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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): **March 23, 2005**

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-2960**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**72-1123385**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3850 North Causeway, Suite 1770**  
**Metairie, Louisiana**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**70002**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(504) 838-8222**

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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:

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On March 23, 2005, the Board of Directors of Newpark Resources, Inc. ("Newpark") decided to separate the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer and appointed David P. Hunt as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Hunt, 63, joined Newpark as a director in 1995 following a 32 year career at Consolidated Natural Gas Company, where he most recently served as President and Chief Executive Officer of CNG Producing Company, an oil and gas exploration company. For his services as Chairman of the Board, Mr. Hunt will receive, in lieu of the annual \$35,000 fee paid to all directors, a director's fee of \$20,000 per month. No family relationship exists between Mr. Hunt and any director or officer of Newpark.

James D. Cole, who formerly served as Chairman, continues as Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

**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.

**NEWPARK RESOURCES, INC.**

Dated: April 1, 2005

By: /s/ Matthew W. Hardey \_\_\_\_\_  
Matthew W. Hardey, Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer