

**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): **June 13, 2012**

LAREDO PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or
Organization)

001-35380
(Commission File Number)

45-3007926
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

15 W. Sixth Street, Suite 1800, Tulsa, Oklahoma
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

74119
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(918) 513-4570**

Not Applicable

(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 240.13e-4(c))

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

On June 13, 2012, Mr. W. Mark Womble, the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), gave notice to the Chairman of the Board of the Company of his intent to retire within the next 12 months. On June 14, 2012 the Company issued a press release regarding Mr. Womble's planned retirement. The press release issued by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) *Exhibits.*

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release dated June 14, 2012 announcing W. Mark Womble's intent to retire. |

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.

LAREDO PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, INC.

EXHIBIT INDEX

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**LAREDO PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, INC. ANNOUNCES
PLANNED RETIREMENT OF SR. VP AND CFO WOMBLE**

TULSA, OK — June 14, 2012 -- Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc (NYSE: LPI) (“Laredo” or “the Company”) announced today that its Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, W. Mark Womble, has informed the Chairman of the Board of his intent to retire within the next 12 months. The Company has initiated the search process for Mr. Womble’s successor. Mr. Womble will assist in conducting the search for and work closely with his replacement. He has also agreed to be available to the Company for consultation following his retirement to ensure a smooth transition.

Randy A. Foutch, Laredo’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer commented, “During the past 10 years Mark has helped our team in building successful oil and gas companies, and he has been an integral part of Laredo’s disciplined growth. I consider him a close friend and business partner and I am pleased that he will be able to spend more time with his family in Virginia which now includes his first two grandchildren.”

About Laredo

Laredo Petroleum Holdings, Inc. is an independent oil and natural gas company with headquarters in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Laredo’s business strategy is focused on the exploration, development and acquisition of oil and natural gas properties in the Permian and Mid-Continent regions of the United States.

For additional information about Laredo Petroleum, please visit our website at www.laredopetro.com.

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