

NATIONAL OILWELL INC

Form 8-K

September 13, 2004

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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**

**September 13, 2004 (September 10, 2004)**  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**NATIONAL-OILWELL, INC.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-12317**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**76-0475815**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**10000 Richmond Avenue**  
**Houston, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**77042**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **713-346-7500**

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(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:

- 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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On September 10, 2004, National-Oilwell, Inc. filed a Premerger Notification and Report Form with the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission relating to its proposed merger with Varco International, Inc., pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of August 11, 2004.

Pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Release No. 33-8216, National-Oilwell, Inc. is furnishing this information under Item 7.01 of Form 8-K.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

Date: September 13, 2004

NATIONAL-OILWELL, INC.

/s/ Steven W. Krablin  
Steven W. Krablin  
Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer