

**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): October 9, 2006

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - 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

By letter dated October 9, 2006, James D. Cole resigned as a Director of Newpark Resources, Inc.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 Resignation letter from James D. Cole

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: October 13, 2006

By: /s/ James E. Braun

James E. Braun, Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

James D. Cole
3 Humming Bird Road
Covington, LA 70433

October 9, 2006

David P. Hunt
Chairman of the Board
Newpark Resources
3850 N. Causeway Blvd
Metairie, LA 70002

Dear David,

I wish to make my final separation from Newpark official by resigning from the Newpark Resources Board of Directors immediately. Also, if there are any other remaining positions requiring my resignation, I will provide whatever authorization is requested.

As you know, I have devoted thirty-six years to the building of the Company. There have been both high and low periods. My separation from the Company was certainly a low period.

I believe that Newpark is blessed to have several very good businesses and many good people serving as employees. I continue to believe in the Company's potential and wish all of you the best in realizing that future.

Sincerely,

/s/ James D. Cole

James D. Cole

cc: Edah Keating, Corporate Secretary
Bert Massing, Corporate Counsel
