

**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): December 15, 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

(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.

Effective December 15, 2005 the Board of Directors of Newpark Resources, Inc. (“Newpark”) appointed Gary Warren to the Board. Mr. Warren has spent the past 33 years in various management and executive positions in the oilfield services industry and recently retired from Weatherford International, Ltd., where he served as Senior Vice President and President of the Drilling and Well Services Division for the past six years.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Press Release dated December 27, 2005

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: December 27, 2005

By: /s/ Matthew W. Hardey

Matthew W. Hardey, Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

Newpark Resources Announces Appointment of Gary Warren to Board of Directors

METAIRIE, La., Dec. 27 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Newpark Resources, Inc. (NYSE: NR) today announced that Gary Warren has joined its Board of Directors. Mr. Warren has spent the past 33 years in various management and executive positions in the oilfield services industry and recently retired from Weatherford International, Ltd., where he served as Senior Vice President and President of the Drilling and Well Services Division for the past six years.

Newpark Resources, Inc. is a provider of drilling fluids, environmental waste treatment solutions, and temporary work sites and access roads for oilfield and other commercial markets.

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