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GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD Form 8-K March 17, 2009

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): March 17, 2009 (March 16, 2009)

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

ALBERTA, CANADA (State or other jurisdiction

001-32714 (Commission 98-0570897 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)
1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 1080

Identification No.)

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010

(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 739-1800

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

SECTION 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 16, 2009, Gastar Exploration Ltd. (the Company) issued a press release containing the Company s results of operations for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the Company s press release, dated March 16, 2009, including such information, is included herein as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is being furnished solely pursuant to this Item 2.02.

SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibits (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission).

Exhibit No. Description of Document

99.1 Press release dated March 16, 2009 reporting results of operations for the three months and year ended December 31, 2008.

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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.

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.

Date: March 17, 2009 By: /s/ J. RUSSELL PORTER

J. Russell Porter

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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