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GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD

Form 8-K November 20, 2006

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): November 20, 2006 (November 20, 2006)

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

ALBERTA, CANADA 001-32714 38-3324634 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 1080
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77010
(Address of principal executive offices)

(713) 739-1800 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- |_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act
 (17 CFR 230.425)
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 (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

SECTION 8 - OTHER EVENTS

Item 8.01 Other Events.

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On November 20, 2006, the Company announced that it closed the previously announced private placement of 25,000,000 of its common shares at US\$2.00 per share. The common shares were sold to institutional accredited investors in the United States, including Chesapeake Energy Corporation.

A copy of the Company's press release dated November 20, 2006, regarding this filing is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 9 - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following is a list of exhibits filed as part of this Form 8-K:

Exhibit No. Description of Document

99.1 Press release dated November 20, 2006.

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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.

GASTAR EXPLORATION LTD.

Date: November 20, 2006 By: /s/ J. RUSSELL PORTER

J. Russell Porter

President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

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