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NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO INC Form 8-K December 02, 2005

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

December 2, 2005 (December 2, 2005)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

National Oilwell Varco, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State of incorporation)

FILE NO. 1-12317

76-0475815

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

10000 Richmond Avenue Houston, Texas 77042-4200

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone, including area code: (713) 346-7500

N/A

(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:

o Written

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the Securities

Act (17 CFR

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under the

Exchange Act

(17 CFR

240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement

communications

pursuant to

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240.14d-2(b))

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

ITEM 5.04. <u>TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRADING UNDER REGISTRANT</u> <u>S EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS</u>

On December 2, 2005, National Oilwell Varco, Inc. (the Company) sent a notice to its directors and executive officers notifying them of a blackout period with respect to the Varco International, Inc. 401(k)/Profit Sharing Plan. The Company provided the notice to the directors and executive officers in accordance with Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 104 of Regulation BTR. A copy of the notice is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired

Not applicable

(b) Pro forma financial information

Not applicable

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Notice to Directors and Executive Officers of National Oilwell Varco, Inc., dated December 2, 2005.

SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL OILWELL VARCO, INC.

Date: December 2, 2005 /s/ Clay C. Williams
Clay C. Williams

Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

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