

MARATHON OIL CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 2007

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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):

October 18, 2007

Marathon Oil Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-5153

25-0996816

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

5555 San Felipe Road, Houston, Texas

77056

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(713) 629-6600

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.**

On October 18, 2007, Marathon Oil Corporation ("Marathon") completed its acquisition of Western Oil Sands Inc. ("Western") through a cash and securities transaction of approximately US\$5.8 billion, plus Western's outstanding debt valued at approximately US\$1.1 billion.

Under the terms of the agreement, Western shareholders will receive CDN\$3.8 billion in cash (US\$3.9 billion at the current exchange rate) and shares of Marathon common stock or securities exchangeable for Marathon common stock aggregating to 34.3 million shares valued at US\$1.9 billion (based upon the average closing price of Marathon common stock for the five-day period around the initial announcement of the Western acquisition).

Prior to closing, Western spun off WesternZagros Resources Inc. ("WesternZagros"), its wholly owned-subsiary.

The foregoing description of the acquisition does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amended and Restated Arrangement Agreement, by and among Marathon, 1339971 Alberta Ltd., Western and WesternZagros and the Amending Agreement among Marathon, 1339971 Alberta Ltd., Western and WesternZagros, which are included as Exhibit 2.1 and Exhibit 2.2 to this report and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

2.1. Amended and Restated Arrangement Agreement among Marathon Oil Corporation, 1339971 Alberta Ltd., Western Oil Sands Inc. and WesternZagros Resources Inc., dated as of September 14, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.7 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-146772 ) of Marathon Oil Corporation filed on October 17, 2007).

2.2. Amending Agreement among Marathon Oil Corporation, 1339971 Alberta Ltd., Western Oil Sands Inc. and WesternZagros Resources Inc., dated as of October 15, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (File No. 333-146772 ) of Marathon Oil Corporation filed on October 17, 2007).

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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.

*October 19, 2007*

Marathon Oil Corporation

By: *Michael K. Stewart*

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*Name: Michael K. Stewart*

*Title: Vice President, Accounting and Controller*