

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

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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 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 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:

- 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))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

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/ John E. Vollmer III*

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*Name: John E. Vollmer III*

*Title: Senior Vice President - Corporate Development, Chief  
Financial Officer and Treasurer*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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.