

NEWFIELD EXPLORATION CO /DE/  
Form 8-K  
September 12, 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): September 12, 2006**

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**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**  
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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-12534**  
(Commission File Number)

**72-1133047**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**363 N. Sam Houston Parkway E., Suite 2020**  
**Houston, Texas 77060**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (281) 847-6000**

**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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On September 12, 2006, Newfield issued a press release announcing (through its wholly owned subsidiary, Newfield Petroleum U.K. Limited) an agreement with Sojitz Energy Project Limited relating to Newfield's Southern Gas Basin exploration and development program. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued by Newfield Exploration Company on September 12, 2006.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NEWFIELD EXPLORATION COMPANY**

Date: September 12, 2006

By:

/s/ TERRY W. RATHERT

Terry W. Rathert

Senior Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

**Exhibit Index**

**Exhibit No. Description**

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