

ARENA RESOURCES INC  
Form S-8  
July 01, 2010

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ARENA RESOURCES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation  
or organization)

73-1596109  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

6555 S. Lewis Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Arena Resources, Inc. Stock Option Plan  
and  
Arena Resources, Inc. Restricted Stock Award Plan  
(Full title of the plans)

Luke A. Bomer  
Johnson & Jones  
2200 Bank of America Center  
15 W. Sixth Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119  
(Name and address of agent for service)

(918) 584-6644  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer.

Large accelerated filer  [X]  
Non-accelerated filer  [ ]

Accelerated filer  [ ]  
Smaller reporting company  [ ]

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered (1)	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common stock, \$.001 par value	425,000 shares (2)	\$20.50 (3)	\$8,712,500	\$621.20

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Common stock, \$.001 par value	4,749 shares (4)	\$43.10 (5)	\$204,682	\$14.60
Total	429,749	-----	\$8,917,182	\$635.80

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(1) Includes, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, an indeterminable number of additional shares of common stock which may become issuable under the Plans as a result of any future anti-dilution adjustment in accordance with the terms of the Plans or upon a stock split, stock dividend or similar transaction.

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(2) The 425,000 shares of common stock being registered represent shares underlying options previously granted under the Stock Option Plan that are currently exercisable. The Stock Option Plan provides for a total of 6,000,000 shares underlying options (and/or restricted stock) that may be granted; 2,530,000 shares underlying options were registered previously; the remaining 3,040,251 shares (with such also including the 4,749 shares of restricted stock being registered, as discussed in note 4, below) are not being registered at this time.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of registration fee, in accordance with Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the basis of the weighted average exercise price of \$20.50.

(4) The 4,749 shares of common stock being registered represent shares of restricted stock under the Restricted Stock Award Plan.

(5) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of registration fee, in accordance with Rule 457(h) and Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, on the basis of closing price of the registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on December 17, 2009 (the date of the grant).

PART I  
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be sent or given to each recipient of a grant under the Registrant's Stock Option Plan and/or the Registrant's Restricted Stock Award Plan as specified in Rule 428(b)(1) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. In accordance with the instructions to Part I of Form S-8, such documents will not be filed as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

PART II  
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

This Registration Statement incorporates herein by reference the following documents which have been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") by the Registrant:

- (1) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, for the year ended December 31, 2009, filed April 30, 2010, (Commission File No. 001-31657);
- (2) Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2010 filed with the Commission on May 10, 2010 (Commission File No. 001-31657);
- (3) Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on April 5, 2010, May 28, 2010 and June 2, 2010 (Commission File No. 001-31657).
- (4) The description of common stock which is contained under the caption "Description of Securities", in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (Commission File No. 333-113712) originally filed on March 18, 2004, as amended, including the Rule 424(b)(1) prospectus filed August 10, 2004 (Commission File No. 333-113712) (which description was incorporated by reference in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8A filed August 10, 2004 (Commission File No. 001-316570), including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the initial filing of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which de-registers all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any document which is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part hereof.

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interest of Named Experts and Counsel

Not applicable

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Registrant's articles of incorporation and by-laws provide that the Registrant's directors and officers shall not be personally liable to the Registrant or its stockholders for damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director or officer, except for liability for (a) acts of omissions which involve intentional or reckless conduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law, or (b) the payment of distributions in violation of Section 78.300 of the Nevada Revised Statutes. Moreover, the provisions would apply to claims against a director for violations of certain laws, including federal securities laws. The Registrant's articles of incorporation and by-laws also contain provisions to indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Nevada law. In addition, the Registrant may enter into indemnification agreements with its directors and officers. These provisions and agreements may have the practical effect in certain cases of eliminating the ability of stockholders to collect monetary damages from directors and officers.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

Number	Document Description
4.1	Arena Resources, Inc. Stock Option Plan
4.2	Arena Resources, Inc. Restricted Stock Award Plan
5	Opinion of Johnson & Jones, P.C.
23.1	Consent of Hansen, Barnett & Maxwell, P.C., certified public accountants.
23.2	Consent of Williamson Petroleum Consultants, Inc., independent petroleum engineers
23.3	Consent of Johnson & Jones, P.C. (contained in Exhibit 5).

Item 9. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933.

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

Provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, on July 1, 2010.

Arena Resources, Inc.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Phillip W. Terry  
Phillip W. Terry, Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Phillip W. Terry Phillip W. Terry	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	July 1, 2010
/s/ William R. Broaddrick William R. Broaddrick	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	July 1, 2010
/s/ Lloyd T. Rochford Lloyd T. Rochford	Director	July 1, 2010
/s/ Stanley M. McCabe Stanley M. McCabe	Director	July 1, 2010
/s/ Clayton E. Woodrum Clayton E. Woodrum	Director	July 1, 2010
/s/ Anthony B. Petrelli Anthony B. Petrelli	Director	July 1, 2010
/s/ Carl H. Fiddner Carl H. Fiddner	Director	July 1, 2010

Exhibit Index

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