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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

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DATE OF REPORT (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED): DECEMBER 23, 2004

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

TEXAS	1-10671	76-0319553
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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### ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On December 23, 2004, The Meridian Resource Corporation entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement with Fortis Capital Corp., as administrative agent, sole lead arranger and bookrunner, Comerica Bank, as syndication agent, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as documentation agent (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement provides for a \$200,000,000 revolving credit facility with an initial borrowing base of \$130,000,000. A copy of the Credit Agreement is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

#### (c) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated December 23, 2004, among The Meridian Resource Corporation, Fortis Capital Corp., as administrative agent, sole lead arranger and bookrunner, Comerica Bank, as syndication agent, and Union Bank of California, N.A., as documentation agent, and the several lenders from time to time parties thereto.

#### 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 hereunto duly authorized.

THE MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Lloyd V. DeLano

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Lloyd V. DeLano  
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

Date: December 30, 2004

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