

MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORP
Form S-8 POS
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Registration No. 333-40009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
Post-Effective Amendment No. 1
to
FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

76-0319553
(I.R.S Employer Identification No.)

1401 Enclave Parkway, Suite 300, Houston, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77077
(Zip Code)

Texas Meridian Resources Corporation 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan
Texas Meridian Resources Corporation 1997 Long-Term Incentive Plan
Cairn Energy USA, Inc. 1993 Stock Option Plan, as amended
Cairn Energy USA, Inc. 1993 Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended
(Full title of the plan)

Paul D. Ching
Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board
The Meridian Resource Corporation
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(Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller
reporting company)

Smaller reporting
company

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 (the Post-Effective Amendment) to the Form S-8 Registration Statement, Registration No. 333-40009, filed on November 12, 1997 (the Registration Statement), which registered an aggregate amount of 2,742,899 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, is being filed in order to remove from registration securities remaining unsold under such Registration Statement.

On May 13, 2010, pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 22, 2009, as amended, among The Meridian Resource Corporation, a Texas corporation (the Company), Alta Mesa Holdings, LP, a Texas limited partnership (Alta Mesa), and Alta Mesa Acquisition Sub, LLC, a Texas limited liability company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Alta Mesa (Merger Sub), the Company merged with and into Merger Sub (the Merger), with Merger Sub continuing as the surviving company.

As a result of the Merger, the Company has terminated all offerings of its securities pursuant to the Registration Statement. Accordingly, pursuant to Item 512(a) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Company hereby removes from registration any and all securities of the Company previously registered but not sold or otherwise issued under the Registration Statement as of the filing of this Post-Effective Amendment.

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 Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Houston, State of Texas, on May 18, 2010.

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE
CORPORATION

By: /s/ Paul D. Ching
Paul D. Ching
Chief Executive Officer, President and
Chairman of the Board

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Post-Effective Amendment No.1 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

/s/ Paul D. Ching	Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	May 18, 2010
Paul D. Ching	President, Director and Chairman of the Board	
/s/ Lloyd V. DeLano	Chief Accounting Officer	
Lloyd V. DeLano	(Principal Accounting Officer)	May 18, 2010
/s/ E. L. Henry	Director	May 18, 2010
E. L. Henry		
/s/ John B. Simmons	Director	May 18, 2010
John B. Simmons		
/s/ Fenner R. Weller, Jr.	Director	May 18, 2010
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