms of a definitive purchase and sale agreement pursuant to which the Lazarus assets would have been acquired and the Option has terminated.

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.

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Blue Dolphin Energy Company

/s/ THOMAS W. HEATH

Thomas W. Heath

President