PATTERSON UTI ENERGY INC Form 8-K January 20, 2010

# 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):

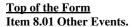
January 20, 2010

## Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-22664	75-2504748
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
450 Gears Road, Suite 500, Houston, Texas		77067
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:		281-765-7100
	Not Applicable	
Former na	me or former address, if changed since l	ast report
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filithe following provisions:	ng is intended to simultaneously satisfy	the filing obligation of the registrant under any of
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On January 20, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing that it has exited the drilling and completion fluid services business. The Company's subsidiary, Ambar Lone Star Fluid Services LLC completed the sale of substantially all of its assets, other than billed accounts receivable. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) The following exhibit is furnished herewith:
- 99.1 Press Release dated January 20, 2010 relating to the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company's drilling and completion fluids services business.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

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.

Patterson-UTI Energy, Inc.

January 20, 2010 By: \( \s/\) s/ John E. Vollmer III

Name: John E. Vollmer III

Title: Senior Vice President - Corporate Development, Chief

Financial Officer and Treasurer

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 20, 2010 relating to the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company's drilling and completion fluid services business.