

Ensco plc  
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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): 20 July 2010

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Ensco plc  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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England and Wales  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

1-8097  
(Commission File Number)

98-0635229  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

6 Chesterfield Gardens  
London, England W1J 5BQ

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 44 (0) 20 7659 4660

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Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On 20 July 2010, Ensco Offshore Company, a subsidiary of Ensco plc ("Ensco"), filed an amended complaint in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana in New Orleans against the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement and other defendants seeking a declaration that the defendants violated the U.S. Administrative Procedures Act and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. In addition to the relief requested in the original complaint filed on 9 July 2010, the amended complaint addresses (1) the actions taken by the U.S. Department of the Interior on 12 July 2010 to impose a second moratorium/suspension on deepwater drilling in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and (2) documentary and permitting requirements with respect to both shallow and deep water drilling and related activities in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico that lack proper legislative, regulatory or procedural authorization. The lawsuit continues to seek a more well-defined regulatory process for instituting new safety measures and operational and permitting requirements for U.S. Gulf of Mexico shallow and deep water offshore drilling so as to comply with the U.S. Administrative Procedures Act and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, inter alia. A copy of the amended complaint is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibit relating to Item 7.01 shall be deemed to be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for any purpose:

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	First Amended Complaint, Ensco Offshore Company v. Salazar, et al., Case 2:10-cv-01941-MLCF-JCW (E.D. La. 20 July 2010).

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.

Ensco plc

Date: 20 July 2010

/s/ CARY A. MOOMJIAN, JR.  
Cary A. Moomjian, Jr.  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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