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Form 6-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For August 31, 2005

Commission File Number: 001-14534

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

4200, 150 - 6TH AVENUE S.W.
CALGARY, ALBERTA
CANADA T2P 3Y7
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1). _____

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- N/A

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION

Per: /s/ Jan M. Campbell

Jan M. Campbell
Corporate Secretary

Date: August 31,2005

N E W S R E L E A S E

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION ANNOUNCES THE SALE OF ITS
ENERGY SERVICES AND INTERNATIONAL DRILLING DIVISIONS
TO WEATHERFORD INTERNATIONAL LTD.
AND A PENDING SALE OF CEDA HOLDINGS LTD.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA, August 31, 2005 - Precision Drilling Corporation ("Precision") is pleased to announce that it has completed the sale of its Energy Services and International Drilling divisions to Weatherford International Ltd. ("Weatherford") for a purchase price consisting of 26,000,000 common shares of Weatherford and Cdn \$1,130,000,000 cash consideration.

Weatherford common shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange and the closing price of a Weatherford common share was US \$67.71 on August 31, 2005.

In addition, Precision has reached an agreement in principal with a private purchaser to sell all of its shares of CEDA Holdings Ltd. for a cash purchase price of about Cdn \$273,000,000.

CEDA Holdings Ltd. is the parent company of a number of subsidiaries, which together carry on Precision's industrial cleaning, catalyst handling and mechanical services businesses. It is anticipated that a definitive purchase and sale agreement will be entered into and this transaction should close on or about September 12, 2005.

Precision Drilling Corporation is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbols "PD and PD.U" and on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "PDS".

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