

MERIDIAN RESOURCE CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 02, 2010

**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 2, 2010**

**The Meridian Resource Corporation**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Texas**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-10671**  
(Commission File Number)

**76-0319553**  
(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)

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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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 2, 2010, The Meridian Resource Corporation issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference containing year-end 2009 oil and gas reserve information and certain updated financial information.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release, dated March 2, 2010, of The Meridian Resource Corporation titled Meridian Resource Provides Update on Year-End 2009 Reserves and Financial Obligations .

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**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: March 2, 2010