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PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT
NO. 1 TO
FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GOODRICH PETROLEUM CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

76-0466193

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. o

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. b

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering, o

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o

If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box. o

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Pre-effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement is being filed to add the above delaying amendment, and no other substantive changes have been made to the Registration Statement.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, and we are not soliciting an offer to buy these securities, in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated April 3, 2007

Prospectus

\$175,000,000
3.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2026
and up to 3,122,263 Common Shares
Issuable Upon Exchange of the Notes

We issued \$175 million aggregate principal amount of our 3.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2026 (the notes) in a private placement in December 2006. The securities to be offered and sold using this prospectus will be offered and sold by the selling security holders named in this prospectus or in any amendment to this prospectus.

Holders may convert their notes at their option at any time prior to the close of business on the second business day immediately preceding the maturity date under the following circumstances: (1) during any fiscal quarter (and only during such fiscal quarter) commencing after March 31, 2007, if the last reported sale price of our common stock is greater than or equal to 135% of the base conversion price of the notes (as defined in this offering memorandum) for at least 20 trading days in the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on the last trading day of the preceding fiscal quarter; (2) prior to December 1, 2011, during the five business-day period after any 10 consecutive trading-day period (the measurement period) in which the trading price of \$1,000 principal amount of notes for each trading day in the measurement period was less than 95% of the product of the last reported sale price of our common stock and the applicable conversion rate on such trading day; (3) if the notes have been called for redemption; or (4) upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions described in this offering memorandum. Holders may also convert their notes at their option at any time beginning on November 1, 2026, and ending at the close of business on the second business day immediately preceding the maturity date.

The base conversion rate is 15.1653 per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (equal to a base conversion price of approximately \$65.94 per share), subject to adjustment. If the applicable stock price (as defined in this offering memorandum) is greater than the base conversion price, then the applicable conversion rate will be increased pursuant to the formula described in this prospectus. Upon conversion, we will deliver, at our option, either (1) a number of shares of our common stock determined as set forth in this prospectus, or (2) a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, if any, as described herein.

In addition, following certain corporate transactions that also constitute a fundamental change (as defined in this prospectus), we will increase the applicable conversion rate for a holder who elects to convert its notes in connection with such corporate transactions in certain circumstances. If such fundamental change also constitutes a public acquirer change of control (as defined in this prospectus), we may, in lieu of increasing the applicable conversion rate as described above, elect to adjust the related conversion obligation so that the notes are convertible into shares of the acquiring or surviving company.

On or after December 1, 2011, we may redeem for cash all or a portion of the notes at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest (including contingent interest and additional interest, if any) to, but not including, the redemption date.

Subject to certain conditions described in this offering memorandum, holders may require us to purchase all or a portion of their notes on each of December 1, 2011, December 1, 2016 and December 1, 2021. In addition, if we experience specified types of corporate transactions, holders may require us to purchase all or a portion of their notes. Any repurchase of the notes pursuant to these provisions will be for cash at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be purchased plus any accrued and unpaid interest (including contingent interest and additional interest, if any) to, but excluding, the purchase date.

The notes are our senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment to all of our other existing and future senior indebtedness. The notes are effectively subordinated to all of our secured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our senior credit facility, to the extent of the value of our assets collateralizing such indebtedness.

We have entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers, pursuant to which we agreed to file a shelf registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering resales of the notes and common stock issuable upon conversion of the notes, of which this prospectus is a part.

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Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol GDP. The last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on April 2, 2007 was \$32.71 per share.

Investing in the notes involves risks. See Risk Factors, beginning on page 7.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense. ,2007.

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In making your investment decision, you should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any other information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it.

You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of this prospectus. You should not assume that the information contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the respective dates of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process or continuous offering process. Under this shelf registration process, the selling security holders may, from time to time, sell the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities which may be offered by the selling security holders. Each time a selling security holder sells securities, the selling security holder is required to provide you with this prospectus and, in certain cases, a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the selling security holder and the terms of the securities being offered. That prospectus supplement may include additional risk factors or other special considerations applicable to those securities. Any prospectus supplement may also add, update, or change information in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in that prospectus supplement. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under Where You Can Find More Information.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights the information contained elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Because this is only a summary, it does not contain the information that may be important to you. You should read the following summary together with the more detailed information and our consolidated financial statements, including the accompanying notes, included elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You should also read this entire prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus before making an investment decision. You should carefully consider the information set forth under Risk Factors. In addition, certain statements include forward-looking information which involves risks and uncertainties. See Forward-Looking Statements.

Goodrich Petroleum Corporation

We are an independent oil and gas company engaged in the exploration, exploitation, development and production of oil and natural gas properties primarily in the Cotton Valley Trend of East Texas and Northwest Louisiana.

Our principal executive offices are located at 808 Travis Street, Suite 1320, Houston, Texas 77002, and our telephone number at this location is (713) 780-9494. We also have an office in Shreveport, Louisiana. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol GDP.

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The Offering

On December 6, 2006, we sold \$125,000,000 of our 3.25% convertible senior notes due 2026 (the notes). On December 8, 2006, we sold an additional \$50,000,000 of notes to the initial purchasers following the exercise of the initial purchasers option to purchase additional notes. We entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers in the private offering in which we agreed, for the benefit of the holders of the notes, to file a shelf registration statement with the SEC by April 5, 2007 with respect to resales of the notes and shares of our common stock, par value \$0.20 per share (the common stock and together with the notes the registrable securities) issued upon the conversion thereof. We have complied with those deadlines. We also agreed to use our reasonable best efforts to cause the shelf registration statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act by August 3, 2007. We also agreed to keep the shelf registration statement effective until the registrable securities are eligible to be sold under Rule 144(k) under the Securities Act or such earlier date as the registrable securities have been sold pursuant to the shelf registration statement. The summary below describes the principal terms of the notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The Description of Notes section of this prospectus contains a more detailed description of the terms of the notes.

Issuer Goodrich Petroleum Corporation.

Selling Security HoldersThe securities to be offered and sold using this prospectus will be offered

and sold by the selling security holders named in this prospectus or in any

supplement to this prospectus. See Selling Security Holders.

Notes Offered \$175,000,000 principal amount of our 3.25% Convertible Senior Notes

due 2026.

Common Stock Offered Shares of our common stock, par value \$0.20 per share, issuable upon

conversion of the notes.

Maturity December 1, 2026, unless earlier redeemed, repurchased or converted.

Ranking The notes are our senior unsecured obligations and rank equally in right of

payment to all of our other existing and future senior indebtedness. The notes are effectively subordinated to all of our secured indebtedness, including indebtedness under our senior credit facility, to the extent of the value of our assets collateralizing such indebtedness and any liabilities of our subsidiaries. As of December 31, 2006, we had approximately \$26.5 million of outstanding senior indebtedness and other liabilities (excluding trade payables, accrued expenses and intercompany liabilities), all of which represented secured indebtedness and all of which are direct obligations or guaranteed by our subsidiaries. The notes are effectively

subordinated to all of this indeb