

CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC  
Form 8-K  
March 23, 2017

**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): March 20, 2017**

**CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Oklahoma**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**  
**incorporation or organization)**

**001-32886**  
**(Commission**  
**File Number)**

**73-0767549**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**20 N. Broadway**

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**73102**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (405) 234-9000**

**(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On February 22, 2013, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Compensation Committee) of Continental Resources, Inc. (the Company) approved a cash bonus plan (the CLR Bonus Plan) that applies to certain employees of the Company, including the Company's executive officers. The CLR Bonus Plan is designed to reward the Company's employees for achieving annual performance and strategic goals. The CLR Bonus Plan provides for the annual payment of cash bonuses, subject to the discretion of the Compensation Committee. A description of the CLR Bonus Plan, as last updated in March of 2015, is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 6, 2015 (the Plan Description).

On March 20, 2017, the Compensation Committee approved a change to the factors used to set the size of the annual bonus pool (the Bonus Pool Factors) from the factors used to set the annual bonus pool in prior years. The newly approved factors include: production growth (weighted at 40%); net cash provided by operating activities (weighted at 30%); proved developed finding and development cost per barrel of oil equivalent (Boe) (weighted at 15%); and reserve growth (weighted at 15%). The newly approved factors replace the following factors: production growth (weighted at 34%); net cash provided by operating activities (weighted at 33%); and proved developed finding and development cost per Boe (weighted at 33%).

The Bonus Pool Factors will first apply to the bonuses for 2017 expected to be paid in February 2018. The Bonus Pool Factors will remain in effect until changed by the Compensation Committee.

Other than as set forth above, the Plan Description remains unchanged. The Compensation Committee retains complete discretion to increase, decrease or leave the size of the annual bonus pool unchanged.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

**CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC.**  
(Registrant)

Date: March 23, 2017

By: /s/ John D. Hart  
John D. Hart  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and  
Treasurer