

MURPHY OIL CORP /DE  
Form 8-K  
December 09, 2011

**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): December 6, 2011**

**MURPHY OIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-8590**  
(Commission

File Number)

**71-0361522**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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**200 Peach Street**

**P.O. Box 7000, El Dorado, Arkansas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**71731-7000**  
(Zip Code)

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

**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))

**Item 5.03. Appointment of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Compensatory Arrangement of Certain Officers**

On December 6, 2011, the Board of Directors of Murphy Oil Corporation elected Claiborne P. Deming Chairman of the Board effective May 1, 2012. Mr. Deming will succeed William C. Nolan, Jr. who is retiring as chairman but will remain on the Board.

On December 6, 2011, Kevin G. Fitzgerald was promoted to Executive Vice President in addition to his continuing service as the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Fitzgerald's compensatory arrangement set by the Executive Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company includes an annual salary of \$580,000 and a target bonus equal to 85% of annual salary under the Company's 2007 Annual Incentive Plan.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 A news release dated December 7, 2011 announcing the election of Claiborne P. Deming as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

99.2 A news release dated December 9, 2011 announcing the promotion of Kevin G. Fitzgerald to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

**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: December 9, 2011

**Exhibit Index**

99.1 News release dated December 7, 2011, as issued by Murphy Oil Corporation.

99.2 News release dated December 9, 2011, as issued by Murphy Oil Corporation.