

MURPHY OIL CORP /DE  
Form 8-K  
February 04, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 31, 2005

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**MURPHY OIL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-8590**  
(Commission File Number)

**71-0361522**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**200 Peach Street**  
**P.O. Box 7000, El Dorado, Arkansas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**71731-7000**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 870-862-6411

**Not applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On January 31, 2005, Murphy Sabah Oil Co., Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Murphy Oil Corporation, entered into contracts for the charter of a floating, production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel and associated operation and maintenance work as part of the Kikeh Area Development plan. A copy of the Company's news release announcing this is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.5.

**Item 5.03. Amendment to By-Laws**

On February 2, 2005, Murphy Oil Corporation amended Article IV, Section 3 of its By-Laws to make the Chairman of the Board of Directors an ex-officio member of all Committees of the Board.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

- 3.2 The By-Laws of Murphy Oil Corporation as Amended effective February 2, 2005 are attached hereto as Exhibit 3.2.
- 10.5 A news release dated January 31, 2005 announcing that Murphy Oil has awarded a Kikeh Area Development Contract is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.5.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

MURPHY OIL CORPORATION

By: /s/ John W. Eckart

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John W. Eckart  
Controller

Date: February 4, 2005

**Exhibit Index**

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