

NATIONAL OILWELL INC

Form 8-K

October 29, 2004

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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**

**October 29, 2004 (October 29, 2004)**  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**NATIONAL-OILWELL, INC.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-12317**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**76-0475815**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**10000 Richmond Avenue**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77042**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **713-346-7775**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 29, 2004, National-Oilwell, Inc. issued a press release announcing earnings for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and conference call in connection therewith. A copy of the release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into a filing under the Securities Act of 1933, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

*(c) Exhibits*

The following exhibit is provided as part of the information furnished under Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K:

- 99.1 National-Oilwell, Inc. press release dated October 29, 2004 announcing the earnings results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004.

**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.

Date: October 29, 2004

NATIONAL-OILWELL, INC.

/s/ Steven W. Krablin

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Steven W. Krablin  
Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer