

UNIT CORP
Form 8-K
December 15, 2006

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 12, 2006

Unit Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Oklahoma
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-9260
(Commission File Number)

73-1283193
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

7130 South Lewis, Suite 1000, Tulsa, Oklahoma
(Address of principal executive offices)

74136
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (918) 493-7700

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Section 5 - Corporate Governance and Management**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(e) On May 3, 2006, the stockholders of Unit Corporation (the “Company”) approved the Unit Corporation Stock and Incentive Compensation Plan (the “Plan”). The Plan was previously approved by the Company’s board of directors, subject to stockholder approval. The Plan became effective upon stockholder approval on May 3, 2006 and permits the grant of Nonqualified Stock Options, Incentive Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units, Cash-Based Awards, and other Stock-Based Awards (collectively referred to as “Awards”).

In connection with the grant from time to time of certain Awards under the Plan, the Company has adopted the following forms of award agreements: (i) Unit Corporation Restricted Stock Award Agreement (“Restricted Stock Award Agreement”); (ii) Unit Corporation Stock Appreciation Rights Award Agreement (Stock Settled) (“Stock Settled SAR Award Agreement”); and (iii) Unit Corporation Stock Appreciation Rights Award Agreement (Cash Settled) (collectively referred to as the “Agreement(s)”) filed as Exhibits 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3 to this Form 8-K and incorporated by reference into this Item 5.02(e). Such Awards granted under the Plan will be subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement(s), consistent with the terms of the Plan.

On December 12, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company approved and the Board of Directors ratified (and approved, where required), the following compensation for the Company’s executive officers:

Name and Principal Position(s)	Salary(\$)	Cash Bonus	Stock Settled Appreciation Right(s)(#)	Restricted Stock Award(s)(#)
Larry D. Pinkston President and CEO	500,000	500,015	23,716	8,990
Mark E. Schell Sr. V.P., Secretary and General Counsel	275,000	210,000	6,522	2,472
David T. Merrill CFO and Treasurer	250,000	190,000	5,929	2,248

In addition, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company approved and the Board of Directors ratified (and approved, where required), the following compensation for the following executive officers of the Company’s subsidiaries:

Name and Principal Position(s)	Salary(\$)	Cash Bonus	Stock Settled Appreciation Right(s)(#)	Restricted Stock Award(s)(#)
Bradford J. Guidry Senior Vice President, Unit Petroleum Company	210,000	150,000	4,150	1,573

John Cromling
Executive Vice President,
Unit

Drilling Company	220,000	160,000	4,348	1,648
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The cash bonuses for 2006 represented above are payable in January 2007.

The Restricted Stock Awards and the Stock Settled Appreciation Rights were issued under the Plan and are evidenced by a Restricted Stock Award Agreement and Stock Settled SAR Award Agreement entered into between each of the above employees and the Company.

Each Restricted Stock Award Agreement, in addition to certain other provisions contained in the Plan, provides that twenty-five percent of the shares of Restricted Stock vests on January 1st of each of the years 2007 - 2010, subject in each case to the employee remaining in the employment of the Company. In the event of a "change in control" of the Company (as defined in and determined by the agreement), any unvested shares will immediately vest in the recipient.

Each Stock Settled SAR Award Agreement, in addition to certain other provisions contained in the Plan, provides that one-third of the Stock Settled Appreciation Rights vests on January 1st of each of the years 2008 - 2010, subject in each case to the employee remaining in the employment of the Company. In the event of a "change in control" of the Company (as defined in and determined by the agreement), any unvested shares will immediately vest in the recipient.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not Applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not Applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions.

Not Applicable

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
10.1	Unit Corporation Restricted Stock Award Agreement
10.2	Unit Corporation Stock Appreciation Rights Award Agreement (Stock Settled)
10.3	Unit Corporation Stock Appreciation Rights Award Agreement (Cash Settled)

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.

Unit Corporation

Date: December 15, 2006 By: /s/ Mark E. Schell
Name: Mark E. Schell
Title: Senior Vice President

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