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# NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One): "Form 10-K" Form 20-F" Form 11-K x Form 10-Q

" Form 10-D " Form N-SAR " Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: November 30, 2008

- " Transition Report on Form 10-K
- " Transition Report on Form 20-F
- " Transition Report on Form 11-K
- " Transition Report on Form 10-Q
- " Transition Report on Form N-SAR

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Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

## PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Q.E.P. Co., Inc. Full Name of Registrant

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### Former Name if Applicable

1001 Broken Sound Parkway, NW, Suite A Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

> Boca Raton, FL 33487 City, State and Zip Code

## PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Qorsubject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant s statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

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### PART III NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

As reported in the Form 8-K filed on January 13, 2009, the Company has breached two of its financial covenants under its credit facility. Since January 7, 2009, the date the Company determined that these covenants had been violated, the Company has dedicated significant personnel, time and resources to negotiations with the lenders, which are currently ongoing, as the Company seeks purposeful resolution. The Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended November 30, 2008 could not be filed within the prescribed time period because the Company personnel who have been negotiating with the lenders need additional time to complete the discussions with the lenders, review all relevant information and to ensure adequate disclosure of information required to be included in the Form 10-Q. The delay could not be cured without unreasonable effort or expense. The Company expects to file the Form 10-Q no later than the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date.

#### PART IV OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Richard A. Brooke, Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer 561
(Name) (Area Code)

994-5550 (Telephone Number)

- (2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes x No "
- (3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof? Yes x No "

  If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

The Company expects to report a significant change in earnings for the three and nine month periods ended November 30, 2008 compared to the same periods in the prior year, primarily as a result of current global economic conditions, including reduced consumer spending and the continued deterioration of the residential and commercial building and improvement markets.

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# Q.E.P. CO., INC.

# (Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date January 15, 2009

By /s/ Lawrence P. Levine Lawrence P. Levine Senior Vice President and General Counsel

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