

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM CORP /DE/
Form 8-K
October 14, 2008

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) October 9, 2008

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

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Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.02(b) and (c). Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

Occidental Petroleum Corporation announced the election of Roy Pineci, 45, to the position of Vice President, Controller and Principal Accounting Officer effective November 14, 2008. Mr. Pineci replaces Jim Leonard, 58, who elected to retire from these positions effective November 14, 2008. Mr. Pineci joined Occidental in June 2005 as Vice President - Internal Audit and also served as Senior Vice President, Finance for Oil and Gas. Prior to working with Occidental, Mr. Pineci had over 20 years of public accounting industry experience, most recently as a partner at KPMG LLP.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated October 14, 2008.

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: October 14, 2008

/s/ DONALD P. DE BRIER
Donald P. de Brier, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated October 14, 2008.