

NEWPARK RESOURCES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 04, 2011

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 4, 2011

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**1-2960**

(Commission File Number)

**72-1123385**

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2700 Research Forest Drive, Suite 100**

**The Woodlands, TX**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**77381**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(281) 362-6800**

(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 4, 2011, Newpark Resources, Inc. announced it has entered into a definitive agreement with Rheochem PLC to acquire its drilling fluids and engineering services unit. Rheochem PLC is a publicly-traded Australian-based oil and gas company. Rheochem provides drilling fluids and engineering services to the oil and gas exploration and geothermal industries with operations in Australia, New Zealand and India. Newpark will pay approximately A\$23.8 million at closing, subject to typical adjustments for working capital. Additional consideration may be payable based on financial results of the acquired business over a one-year earnout period, up to a maximum total consideration of A\$45 million. Newpark expects to fund the acquisition price, including any earnout payment, from cash on hand. This acquisition is subject to the approval of the shareholders of Rheochem PLC and normal customary closing conditions and is expected to close in the second quarter of 2011.

The information referenced under Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1 referenced in Item 9.01 below) of this Current Report on Form 8-K is being “furnished” under “Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure” and, as such, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 referenced in Item 9.01 below) shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement, report or other document filed by Newpark pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. Newpark does not undertake to update the information as posted on its website; however, it may post additional information included in future press releases and Forms 8-K, as well as posting its periodic Exchange Act reports.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by Newpark Resources, Inc. on March 4, 2011.

**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.

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**

Dated: March 4, 2011

By: /s/ James E. Braun  
James E. Braun, Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by Newpark Resources, Inc. on March 4, 2011.