

NEWPARK RESOURCES INC  
Form 8-K  
April 27, 2011

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 21, 2011

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| <b>Delaware</b><br>(State or other Jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation) | <b>1-2960</b><br>(Commission File Number) | <b>72-1123385</b><br>(IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| <b>2700 Research Forest Drive, Suite 100</b><br><b>The Woodlands, TX</b><br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices) | <b>77381</b><br>(Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(281) 362-6800**

(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:

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

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On April 21, 2011, Newpark Resources, Inc. (“Newpark”) completed the acquisition of Australian-based Rheochem PLC’s drilling fluids and engineering services business. The acquired business provides drilling fluids and engineering services to the oil and gas exploration and geothermal industries with operations in Australia, New Zealand and India. The transaction, which was more fully described in Newpark’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 4, 2011, was completed pursuant to a Share Sale and Purchase Agreement entered into on March 4, 2011 with Rheochem Plc, a copy of which will be filed as an exhibit to Newpark’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending March 31, 2011.

The information referenced under Item 7.01 (including Exhibit 99.1 referenced in Item 9.01 below) of this Current Report on Form 8-K is being “furnished” under “Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure” and, as such, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information set forth in this Current Report on Form 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1 referenced in Item 9.01 below) shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement, report or other document filed by Newpark pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing. Newpark does not undertake to update the information as posted on its website; however, it may post additional information included in future press releases and Forms 8-K, as well as posting its periodic Exchange Act reports.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release issued by Newpark Resources, Inc. on April 21, 2011.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**

Dated: April 25, 2011

By: /s/ James E. Braun  
James E. Braun, Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)