SARATOGA RESOURCES INC /TX Form 8-K May 20, 2009

### 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): May 19, 2009

#### SARATOGA RESOURCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)

| Texas                           | 1-32955     | 76-0314489                        |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| (State or other jurisdiction of | (Commission | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
| incorporation or organization)  | File No.)   |                                   |

#### 7500 San Felipe, Suite 675

#### Houston, Texas 77063

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

#### 713-458-1560

(Issuer Telephone number)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 4.02.

Non-Reliance on Previously Issued Financial Statements or a Related Audit Report or Completed Interim Review.

(a) On May 19, 2009, management of Saratoga Resources, Inc. (the "Company") concluded that the previously filed consolidated financial statements of the Company as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008 needed to be restated.

The restatement results from errors in accounting for the acquisition (the Harvest Acquisition ) of Harvest Oil & Gas, LLC and The Harvest Group, LLC. The Company, in reporting the Harvest Acquisition in its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, made certain estimates as permitted by SFAS No. 141 Business Combinations. Subsequent to filing the Form 10-K, the Company reassessed the application of SFAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes related to the Harvest acquisition. During this reassessment, the Company identified an error whereby the tax basis of its oil and gas properties was not properly adjusted. This oversight resulted in a \$5,455,678 error in tax depletion, which caused the deferred tax assets to be overstated by \$3,663,471. In addition, the Company identified an error in the purchase price allocation related to the Harvest Acquisition. This error resulted in an overstatement of depletion and impairment expense by \$4,015,067 and \$978,221, respectively, which will have a corresponding impact on net oil and gas properties and a \$3,865,729 adjustment to deferred tax liabilities. The net impact to income tax expense was \$202,258. In addition, the revised statements of operations and cash flows will reflect a reclass of accretion expense from depletion, where is was previously reported.

We therefore will restate our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 to correct our income tax expense, deferred tax asset and deferred tax liability, oil and gas properties, depletion and impairment expense, net income and retained earnings. The following table illustrates the impact of these adjustments on the previously reported balances:

# RESTATED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2008 (SUCCESSOR)

|  | As Reported Adjus |    | ljustments | Restated          |
|--|-------------------|----|------------|-------------------|
| ASSETS   |                   |    |            |                   |
| Property and equipment:  |                   |    |            |                   |
| Oil and gas properties - proved (successful efforts method) \$ | 151,047,857       | \$ | 3,401,489  | \$<br>154,449,346 |
| Total property and equipment                                   | 151,552,327       |    | 3,401,489  | 154,953,816       |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation, depletion and                  |                   |    |            |                   |
| amortization   | (8,610,002)       |    | 1,591,799  | (7,018,203)       |

| Total property and equipment, net          | 142,942,325       | 4,993,288         | 147,935,613       |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other assets, net                          | 7,742,360         | (3,663,471)       | 4,078,889         |
| Total assets                               | \$<br>175,082,908 | \$<br>1,329,817   | \$<br>176,412,725 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY       |                   |                   |                   |
| Current liabilities:                       |                   |                   |                   |
| Deferred taxes                             | \$<br>13,798,077  | \$<br>(3,865,729) | \$<br>9,932,348   |
| Total current liabilities                  | 28,997,285        | (3,865,729)       | 25,131,556        |
| Stockholders' equity (deficit):            |                   |                   |                   |
| Retained earnings                          | 8,917,685         | 5,195,546         | 14,113,231        |
| Total stockholders' equity                 | 28,244,221        | 5,195,546         | 33,439,767        |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$<br>175,082,908 | \$<br>1,329,817   | \$<br>176,412,725 |

# RESTATED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 15, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008 (SUCCESSOR)

|  | As Reported |             | Adjustments |             | Restated         |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Operating Expense:                       |             |             |             |             |                  |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization | \$          | 9,873,998   | \$          | (4,549,235) | \$<br>5,324,763  |
| Accretion expense                        |             | -           |             | 534,168     | 534,168          |
| Impairments                              |             | 2,671,661   |             | (978,221)   | 1,693,440        |
| Total operating expenses                 |             | 29,587,922  |             | (4,993,288) | 24,594,634       |
| Operating income (loss)                  |             | (5,744,469) |             | 4,993,288   | (751,181)        |
| Net income (loss) before income taxes    |             | 23,105,928  |             | 4,993,288   | 28,099,216       |
| Income tax provision (benefit):          |             |             |             |             |                  |
| Current                                  |             | 473,125     |             | (3,859,397) | (3,386,272)      |
| Deferred                                 |             | 10,041,087  |             | 3,657,139   | 13,698,226       |
| Net income                               | \$          | 12,591,716  | \$          | 5,195,546   | \$<br>17,787,262 |
| Net Income per share:                    |             |             |             |             |                  |
| Basic                                    | \$          | 0.95        | \$          | 0.39        | \$<br>1.35       |
| Diluted                                  | \$          | 0.88        | \$          | 0.36        | \$<br>1.24       |

# RESTATED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 15, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008 (SUCCESSOR)

|                                       | As Reported |            | A  | Adjustments | Restated      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------|----|-------------|---------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: |             |            |    |             |               |
| Net income (loss)                     | \$          | 12,591,716 | \$ | 5,195,546   | \$ 17,787,262 |

Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:

| Depreciation, depletion and amortization  | 9,873,998        | (4,549,235) | 5,324,763     |
|---|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Accretion expense                         | -                | 534,168     | 534,168       |
| Impairments                               | 2,671,661        | (978,221)   | 1,693,440     |
| Deferred taxes                            | 10,041,087       | (202,258)   | 9,838,829     |
|   |                  |             |               |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$<br>15,005,948 | \$<br>-     | \$ 15,005,948 |

As a result of the error and pending restatement, the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2008 contained in our 2008 Annual Report on Form 10-K should no longer be relied upon.

The Company will amend its Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 to include the restated financial statements. The amended Form 10-K will be filed as soon as possible.

The Company s management discussed the matters disclosed in Item 4.02 of this filing with, and provided a copy of this Form 8-K to, Malone & Bailey, PC, the Company s independent registered certified public accounting firm.

| Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchan | ige Act of 1934, | the Registrant has o | duly caused this | Report to be |
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| signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly | authorized.      |                      |                  |              |

SARATOGA RESOURCES, INC.

Dated: May 20, 2009

By:

/s/ Edward Hebert

Edward Hebert,

Vice President Finance