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PRECISION DRILLING TRUST  
Form 6-K  
January 20, 2006

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13A-16 OR 15D-16 OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

January 20, 2006

Commission File Number: 001-14534

PRECISION DRILLING TRUST  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

4200, 150 - 6TH AVENUE S.W.  
CALGARY, ALBERTA  
CANADA T2P 3Y7  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b) (1). \_\_\_\_\_

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

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If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- N/A  
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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 20, 2006

PRECISION DRILLING TRUST  
By its Administrator PRECISION DRILLING  
CORPORATION

By: /s/ Darren Ruhr  
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Name: Darren Ruhr  
Title: Vice President, Corporate Services  
and Corporate Secretary

EXHIBIT -----	TITLE -----
1	PRESS RELEASE - PRECISION DRILLING TRUST ANNOUNCES JANUARY 2006 CASH DISTRIBUTION AND UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION FOR 2005

EXHIBIT 1  
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[GRAPHIC OMITTED]  
[LOGO - PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION]

NEWS RELEASE

PRECISION DRILLING TRUST  
ANNOUNCES JANUARY 2006 CASH DISTRIBUTION  
AND  
UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION FOR 2005

CALGARY, January 20, 2006 - Precision Drilling Trust ("Precision") announces today that the cash distribution for the month of January 2006 will be Cdn\$ 0.27 per trust unit of Precision. The distribution will be payable on February 15,

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2006 to unitholders of record on January 31, 2006. The ex-distribution date is January 27, 2006. A payment of Cdn\$ 0.27 per unit will also be made to holders of Class B limited partnership units of Precision Drilling Limited Partnership using the same record date and payment date.

### UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION FOR 2005

Based on advice from Precision's United States tax advisors, the issued and outstanding trust units of Precision will be classified as equity rather than as debt for United States federal income tax purposes. Precision believes that the cash distributions paid in 2005, out of its current and accumulated earnings and profits, to individual United States unitholders, should be treated as qualified dividend income for United States federal income tax purposes eligible for the reduced maximum rate of tax to individuals of generally 15%. More detailed information regarding the 2005 distribution will be reported at a later date on Precision's website at [WWW.PRECISIONDRILLING.COM](http://WWW.PRECISIONDRILLING.COM).

UNITED STATES UNITHOLDERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISERS AS TO THE SPECIFIC UNITED STATES FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF HAVING RECEIVED CASH DISTRIBUTIONS IN 2005 FROM PRECISION.

Precision Drilling Trust is Canada's largest energy services trust. Headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Precision is the leading provider of contract drilling services to the Canadian oil and gas industry. Precision provides customers with access to an extensive fleet of drilling and service rigs backed by a comprehensive mix of support services utilizing skilled and experienced personnel.

Precision is listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "PD.UN" and in U.S. dollars "PD.U" and on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "PDS". For further information please contact Doug Strong, Chief Financial Officer of Precision Drilling Corporation, Administrator of Precision, 4200, 150 - 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2P 3Y7, Telephone (403) 716-4500, Fax (403) 264-0251; website: [www.precisiondrilling.com](http://www.precisiondrilling.com).