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Form 6-K  
July 26, 2004

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

For July 26, 2004

Commission File Number: 001-14534

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION  
(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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registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- N/A.

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.

PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION

Per: /s/ Jan M. Campbell

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Jan M. Campbell  
Corporate Secretary

Date: July 26, 2004

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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PRECISION DRILLING CORPORATION ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF 4,000,000  
COMMON SHARE EQUITY ISSUE

Calgary, Alberta, Canada July 26, 2004 - Precision Drilling Corporation ("Precision") is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced equity offering of 4,000,000 common shares ("Shares") at a price of US\$49.80 per Share, (C\$65.25 per Share), for gross proceeds of approximately US\$200 million.

The sale of these securities was completed by a syndicate of underwriters led by TD Securities Inc. and RBC Capital Markets. Precision has granted the Underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 400,000 Shares at the offering price to cover over-allotments and for stabilization purposes. The over-allotment option is exercisable for up to 30 days after the date of the closing of this offering.

Precision expects to use the net proceeds from the offering primarily to pay down indebtedness, including all indebtedness incurred in connection with the acquisitions of the land drilling assets of GlobalSanteFe Corporation and the acquisition of all of the issued and outstanding shares of Reeves Oilfield Services Limited as well as for general corporate purposes.

A shelf registration statement relating to the common shares of Precision has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and has been declared effective. This news release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in the United States prior to registration and any sale in the United States

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will be made by means of a prospectus that may be obtained from TD Securities Inc. at 222 Bay Street, Ernst & Young Tower, 7th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M1K 1A2 or from RBC Capital Markets at 200 Bay Street, Royal Bank Plaza, 4th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2W7.

Certain statements contained in this press release, including statements relating to matters that are not historical facts and statements relating to the ultimate use of proceeds are forward-looking statements, including under the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause the actual results, performances or achievements of Precision to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include fluctuations in the market for oil and gas and related products and services; competition; the ability to successfully carry out its intentions; political and economic conditions in countries in which Precision does business; the demand for services provided by Precision; changes in laws and regulations, including environmental, to which Precision is subject and other factors which are described in further detail in Precision's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Precision Drilling Corporation (TSX: PD and PDU; NYSE: PDS) is a global oilfield services company providing a broad range of drilling, production and evaluation services with focus on fulfilling customer needs through fit-for-purpose technologies for the maturing oilfields of the 21st century. With corporate offices in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and Houston, Texas, and research facilities in the U.S. and Europe, Precision employs more than 10,000 people conducting operations in more than 30 countries. Precision is committed to providing efficient and safe services to create value for our customers, our shareholders and our employees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT HANK B. SWARTOUT, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR DALE E. TREMBLAY, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, 4200, 150 - 6TH AVENUE S.W., CALGARY, ALBERTA T2P 3Y7, TELEPHONE (403) 716-4500; FAX (403) 264-0251; WEBSITE: WWW.PRECISIONDRILLING.COM