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CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

January 8, 2013

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

STONE ENERGY CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-12074
(Commission File
Number)

72-1235413
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

625 E. Kaliste Saloom Road
Lafayette, Louisiana
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

70508
(Zip Code)

Registrant' s telephone number, including area code: (337) 237-0410

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) On January 8, 2013, Messrs. Richard L. Smith and Jerome F. Wenzel, Jr. resigned effective January 31, 2013 as the Executive Vice President - Exploration and Business Development and Executive Vice President - Operations, respectively, of Stone Energy Corporation (the “*Company*”).

(c) On January 9, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing that Messrs. Richard L. Toothman, Paul K. Wieg, Kevin G. Hurst and Keith A. Seilhan were promoted to the offices of the Senior Vice President - Appalachia, Vice President - Exploration and Business Development, Vice President - GOM Shelf/Deep Gas - Gulf of Mexico and Vice President - Deep Water, respectively, effective as of February 1, 2013.

Mr. Toothman, 47, who has served as Vice President - Appalachia since May 10, 2010, is being named Senior Vice President - Appalachia. Prior to joining Stone in May 2010, Mr. Toothman was employed by CNX Gas Company in Bluefield, Virginia since August 2005 where he held two executive positions, VP Engineering and Technical Services and VP International Business. Mr. Toothman also worked for Consol Energy and Conoco in prior years.

Mr. Wieg, 54, who has served as Director of Geosciences/Deepwater Exploration Manager since July 1, 2010, is being named Vice President - Exploration and Business Development. Prior to joining the Company, from 2007 until 2010, Mr. Wieg was Deepwater Exploration Manager for Eni Petroleum’s Gulf of Mexico business unit. Mr. Wieg also served as Chief Geophysicist for Dominion E&P preceding the purchase of Dominion assets by Eni Petroleum. Before taking a management position, Mr. Wieg worked in various capacities as an explorationist in both domestic and international ventures for Dominion and its predecessor CNG, Shell Offshore, Inc., Pecten International and Exxon USA. Mr. Wieg has a Master’s Degree in Geology from Duke University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology from New Mexico School of Mines.

Mr. Hurst, 53, who has served as General Manager Operations/Gulf of Mexico Production since January 2012, is being named Vice President - GOM Shelf/Deep Gas. Mr. Hurst began his career with Arco Oil and Gas Company (“*Arco*”) and served in various capacities over his 16 years with Arco. From 1993 to 1998, Mr. Hurst worked in Jakarta, Indonesia as a Technical Advisor and then served as Chief of Field Operations for his final two years in Indonesia. After returning from Indonesia, Mr. Hurst was employed by Southern Natural Gas Company/El Paso Energy Company from 1999 to 2003 as an Area Manager. Prior to joining the Company in 2005, Mr. Hurst was employed by MODEC, LLC from 2004 to 2007, as the General Manager for FPSO/FSO Operations. Prior to joining MODEC, LLC, Mr. Hurst was employed by Project Consulting Services from 2003 to 2004 as Managing Director. Mr. Hurst holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University.

Mr. Seilhan, 46, who has served as Deep Water Projects Manager since July 1, 2012, is being named Vice President - Deep Water. Mr. Seilhan filled various senior operations leadership roles for Amoco Corporation and BP p.l.c. (“*BP*”) over his 21 year career. Mr. Seilhan was employed with BP from 1990 to January 2011, where he served as Chief of Staff for the BP Global Production Executive Vice President (London) from October 2010 to January 2011, BP Incident Commander - Deepwater Horizon from April 2010 to September 2010, BP Gulf of Mexico Operations Director from December 2007 to March 2010 and BP Gulf of Mexico Operations Organizational Capability Manager from June 2006 to November 2007. The majority of Mr. Seilhan’s industry experience has been in senior leadership positions working with the start-up and operation of large, technically challenging assets, primarily in the deep water Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Seilhan has been an Asset Manager and Operations Manager for Deep Water Assets and also taken functional leadership roles as the Operations Director for Gulf of Mexico and the Organizational Capability Manager. Mr. Seilhan developed BP’s first Advanced Collaboration Environment in 2003 while commissioning, starting-up and operating the Na Kika Asset. In 2010, Mr. Seilhan filled the role as BP’s Incident Commander on the Deepwater Horizon Incident. From March 2011 to May 2012, Mr. Seilhan also worked as Vice President of Business Development and a Senior Consultant with The Response Group prior to taking his role as Deep Water Projects Manager for the Company. Mr. Seilhan received his Mechanical Engineering degree from Louisiana State University.

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The press release announcing the Company's personnel update is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits**

99.1 Press release dated January 9, 2013, "Stone Energy Corporation Provides Personnel Update."

EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit
Number**

Description

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STONE ENERGY CORPORATION

Provides Personnel Update

LAFAYETTE, LA. January 9, 2013

Stone Energy Corporation (NYSE: SGY) today announced the promotion of several new executives and organizational changes to allow for a more asset focused organization. Richard L. Toothman is being promoted from Vice President - Appalachia to Senior Vice President - Appalachia, Paul K. Wieg to Vice President-Exploration and Business Development, Kevin G. Hurst to Vice President - GOM Shelf/Deep Gas, and Keith A. Seilhan to Vice President-Deepwater.

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer David Welch stated, "Our executive development program and succession planning process have well prepared these new executives for their increased responsibilities. We are excited about these talented professionals who will now step into expanded roles. Rick Toothman will continue with his leadership in growing our Appalachian asset base. Paul Wieg, Kevin Hurst and Keith Seilhan will assume the responsibilities of Richard L. Smith, Executive Vice President - Exploration and Business Development, Jerome F. Wenzel, Jr., Executive Vice President - Operations and John R. Pantaleo, Vice President - Gulf of Mexico, who will be leaving Stone to pursue personal endeavors. We appreciate the contributions made by Rich, Jerry and John during their tenure at Stone, and we wish them great success in their new ventures. They have all been instrumental in preparing succession plans in each of their respective areas and will remain through a planned transition period."

Paul K. Wieg, currently Director of Geosciences/Deepwater Exploration Manager, is being named Vice President-Exploration and Business Development. Prior to joining Stone, Paul was Deepwater Exploration Manager for Eni Petroleum's Gulf of Mexico business unit. Paul also served as Chief Geophysicist for Dominion E&P preceding the purchase of Dominion assets by Eni. Before taking a management position, Paul worked in various capacities as an explorationist in both domestic and international ventures for Dominion and its predecessor CNG, Shell Offshore, Inc., Pecten International, and Exxon USA. Paul has a Masters Degree in Geology from Duke University and a Bachelors Degree in Geology from New Mexico School of Mines.

Kevin G. Hurst, currently General Manager Operations/Gulf of Mexico Production, is being named Vice President - GOM Shelf/Deep Gas. Kevin began his career with Arco Oil and Gas Company and served in various capacities over his 16 years with Arco. He worked for five years in Jakarta, Indonesia as a Technical Advisor and then served as Chief of Field Operations for his final two years in Indonesia. After returning from Indonesia, Kevin was employed by Southern Natural Gas Company/El Paso Energy Company as an Area Manager. Prior to joining Stone in 2005, Kevin was employed by MODEC, LLC as the General Manager for FPSO/FSO Operations. Kevin holds a Bachelors Degree in Petroleum Engineering from Louisiana State University.

Keith A. Seilhan, currently Deep Water Projects Manager, is being named Vice President-Deep Water. Keith Seilhan filled various senior Operations Leadership roles for Amoco and BP over his 21 year career. The majority of his industry experience has been in senior leadership positions working with the start-up and operation of large, technically challenging assets, primarily in the deep water Gulf of Mexico. Keith has been an Asset Manager and Operations Manager for Deep Water Assets and also taken functional leadership roles as the Operations Director for Gulf of Mexico and the Organizational Capability Manager. Keith developed BP's first Advanced Collaboration Environment (ACE) in 2003 while commissioning, starting-up and operating the Na Kika Asset. In his final year with BP, Keith filled the role as BP's Incident Commander on the Deepwater Horizon Incident in 2010. Keith also worked as an Emergency Response Consultant with The Response Group for 1-1/2 years prior to taking his role as Deep Water Projects Manager for Stone. Keith received his Mechanical Engineering degree from Louisiana State University.

Stone Energy is an independent oil and natural gas exploration and production company headquartered in Lafayette, Louisiana with additional offices in New Orleans, Houston and Morgantown, West Virginia. Our business strategy is to leverage cash flow generated from existing assets to maintain relatively stable GOM shelf oil production, profitably grow gas reserves and production in price-advantaged basins such as Appalachia and the Gulf Coast Basin, and profitably grow oil reserves and production in material impact areas such as the deep water GOM and onshore oil. For additional information, contact Kenneth H. Beer, Chief Financial Officer, at 337-521-2210 phone, 337-521-9880 fax or via e-mail at CFO@StoneEnergy.com.