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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 July 7, 2003

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

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Yes No

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registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- N/A

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/ Dale E. Tremblay

Dale E. Tremblay
Senior Vice President Finance
& Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 7, 2003

NEWS RELEASE

Calgary, Alberta, Canada - July 7, 2003

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION AND BJ SERVICES COMPANY PARTNER
AWARDED CONTRACT EXTENSION

Precision Drilling Corporation ("Precision") through its subsidiary PD Mexicana, S. de R.L. de C.V. (a jointly owned company between Precision and BJ Services Company "BJ") has been awarded an extension of its multi-well integrated services contract by Petroleos Mexicanos ("Pemex") for work in the Burgos basin in northern Mexico. The extension, worth approximately US \$339 million, involves the drilling of at least 285 additional gas wells in the basin.

Drilling activity, under this extension, will be a seamless continuation of the initial integrated contract which commenced in May 2001. For the extension, Precision will mobilize an additional three rigs to add to the existing seven Precision rigs in-country. The additional rigs will commence operations beginning in the third quarter of 2003 with continuous drilling for the ten rig fleet expected until January 2005. Precision will continue as lead contractor and project manager. As the lead contractor, Precision will supply services from several of its business units including drilling rigs, directional drilling, open hole logging, cased hole logging, slickline wireline services, production testing, PDC drill bits and completion products. Other services will be provided by BJ and subcontractors.

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The Burgos basin, covering more than 50,000 sq km in the northern states of Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon along the Texas border, is Mexico's largest non-associated natural gas basin. The Gas Technology Institute in Arlington, VA recently estimated that undiscovered natural gas potential in the basin could reach as high as 75 tcf. Successful development of the Burgos basin plays a key role in the future natural gas production for Mexico.

Precision Drilling Corporation, headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is the largest Canadian integrated oilfield and industrial services contractor and a global provider of products and services to the energy industry. Precision Drilling Corporation is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "PD" and on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "PDS".

Statements in this press release relating to matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause the actual results, performances or achievements of Precision to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include fluctuations in the market for oil and gas and related products and services, political and economic conditions in countries in which Precision does business, the demand for services provided by Precision, Precision's ability to attract and retain key personnel and other factors which are described in further detail in Precision's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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