MURPHY OIL CORP /DE Form 8-K May 02, 2012

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): May 2, 2012

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

1-8590 (Commission

71-0361522 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

200 Peach Street P.O. Box 7000,

El Dorado, Arkansas 71731-7000 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code 870-862-6411

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

The following information is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02, Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 2, 2012, Murphy Oil Corporation issued a news release announcing its preliminary earnings for the first quarter that ended on March 31, 2012. The full text of this news release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 A news release dated May 2, 2012 announcing preliminary earnings for the first quarter that ended on March 31, 2012 is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Signature

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.

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John W. Eckart John W. Eckart

Senior Vice President and Controller

Date: May 2, 2012

Exhibit Index

99.1 News release dated May 2, 2012, as issued by Murphy Oil Corporation.