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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): AUGUST 4, 2004

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

TEXAS
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-10671
(Commission File No.)

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1401 ENCLAVE PARKWAY, SUITE 300
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77077
(ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES) (ZIP CODE)

281-597-7000
(REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER, INCLUDING AREA CODE)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

On August 4, 2004, The Meridian Resource Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the closing of the previously announced offering of 13,800,000 shares of its common stock at \$7.25 per share, including the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option. Settlement of the

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shares issued in the offering occurred August 4, 2004 as a condition to closing on August 3, 2004 was not satisfied until after the close of market. A portion of the proceeds from the offering was used to repurchase all of the 7,082,030 shares of the Company's common stock beneficially owned by Shell Oil Company. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

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1.1	Underwriting Agreement, dated July 28, 2004, between Friedman, Billings, Ramse Representative of the several Underwriters, and The Meridian Resource Corporat
5.1	Opinion of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
10.1	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated July 21, 2004, between The Meridian Resource C SWEPI LP, a Delaware limited partnership
99.1	Press release of Meridian, dated August 4, 2004, regarding closing of public o

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORPORATION
(Registrant)

/s/ LLOYD V. DELANO

Lloyd V. DeLano
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: August 4, 2004

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