

United States
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.

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) August 13, 1999

Magellan Petroleum Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-5507	06-0842255
State or other jurisdiction of incorporation	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

149 Durham Road, Oak Park - Unit 31, Madison, CT 06443
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (203) 245-7664

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

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Item 5. Other Events

On August 13, 1999, Mr. Dennis D. Benbow, General Manager of the Company's majority owned subsidiary, Magellan Petroleum Australia Limited ("MPAL"), retired and resigned as a director of MPAL and the Company.

Effective August 13, 1999, Hedley Howard, the Assistant General Manager, was appointed General Manager and a director of MPAL and the Company.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

MAGELLAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION
(Registrant)

By /s/ James R. Joyce
Name: James R. Joyce
Title: President

Date: August 13, 1999