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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): MAY 9, 2006

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

1-10671 76-0319553 TEXAS (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission File Number) of Incorporation)

(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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ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On May 9, 2006, The Meridian Resource Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2006. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of The Meridian Resource Corporation, dated May 9, 2006, regarding financial results for the first quarter of fiscal year 2006.

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

Lloyd V. DeLano

Senior Vice President and Chief

Accounting Officer

Date: May 9, 2006

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