MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORP /DE/ Form 8-K November 01, 2012 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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): November 1, 2012 (October 26, 2012) Magellan Petroleum Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-5507 (Commission File Number) 06-0842255 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1775 Sherman Street, Suite 1950, Denver, CO (Address of principal executive offices)

80203 (Zip Code)

(720) 484-2400 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 26, 2012, Magellan Petroleum Australia Limited ("MPAL"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Magellan Petroleum Corporation (the "Company") entered into a seismic data acquisition services agreement (the "Agreement") with Seabird Exploration FZ-LLC ("Seabird Exploration") for the seismic recording vessel Voyager Explorer to undertake a 75 square mile 3-D and an 84 square mile 2-D seismic survey within MPAL's NT/P82 Exploration Permit ("NT/P82"), offshore Australia. The seismic survey is expected to commence during the second week of December 2012 and to take approximately two weeks to complete.

The Agreement provides that Seabird Exploration shall provide the above described seismic survey services within the NT/P82 area in exchange for payment by MPAL of approximately \$4.5 million.

On November 1, 2012, the Company issued a press release announcing the Agreement. A copy of that press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed as part of this report:

Exhibit Description

No.

99.1 Press Release by Magellan Petroleum Corporation dated November 1, 2012.

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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.

MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION

By: /s/ J. Thomas Wilson John Thomas Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer (as Principal Executive Officer))

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